# RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & EXPANSION

Grow your business in Mesa County



#### CHOOSE MESA COUNTY



Flexibility built within land use codes



Mixed-use zoning



Fast review and application turnaround



Assistance identifying suitable land

### **MESA COUNTY INCENTIVES**

Incentives may be provided for new and expanding businesses within Mesa County including:

- Property Tax Reimbursements
- Sales Tax Reimbursements
- Fee Waivers
- Infrastructure Improvements

Eligibility requirements and application processes for state and county incentives vary.

### **COLORADO INCENTIVES**

#### Enterprise Zone Program

State income tax credits and sales and use tax exemptions for specific pre-certified operations including hiring, training, providing health insurance, purchasing equipment, and more.

#### Job Growth Tax Incentive

Performance based program for businesses creating at least 20 net new jobs within a credit period may be eligible for a state income tax credit equal to 50% FICA paid.

#### Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive

Provides cash payment to eligible companies that create and maintain new permanent jobs in Colorado for one year.

#### Skill Advance Job Training Grant

A customized job training program for companies relocating to or expanding in Colorado that provides funds to net new hires.

#### Rural Jump-Start Program

Approved new or expanding businesses receive significant tax breaks including relief from state and local taxes and cash grants for up to eight years

#### Advanced Industries Accelerator Program

Programs and grants available for businesses driving innovation through operating in one of Colorado's seven advanced industries.

For a full catalog of state programs available, visit <u>oedit.colorado.gov/programs-and-funding</u>



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## **LOCAL PROGRAMS & RESOURCES**



# MESA COUNTY WORKFORCE CENTER

No-cost workforce development services including:

- Hiring assistance including job postings and job fairs
- Paid on-the-job employee training and internships
- Labor market and wage analysis
- Employment assessment services
- Job profiling and descriptions
- Rapid Response layoff assistance program
- Meeting space access and more

mesacounty.us/wfc

### **BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER**

Supporting the launch, growth, and stabilization of business enterprises in Mesa County through programs including:

- Business Loan Fund
- Commercial Kitchen Program
- Incubator Intensive Accelerator Program
- GJ Makerspace a public innovation center for entrepreneurs and makers to prototype
- Co-working spaces and flexible short-term lease options
- Business coaching and consulting
- Business training workshops and events

gjincubator.org

# GRAND JUNCTION ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Supporting business relocation and expansion through no-cost services including:

- Customized business development proposals
- Navigating incentive eligibility and applications
- Site selection and real estate assistance
- Removing business barriers
- Providing connections to community leadership and economic development partners

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# **GRAND JUNCTION AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Supporting business retention and expansion through advocacy, connection, and resources including:

- Advocacy for pro-business policies at all levels
- Representation of business interests to leaders
- Networking for meaningful business connections
- Access to critical resources and expertise
- Workforce development to cultivate skilled labor
- Promotion of local businesses for economic vitality

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