



BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Department of Planning & Development

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- **Maple Heights Property Tax Abatement (Community Reinvestment Area):** Commercial Property Tax Abatements can range up to 100% for 15 years in Maple Heights, and must be approved by City Council and local school district.
- **Maple Heights Job Attraction and Retention Grant:** The City may grant a refundable (or non-refundable) credit against its tax on income, to a taxpaying company in order to create jobs. If a credit is granted, it will be measured as a percentage of the new income tax revenue the municipality derives from new employees of the taxpayer and will be for a term not exceeding 15 years. Contact the Planning and Development Department to discuss. Grants require City Council approval and data-backed business growth projections.
- **Maple Heights Small Business Administration Partnership:** Maple Heights participates in a forgivable loan program, contingent on obtaining a private loan for 75% of project cost and job creation. To learn more, visit <https://citymapleheights.com/government/departments/planning-development/small-business-partnership-program/> and also <https://www.sba.gov/district/cleveland> to learn more about other programs and services.
- **Cuyahoga County Department of Development:** Offers a variety of programs to assist businesses including business attraction incentives and business growth lending. For additional information call (216) 443-7260 and visit <https://cuyahogacounty.us/development>
- **Economic & Community Development Institute (EDCI):** Provides financing, start-up training, coaching, networking, and access to a professional advisory network. Loans range from \$750 to \$350,000 for businesses that may not qualify for conventional bank financing. For more information, call (614) 559-0115 and visit <http://www.ecdi.org>
- **Finance Fund of Ohio:** Certified Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI), offering range of funding resources for eligible recipients. Call (614) 221-1114 or browse programs at <https://www.financefund.org/>
- **Hebrew Free Loan Association:** Provides interest-free loans to support economic self-sufficiency. Loans can be granted for individuals, business or educational goals. Visit <https://interestfree.org/> and call (216) 378-9042.
- **JobsOhio:** State entity offering incentives and services, with regional district (**Team NEO**). Learn more at: <https://www.jobsohio.com/programs-services/incentives> and <https://northeastohioregion.com/>
- **UBIZ Venture Capital:** Provides underserved, disadvantaged and small businesses an opportunity to compete and grow in their industry. Intense pre-loan counseling and technical training that are aligned with access to capital are the core pillars of UBIZ service delivery model. For additional information call (216) 622-0999 and visit <https://www.ubiz.biz/home>