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MARKETING,  
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**GGFYP**

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PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

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FUNDING

**EDC**

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TAX EXEMPTION  
NETWORKING  
FUNDING

**SCORE**

MENTORSHIP  
BUSINESS PLAN ASSISTANCE

**SBDC**

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS  
BUSINESS PLAN ASSISTANCE  
CONSULTING

**CENTER FOR INNOVATION**

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OFFICE SPACE

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EDUCATION  
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# ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS

## GRAND FORKS REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Direct financing programs, subsidy loans, tax exemptions, networking events, funding programs

Contact Brandon Baumbach at [brandonb@grandforks.gov](mailto:brandonb@grandforks.gov) or (701)746-2724

InternGF: intern recruitment, intern compensation support

Growth Fund: economic development financing program

- StartupGF: Seed capital, mentorship

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## EVOLVE GF:

Programs and networking events

Contact Collin T Hanson at [collin@evolvegf.com](mailto:collin@evolvegf.com) or (701)335-7638

The 701 Coworking Space by Evolve Grand Forks<sup>\*\*</sup>: networking opportunities to use work space

- Praxis Strategy Group
- Red River Corridor Fund: Loan guarantees, early stage funding
- 1 Million Cups: Monthly networking event
- MainstreetGF Challenge: Program for high school and college students,
- mentorship
- Founder's Collaborative: Monthly networking event

## GREATER GRAND FORKS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS<sup>\*\*</sup>:

Networking events, programs, community engagement opportunities, professional development opportunities

Contact Kathryn Kester at [kathryn@ggfyp.com](mailto:kathryn@ggfyp.com) or (701)732-0035

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE<sup>\*\*</sup>:

Networking events and opportunities, Grand Forks and East Grand Forks city events, and professional training opportunities and programs

Contact Barry Wilfahrt at [barry@gochamber.org](mailto:barry@gochamber.org) or (701)772-7271

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION<sup>\*\*</sup>:

Marketing and networking events, provide information about downtown business opportunities

Contact Blue Weber at [blue@gfdda.com](mailto:blue@gfdda.com) or (701)757-4051

## CITY OF GRAND FORKS:

Financing through Jobs Development Authority, license and permit applications and information, and Grand Forks business city code

Contact Greta Silewski at [gsilewski@grandforks.org](mailto:gsilewski@grandforks.org) or (701) 746-4636

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

School of Entrepreneurship: Education, student events

Contact Sandy Braathen at [sandra.braathen@und.edu](mailto:sandra.braathen@und.edu) or (701)777-3513

## CENTER FOR INNOVATION:

Programs, entrepreneurial coaching, office space

Contact Amy Whitney at [amy.w@innovators.net](mailto:amy.w@innovators.net) or (701)777-6987

- The 701 Angel Fund: Angel investment funding
- InnovateND: Program, funding, mentorship
- SBIR/STTR: Research and development grant funding
- Women's Entrepreneur Program: Program, funding, mentorship
- Mueller Internship: Business plan experience
- Alerus Internship: Professional practice experience
- InternGF: Intern recruitment, intern compensation support

## BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA:

Financial support, funding programs, and local bank connections

Contact Ty Zeltinger at [tzeltinger@nd.gov](mailto:tzeltinger@nd.gov) or (701)795-3795

## SCORE:

Mentorship, business plan assistance, financial projections

Contact Steve Moser at [steve.moser@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:steve.moser@scorevolunteer.org) or (701)739-3214

## SBDC:

Business plan assistance, financial projections, consulting

Contact Nicole Evans at [nicole@ndsbdc.org](mailto:nicole@ndsbdc.org) or (701)738-4851

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

Small business development, small business funding

Contact Eric Giltner at [eric.giltner@sba.gov](mailto:eric.giltner@sba.gov) or (701)746-5160

- SBIR/STTR: Grant funding, commercialization
- SBDC: Business plans, financial projections, consulting
- SCORE: Mentorship, business plans, financial projections
- PTAC: Government contracting support
- VBOC: Veteran small business resources

<sup>\*\*</sup>Membership encouraged to gain the most benefit