

## ENTREPRENEURS & SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS – NEW PEOPLE & NEW PROGRAMS

The City of Claremont Department of Planning and Development has a wealth of information, experience and proven data to help guide entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Please contact us at [newbiz@claremontnh.com](mailto:newbiz@claremontnh.com)

After we connect, we will put you in touch with the appropriate experts and programs to meet your specific needs.

*Examples of programs currently running include:*

### **THE CLAREMONT MAKERSPACE**

A community-oriented creative hub, designed to help members put shape to their ideas. The CMS offers affordable, membership-based access to specialty and hi-tech tools, education, room to work, and a community of like-minded creative people. Building on the city's history of making, they've put one of Claremont's historic mill buildings – The Sawtooth – back into service as a home base for the next generation of innovators.

### **RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Do you own a main street business? Have a professional services practice or a trades business? Are you an innovator or maker who is ready to build a business? RVCC can help help everyday entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Workshops & Classes - Space for Meetings & Events - Resources in the Upper Valley

### **NH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**CENTER** The leading resource for business advising and education for small businesses, SBDC's dedicated team delivers highly individualized, confidential advising at no charge to enterprises across New Hampshire.

Casey Trio serves as a business advisor for clients in Sullivan and Grafton Counties. He helps entrepreneurs looking for support developing business plans, navigating funding challenges, and improving operational efficiency.

### **THE HANNAH GRIMES CENTER FOR**

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** Hannah Grimes provides the space, tools and connections that innovative entrepreneurs need to build strong businesses, thriving local economies, and vibrant communities. Through workshops, specialized educational and training programs, peer networking and learning, they work with proven models that support a broad range of business sizes and stages.

### **SCORE MERRIMACK VALLEY NH**

Volunteer mentors with a wide range of business experience offer "Timely, Quality Business Counseling" to start-ups and existing small businesses by providing free business counseling, small business training, and a vast library of resource information. Their goal is to help clients avoid common mistakes, provide guidance and help them become successful.

### **THE CENTER FOR WOMEN & ENTERPRISE NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The CWE is a non-profit economic empowerment organization whose mission is to strengthen communities and the economy by supporting women to launch and successfully sustain businesses. Operating in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, they offer consultations, workshops and networking opportunities to help you reach your entrepreneurial goals.

### **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - NEW HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT OFFICE**

The SBA helps Americans start, build, and grow businesses. Since its founding, they have delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.

### **GREATER CLAREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Since 1917 the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce has been playing a major leadership role in shaping the economic and social growth of the city by encouraging residents and visitors to do business locally. Today over 140 member businesses and individuals continue that tradition of regional engagement. Over the years the Chamber has developed unique and innovative partnerships with the city's business, civic and nonprofit communities to maintain a strong, safe, and viable Region.