

THE HIVE

Where Businesses Thrive

OUR MISSION

The HIVE is a business resource center designed to promote an innovative and entrepreneurial ecosystem in Virginia Beach. The HIVE is committed to serving small businesses particularly those that are in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.

WHAT

The HIVE offers individualized consulting, training programs, seminars, procurement assistance, capital formation, mentorship, networking, and a variety of fundamental resources to start ups and established small businesses within a cooperative network of government agencies, educational institutions, private sector and community organizations.

WHERE

The HIVE is located in the Town Center of Virginia Beach, in the heart of the City's Central Business District, where some of the region's most prominent businesses are headquartered. It is a convenient location to meet with mentors and get access to a variety of resources.

WHO

The HIVE is reserved for the exclusive use of entrepreneurs and existing businesses that need on-site resources to help guide them to growth and success.

The HIVE is perfect for:

- Companies in the infancy through maturity phase of their business
- New entrants into the Virginia Beach business community
- International businesses new to the U.S. and/or the City
- Individuals looking to expand their skill sets who can take advantage of continuing education opportunities offered at The HIVE
- Existing businesses wanting to grow and expand



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Established in August 2021,

The HIVE is the result of a successful collaboration among the City of Virginia Beach, academic institutions, Small Business Associations, and other entrepreneurial-related organizations in Virginia Beach and beyond.

The HIVE focuses on offering its community the opportunity to grow and scale early-stage businesses by acting as a knowledge hub, providing useful resources, and connecting like-minded individuals in the City and the region to help businesses flourish.

NEED CAPITAL?

Visit us at

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to check if funding is available.



13 minutes to
THE VIRGINIA BEACH OCEANFRONT

20 minutes to
NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

21 minutes to
THE PORT OF VIRGINIA

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At The HIVE, We Can Help You With:

- Business start up
- Business plan development
- Guidance and connections for financing, marketing, and product development
- City permitting and processes
- Zoning related questions
- Business licensing
- Government certifications
- Industry-Recognized Certifications
- Grant and loan application assistance
- Hiring, training and managing staff
- Vocational education
- Basic skills (e.g., English, math)
- Hard skills (e.g., welding, IT)
- Soft skills (e.g., work ethic, attitude)

When You Visit The HIVE, You'll Have Access To:



**PRIVATE
CONFERENCE ROOMS**
*(for meetings with The HIVE
resource partners)*



**SECURE
HIGH-SPEED WI-FI**



**FREE EVENTS &
BUSINESS FORUMS**



**UNLIMITED FREE
PARKING**



**BUSINESS
COUNSELOR**



**ACCESS TO COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGY**

You Also Get Access To Our Partners:

- Virginia Beach SWaM business office (for small, women and minority-owned businesses)
- Virginia Department of Small Business & Supplier Diversity agency (SBSD)
- Women's Business Center (WBC) at Old Dominion University
- Hampton Roads Workforce Council
- Hampton Roads Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Veterans Business Outreach Centers (VBOC)
- Virginia Beach City Public Schools -Entrepreneurship and Business Academy
- Adult Learning Center (ALC)
- Virginia PTAC
- Urban League of Hampton Roads
- Educational support at Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) and Tidewater Community College (TCC)
- Legal partners: Poole Brooke Plumlee PC
- Banking partners: Fulton Bank, Langley Federal Credit Union, Virginia Community Capital
- Business Development Center at O.D.U
- SCORE - Hampton Roads Chapter
- Virginia Beach Public Library
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)
- 1 Million Cups
- Operation Hope