

PEDC understands that small businesses are vital to our local economy. In fact, 82% of Pearland businesses are locally owned. And one of the key initiatives in our [Pearland Prosperity community strategic plan](#) is to "encourage and support the formation and growth of new businesses." PEDC is committed to ensuring that all business have the support they need. Below are resources available for small businesses.

Local Resources:

Small Business Development Center

Thinking about starting a small business or want to grow your business? The San Jacinto Small Business Development Center (SBDC) can provide information and resources. SBDC offers free, private counseling and low-cost workshops that help entrepreneurs start new businesses, grow their existing businesses, and boost productivity and profitability. They can provide guidance on every facet of your business, including applying for loans, writing business plans, creating marketing strategies, developing budgets and much more.

The San Jacinto College Small Business Development Center has office space at The Commerce Center (home of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce). Please call 281-485-5214 or email SBDC@sjcd.edu for more information.

City of Pearland

The City of Pearland works to support small businesses as they venture into the development process. Whether you are a small business owner looking to relocate to Pearland; to build, renovate, or expand a space for your current business; or interested in starting a new business, we encourage you to take advantage of the provided resources to navigate this process. Please visit the [City's Development Services page](#) for more information and helpful links in codes, fees, jurisdictions, and other development resources.

If you need guidance on the overall development process or are not sure where to begin, contact the Community Development department at 281.652.1638. In addition, you can visit the department, located in the City Hall annex at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581.

Workforce Solutions – Pearland

Workforce Solutions, an affiliate of the Gulf Coast Workforce Board, assists employers with understanding the local labor market and attracting and retaining talent. With an in-depth understanding of the local labor pool and regional opportunities, Workforce Solutions can provide the resources, intelligence and tools you need to navigate the local market and build your workforce. Services provided include recruiting, screening, testing and training for potential hires., along with industry specific guidance, HR consulting and training opportunities.

Contact information for the Pearland office is below:

Workforce Solutions
5730 W. Broadway Ste 122
Pearland, Texas 77581
832-409-0049

[Workforce Solutions - Pearland Office](#)

Regional Resources:

U.S. Small Business Administration – Houston District Office

The Houston office of the Small Business Administration provides resources to plan, launch, manage and grow your business. Their [website](#) contains a variety of resources including a [10-step guide to starting your business](#).

www.sba.gov/offices/district/tx/houston

University of Houston Procurement Technical Assistance Center (UH PTAC)

The UT PHAC offers no-cost education and guidance to individuals interested in selling their products and services to Federal, State, and Local Government. Visit their [website](#) to register for their vendor list, research agencies and respond to opportunities.

www.uhptac.sbdcnetwork.net/ptac/default.asp

Women’s Business Enterprise Alliance (WBEA)

WBEA provides education, programs, and professional networking to increase business opportunities for women-owned businesses.

<http://wbea-texas.org/about-wbea>

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses is an investment to help entrepreneurs create jobs and economic opportunity by providing greater access to education, capital and business support services.

<https://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000-small-businesses/US/>

BakerRipley Entrepreneur Connection

BakerRipley’s Entrepreneur Connection serves entrepreneurs from all over the greater Houston area by providing resources, education, and connection to capital to help entrepreneurs start or expand a business.

<https://www.bakerripley.org/services/entrepreneur-connection>

Assistance Resources:

LiftFund

LiftFund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, provides small business lending to those who do not have access to capital from typical lenders, such as traditional banks. Along with vital small business loans, LiftFund provides educational services at no cost to borrowers, which are essential to foster self-sufficiency.

www.liftfund.com

GCEDD Business Loan Fund

The Business Loan Fund is administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation and helps finance new or expanding small businesses when traditional funding isn't available or isn't enough.

<http://www.h-gac.com/gulf-coast-economic-development-district/business-loan-fund.aspx>

TWC Skills for Small Business

Through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Skills for Small Business program, up to \$2 million from the Skills Development Fund is dedicated to small employers. Small businesses with fewer than 100 employees can apply to TWC for training offered by their local community or technical college, or the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/businesses/skills-small-business-employers>