



Does your business need help during these tough economic times?

There are resources available in Clackamas County!

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (aka stimulus plan):

This plan was created to provide financial support to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Want to see what Oregon is doing with the stimulus money? The most up-to-date information is available at www.oregon.gov/recovery.

How your business can benefit from the stimulus:

- Consider **contract opportunities** with the federal government: https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&tab=searchresults&mode=list&filt=rec_na
- Research federal **grants**: <http://www.grants.gov> or email oregon.way@state.or.us or call 503.378.6929
- Take advantage of government **benefits**: <http://www.GovBenefits.gov>

Take advantage of Small Business Administration (SBA) support:

- **Reduce fees** on Small Business Administration loans. Fees can be reduced or eliminated through September 2010 on certain SBA loans.
- **Borrow money** to pay off another loan. The SBA provides deferred payment loans of up to \$35,000 to businesses that need the money to make payments on an existing, qualifying loan for up to six months. Repayment does not have to begin until 12 months after the loan is disbursed.
- **Refinance** an existing SBA loan to expand your business and create jobs. Contact the SBA District Office 503.326.2682 or <http://www.govloans.gov> for more information on these opportunities.
- **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** - If you need marketing, operations, finance or management assistance, or help starting a new business, the SBDC offers free counseling and low cost business development classes. 503.594.0738 or <http://bizcenter.org/Clackamas>.

Saving your business money:

- The Oregon Employment Department - gives up-to-date information on **Oregon's workforce**. <http://www.qualityinfo.org/olmisi/OlmisZine>
- **Work Share Program** – reduce the workweek of your staff by 20% to 40% as an alternative to laying off your workforce. Workers receive a percentage of unemployment insurance benefits equal to the percentage of the reduction in their workweek. Contact the Employment Department Work Share Unit: 503.947.1649 or 800.237.3710 x 71649 or visit http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/UI/EMPLOYER/Work_Share_Updated.shtml
- **Host an intern or summer work experience for youth** – Call 503.657.6958 x2978 for information on a no cost partnership that would give youth a summer work experience! www.clackamascareers.com

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- **Hire an adult intern** - wages paid by federal dollars. 503.657.6958 x 2316
- **Business EDGE** (Economic Development through Growth and Employment) – Connect with workforce, county and college professionals through a single point of contact for the business community. 503.657.6644 or email stacey.hendricks@wicco.org
http://worksourceclackamas.org/business-Business_Edge.asp
- **Layoff Assistance** - The Rapid Response Coordinator supports business managers through the layoff process and assists the employees with job search readiness workshops at no cost. Contact John Blanton 503.657.6958 x2638 or johnbl@clackamas.edu

Economic Development support:

- Visit <http://www.clackamas.us/business/> for business expansion and retention assistance from Clackamas County **Business and Economic Development** 503.742.4328
- For information on State of Oregon tax credits, loans & business incentives with the **Oregon Economic and Community Development** Department, visit <http://www.oregon4biz.com/incentives.htm>
- Industrial businesses in Milwaukie, North Clackamas, Molalla and Estacada may be eligible for a **property tax abatement** program that provides a financial incentive to expand facilities, invest in machinery and hire new employees. 503.742.4327 or visit <http://co.clackamas.or.us/business/ezone.htm>
- Clackamas County Main Street Program will provide **assistance to communities** interested in revitalizing their downtown commercial districts. 503.742.4413 or visit <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/business/mainstreet/>

Training Resources:

- **Employer Workforce Training Funds** – contact Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County for information on applying for these funds. Visit www.wicco.org
- **Clackamas Community College Training for Current Workforce:** Soft skills, technical skills, computer training, lean training, leadership/supervision academies, continuing education (CEU's). Call Customized Training, 503-657-6958 x3523, <http://depts.clackamas.edu/ctds/>
- **Math at work** customized training at no cost. Clackamas Community College Customized Training 503.657.6958 x 3523; <http://depts.clackamas.edu/ctds/>
- **Vocational English as a Second Language** customized training at no cost. Clackamas Community College, Customized Training 503.657.6958 x 2817; <http://depts.clackamas.edu/ctds/>
- Get **customized training** for your workers paid by federal dollars. Call 971.673.6400 or go to <http://worksourceclackamas.org/business-training.asp>

Hiring Resources:

- Utilize i-Match skills http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/imatchskills_landing.shtml an award winning data system at no cost to employers to **post new positions**. Contact Mary Nelson, Business Services Representative at 971.673.6414 or mary.a.nelson@state.or.us

For more information or questions on any of the above resources, please contact Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County 503.657.6644 or visit www.wicco.org

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