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# WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY BUSINESS OR STARTUP?

## I WANT TO GROW MY BUSINESS

NEED A COACH OR A BUSINESS PLAN?

- Y → SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
  - ON YOUR WAY!
  - SCORE — FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS
  - KAUFFMAN ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE
  - AB TECH SMALL BUSINESS CENTER
  - SBTDC
  - BIRDS EYE CONSULTING
- N → NEED TO HIRE TALENT?
  - Y → CHECK WITH
    - venture asheville — grow something
    - MEET THE GEEKS
    - TECH TALENT SOUTH
    - CHECK CAREER CENTERS AT LOCAL COLLEGES
  - N → CONSIDERING AN INCUBATOR, ACCELERATOR OR CO-WORKING SPACE?

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- Y → IS YOUR BIZ PRODUCT BASED?
  - Y → IS IT ALL-NATURAL, NATURE-BASED, OR A FOOD PRODUCT?
    - Y → UTILIZE
      - Blue Ridge Food Ventures — The place where tasty things happen.
      - NATURAL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING FACILITY
      - ACCELERATING APPALACHIA
      - AB TECH SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR
    - N → NEED A CO-PACKER?
      - Y → UTILIZE
        - Bent Creek INSTITUTE
        - MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS CENTER
        - CENTER FOR RAPID PRODUCT REALIZATION
        - BLUE RIDGE TECH VENTURES
        - CAROLINA TEXTILE DISTRICT
        - NC BIONETWORK & NATURAL PRODUCTS LABORATORY
        - OUTDOOR GEAR BUILDERS
  - N → UTILIZE
    - CHECK IT OUT!
    - MOJO COWORKING
    - VENTURE ASHEVILLE ELEVATE
    - THE COLLIDER
    - AB TECH SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR
- N → NEED R&D, PROTOTYPING OR PRODUCT COMMERCIALIZATION?
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## I WANT TO ATTEND ENTREPRENEURIAL EVENTS

INTERESTED IN STARTUP EVENTS?

- Y → ATTEND EVENTS
  - 1 MILLION CUPS
  - STARTUP GRIND
  - LEAN STARTUP CIRCLE
  - ASHEVILLE STARTUP WEEKEND
  - TECH AFTER FIVE
- N → CHECK UPCOMING EVENTS
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INTERESTED IN TECH-BASED EVENTS?

- Y → ATTEND EVENTS
  - GET PLUGGED IN!
  - meet the geeks
  - WNCDOT NET
  - ASHEVILLE MAKERS
  - ASHEVILLE CODERS LEAGUE

## I NEED FUNDING

WANT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

- Y → IS YOUR BIZ TECH-BASED?
  - Y → APPLY
    - NCIDEA
    - INNOVAT!ON FUND
  - N → LOOKING FOR AN INVESTOR?
- N → IS YOUR BIZ HIGH GROWTH?
  - Y → LOOKING FOR AN INVESTOR?
    - Y → APPLY
      - asheville angels
      - B.R.A.I.N.
    - N → APPLY
      - CONSIDER A LINE OF CREDIT WITH A LOCAL BANK
  - N → ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A LOAN?
    - Y → APPLY
      - 25 YEARS!
      - MOUNTAIN BIZWORKS — training · financing · opportunity
      - SELF HELP CREDIT UNION
      - THE SUPPORT CENTER
      - ADVANTAGE OPPORTUNITY FUND
      - NATURAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND
      - NC BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER
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