

Business Resources

- **Central Mass South Chamber of Commerce**
Membership is affordable, and it provides countless opportunities for networking, education, and promotion.

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- **SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)**
www.score.org/
The nation's largest, network of free, expert business mentors. Assistance is provided on business plans, and advice on loan resources.

Contact:
Robert White, Volunteer
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- **Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp. & Business Assistance Corp.(QVDC)**
www.qvcdc.com/
Provides individual consulting, business plan assistance, small business loans, computer training, and more.
413-967-3001
- **Workforce Training**
www.MassWorkforceTrngFund - commcorp.org
The State's Workforce Training Fund Program provides grants to Massachusetts businesses to train existing and newly hired employees. Use the above link for more information.

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- **Safety Training**
Mass.gov/Safety Training grant
The Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA) (through the Office of Safety) awards safety training grants every year to help prevent occupational injury, illness, and death. The awards are capped at \$25,000. Use the above link for more information.

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MA Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC)

www.mcdfc.com/

This quasi-public entity provides working capital, loan guarantees, and targeted technical assistance to solve specific financial and operational problems. Usual loans range from \$100,000-\$1M.

Contact:

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- **Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP)**

Mass.gov/EDIP

This tax incentive program is designed to foster job creation and business investment throughout the State. Companies investing in Massachusetts and creating jobs may be eligible to receive property tax exemptions and state investment tax credits.

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- **MassDevelopment Finance Agency**

www.massdevelopment.com

This quasi-public agency provides a wide array of financing products for manufacturers and other select business types to help make deals happen that wouldn't otherwise. This includes, Industrial Development Bonds, loan guarantees, brownfields assessment and clean-up loans, and more.

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- **MassHire Career Center**

<https://masshirecentralcc.com/>

MassHire Career Center federally and state-funded Massachusetts One-Stop Career Center, we provide employment services for both job seekers and employers.

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