

## Open to Business Program



Looking for a trusted advisor for your business? Maybe you've wanted to secure financing to start or expand your business? If so, a new program offered by Anoka County may be just what you're looking for.

Thanks to a partnership between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), business owners or those looking to start a business can access a new program called Open to Business.

### Free Technical Assistance

Open to Business will provide prospective and existing entrepreneurs in Andover with free one-on-one counseling with a business advisor. The program provides assistance in the following areas:

- Financial Management
- Loan Packaging
- Business Plan Assistance
- Real Estate Analysis
- Marketing Assistance
- Strategic Planning
- Business Regulations
- Professional Referrals

### Small Business Loan Program

Open to Business advisors can also assist entrepreneurs to identify borrowing needs and accessing financing options. Advisors work with clients to help them find the financing that best meets their own unique needs. MCCD also provides direct financing and loans in partnership with banks and nonprofit lenders. Funds can be used for inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, real estate acquisition and start-up costs.

### How It Works

Business Advisor Kathleen DuChene is available for setting up a one-on-one meeting at either the Anoka County Government Center or other preferred location. Kathleen is also available at the Andover City Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Kathleen at 763-438-7315 or by email at [kduchene@mccdmn.org](mailto:kduchene@mccdmn.org). For general information, visit the Open to Business Website at [www.opentobusinessmn.org](http://www.opentobusinessmn.org)