



BUSINESS RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS

MAY 2025

A monthly e-newsletter from the City of Westminster's Economic Development Division with information on resources, programs, and opportunities for the business community.

MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Celebrate by using #BuildingSafetyMonth2025 on social media, and visit the International Code Council for updates and resources!

May is Building Safety Month, a public awareness initiative led by the [International Code Council \(ICC\)](https://www.iccsafe.org/), aimed at emphasizing the importance of building codes and the critical role building safety professionals play in safeguarding our communities. This year's theme - Mission Possible - underscores how collaboration and smart planning lead to safer and more resilient spaces for everyone.

Learn more about how you can contribute to building safety and access resources at the [ICC's official website](https://www.iccsafe.org/).

The City of Westminster is here to support your businesses' building and safety needs. Should you have any building needs for your business, please contact the Economic Development Division at cvelarde@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3451.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/building-safety-month/>

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Vote for your favorite Westminster businesses!

FREE Webinars



SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN A CITY EVENT

The City invites your business' interest to participate in a City event as a vendor! These are wonderful opportunities to showcase your brand to the community and promote your business. From the Fall Festival to the popular Tet Parade with over 19,000 visitors, there are many opportunities for your business to participate! Complete this [special interest form](#) to indicate which events interest you, and a member from the City's Community Services and Recreation Department will contact you with additional details.

For more information and a complete list of the City's events, please [click here](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

https://www.westminster-ca.gov/departments/community_services/recreation/special-events



TECH FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CYBERSECURITY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Upgrade your business' technology to maximize efficiency and operations. The City has partnered with the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (OCIESBDC) to offer The [Technology for Accessibility, Cybersecurity, and Workforce Development Grant](#) reimbursement program. Under this program, Westminster businesses may receive grant reimbursements of up to \$1,000 for upgrades to digital accessibility, strengthening cybersecurity, and implementing workforce technology to modernize IT infrastructure or training programs. There are 20 grant awards available, and applications are accepted until funds are exhausted.

This program may close at any time and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply now!



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

TECH FOR ACCESSIBILITY, CYBERSECURITY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

\$1,000 Grants Available for 20 businesses

Application Opens:
Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 8 a.m.

This Program supports businesses in enhancing accessibility, strengthening cybersecurity, and implementing workforce technology to modernize IT infrastructure. After attending a one-on-one consultation with an SBDC consultant and submitting a program proposal, participants will be eligible to receive up to a \$1,000 reimbursement grant to invest in accessibility, cybersecurity, and workforce development.

**NEED HELP?
CONTACT THE SBDC**

The Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center Network can help you with your application and help awardees with additional funding requirements—at no cost.

Contact us at 1-800-616-7232 or visit us online to book an appointment: ociesmallbusiness.org.

AMERICA'S SBDC CALIFORNIA
ORANGE COUNTY INLAND EMPIRE

Cal State Fullerton

ELIGIBILITY

Retail, restaurants, service-oriented, and direct-to-consumer business.

- Must have a commercial brick-and-mortar business located within the city boundaries (no residential addresses, PO Box, or Home Occupations)
- Must hold an active business license, minimum 1 year prior to program application
- Minimum of 2 employees, 1099 acceptable
- Attend Westminster Business Summit with Vendor Fair
- Attend one-on-one consulting session with SBDC
- Submit proof of purchase of approved equipment/proposal
- Business may apply for one grant in each category, priority given to first time recipients

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND TO APPLY, VISIT ociesmallbusiness.org/local-grants



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.westminster-ca.gov/economic-development 
www.ociesmallbusiness.org





VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE WESTMINSTER BUSINESSES FOR THE OC REGISTER'S 'BEST IN ORANGE COUNTY'

From pizza to seafood, and furniture store, to the BEST CITY to live in. the OC Register's annual 'Best in Orange County' poll celebrating the area's most popular attractions, restaurants, and other businesses is now live!



Cast your vote for your favorite local Westminster spots! Whether it's your business, go-to restaurant, best local shop, or most loved service, ensure your Westminster favorites get the recognition they deserve.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://ocr.bestinvoting.com/>



FREE WEBINARS

Click on each webinar title below for more information and to register



How to Utilize AI in Content Marketing to Create and Optimize Your Content

- May 15, 2025
- 10:00am - 11:00am

How Tariffs Can Impact Your Business and How to Prepare

- May 20, 2025
- 10:00am - 11:00am

Loans, Grants, and Other Funding Options for Women-Owned Businesses

- May 29, 2025
- 10:00am - 11:00am



Government Procurement and Contracting

- May 13, 2025
- 11:30am - 1:00pm

Podcasting Meets AI: Driving Business Growth from Concept to Success

- May 15, 2025
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Marketing Secrets Unlocked

- May 20, 2025
- 10:00am - 12:00pm

Registration REQUIRED

Visit www.score.org or www.ociesmallbusiness.org to register and learn more about these and other FREE webinars.



The City of Westminster's Economic Development division services to cultivate and expand on opportunities for business development and growth. We recognize the importance of a thriving local economy with successful businesses to a prosperous community. For more information on these and other resources, programs, and opportunities for your business, please contact the Economic Development Division at cvelarde@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3451.

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