

## Planning & Development Department

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## BUSINESS RESOURCES

### Catawba Regional Council of Governments

803-327-9041

[www.catawbacog.org/economic-development-lending](http://www.catawbacog.org/economic-development-lending)

The Catawba Regional Council of Governments offers loans for small businesses across South Carolina.

### Gravity Center

803-530-6337

[www.mygravitycenter.com](http://www.mygravitycenter.com)

The goal of Gravity Center is to bring all the various siloed entrepreneurial resources together under one roof. To act as a terminal, so to speak, giving guidance and support to local entrepreneurs and plugging them in to the resources and services that will best benefit them and their businesses.

### South Carolina Business One Stop

803-898-5690

[www.scbos.sc.gov](http://www.scbos.sc.gov)

This agency has guides to starting, running, expanding, and locating a business in South Carolina. It also can help you determine the types of licenses or that your business might need and State taxes that it might need to pay, such as [sales taxes](#), [alcoholic beverage licenses](#), and [admissions taxes](#).

### South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

803-909-7300

[www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov)

Restaurants and other food service businesses will need to contact this agency to get the appropriate [Food Service Permit](#).

### South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

803-896-4300

[www.llr.sc.gov](http://www.llr.sc.gov)

LLR administers the licensing of over 130 regulated professions and occupations, including such diverse groups as contractors, cosmetologists, funeral directors and a wide range of medical providers. Most people are generally aware if their profession is regulated. The LLR website is also a good way to check on the license status of contractors and other professionals you might be considering for hire.

### **South Carolina Department of Revenue**

803-324-7641

[www.dor.sc.gov](http://www.dor.sc.gov)

All new businesses will need to register with the DOR, which administers the majority of taxes and licenses businesses will need to operate in South Carolina.

### **South Carolina Department of Social Services**

888-202-1469 (toll free) or 803-898-9001

[www.dss.sc.gov](http://www.dss.sc.gov)

DSS provides childcare registration and licensing for all childcare businesses, including those operating out of a home.

### **South Carolina Secretary of State**

803-734-2158

[www.sos.sc.gov](http://www.sos.sc.gov)

Corporations, limited liability companies and limited partnerships must complete their business filings with the Secretary of State's office. This can be done directly with the SCSOS office, or through the South Carolina Business One Stop (see above).

### **Winthrop Regional Small Business Development Center**

803-323-2283

[www.winthropregionalsbdc.org](http://www.winthropregionalsbdc.org)

The Winthrop Regional Small Business Development Center offers both training programs and one-on-one counseling that provide management and technical assistance to both start-up businesses as well as established enterprises.

### **York County Regional Chamber of Commerce**

803-324-7500

[www.yorkcountychamber.com](http://www.yorkcountychamber.com)

The Chamber has a Small Business Council and often provides information and training that is aimed at small business.

### **York Technical College**

803-327-8000

803-981-7314 (Entrepreneur Network)

[www.yorktech.edu](http://www.yorktech.edu)

York Tech has both credit and continuing education courses that help develop and enhance small business skills. In addition, they host the Entrepreneur Network to assist, inform and encourage local small business owners, entrepreneurs, and potential entrepreneurs to network, share experiences with others, and engage in valuable educational opportunities.