

Mentoring & Services

- [CCC Entrepreneurship Center](#)
- [GI Area Economic Development Corp.](#)
- [UNL Extension - Rural Prosperity](#)
- [Center for Rural Affairs](#)
- [South Central Economic Dev. District](#)

Great Places to Start

- [SourceLinkNE](#)
- [Business Start-up Checklist](#)
- [Small Business Administration](#)
- [NE Business Development Center](#)
- [Nebraska Enterprise Fund](#)
- [1 Million Cups](#) (in Grand Island)

Local Financial Opportunities

- [LB840 \(GI Area Economic Dev. Corp.\)](#)
- [CCC Loan Fund](#)
- [City's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund](#)
- [Center for Rural Affairs Loan Fund](#)
- [City Funding & Grant Programs](#)
- [Native360 Loan Fund](#)

Roadmap Developed by:



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Grand Island Area Entrepreneur Roadmap

Regulations, Compliance, Permits

- [Forms, Permits & Applications](#)
- [Zoning & Building Codes](#)
- [Regional Planning Commission](#)
- [Liquor License](#)
- [Fee Schedule](#)
- [City Taxes](#)
- [Sales Tax \(State Forms\)](#)
- [Food & Safety Permits](#)

CCC ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTER

- Business & Startup Coaching
- Events, Workshops & Seminars
- Capital Loan Fund
- Coworking, Incubator, Production Studio & Conference Room
- Big Idea GI - Pitch Competition
- 1 MillionCups (weekly event)

CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

- Business Coaching
- Loans
- Rural Policy
- Education & Events

KEY ORGANIZATIONS

GI AREA CHAMBER

- Business Directory
- Networking
- Business Startup Guide

GI AREA ECONOMIC DEV. CORP.

- Business & Market Planning
- Funding & Financing
- Development, Management & Transition
- Property
- Big Idea GI - Pitch Competition

UNL EXTENSION

- Educational Programs
- SourceLink Nebraska
- Rural Tools
- Food System Sectors