



Hennepin County Open to Business



Direct, one-on-one technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small businesses, provided by cities and funded through matching grants.

Woof Central, Richfield, is an Open to Business client.

Eligible applicants	Municipalities or municipal authorities in suburban Hennepin County
How it works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct, one-on-one technical assistance for entrepreneurs and small business owners funded through matching grants to cities. • The nonprofit Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD) provides the assistance and charges participating municipalities an annual flat fee based on population. • Municipalities or coalitions of municipalities who wish to offer the Open to Business program may apply for matching grants of up to \$12,500 from Hennepin County.
Technical assistance services offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business plan development • Feasibility studies • Cash flow and financing projections • Marketing • Loan request preparation • Advocacy with lending institutions
Application process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited funds are available on an annual basis. • Use the information below to request matching funds, if available, and get additional details.

For more information: www.hennepin.us/businessassistance

or contact: Patricia Fitzgerald, community and economic development manager, at 612-543-0864, patricia.fitzgerald@hennepin.us

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