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2026 Convening

MICROBUSINESS
SMALL BUSINESS
COMMUNITY NETWORKING
AND 10 YEAR CELEBRATION



Flint Small Business Initiative



Since 2017

BEST PRACTICES CONSULTING SERVICES

Program of events.

Are you ready for an exciting day?
There are three different Flint programs to experience
and learn more about.



BUYFLINT

Date: Thursday 29th Jan 2026

Time: 11 am

Dress: Smart casual

Food: Light refreshments

RSVP: before 29th Jan 2026

A buyer and Supplier matching program.



MICROFLINT

Date: Thursday 29th Jan 2026

Time: 1 pm

Dress: Smart casual

Food: Bella's Concessions and Catering

RSVP: before 29th Jan 2026

A collection of vendors and service providers
in Genesee County.

Program of events.

Continued.

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FLINT SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE

Date: Thursday 29th Jan 2026

Time: 3 pm

Dress: Smart casual

Food: Bella's Concessions and Catering

RSVP: before 29th Jan 2026

A community block grant program designed to support and grow local small businesses.

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BuyFlint

With over 30 registered businesses, BUYFLINT is a marketplace for suppliers and buyers to reach agreements that provide direct connections to business owners and their local community.



DANIEL KURIN-CIVIC OS

Empowering Government & Non-Profits
Civic OS is a low/no-code software platform that allows government agencies and non-profit organizations to build and tailor their own information systems without writing code.



TIANA HARRINGTON-TDH CONSULTING

TDH Consulting Services provides transformative guidance, tools, and accountability to help salon owners, barbershop owners, and beauty professionals operate legally, profitably, and with confidence.

MicroFlint

An ecosystem partnership specializing in MicroBusinesses.

To learn more, check out each EcoSystem partner and their specialties.



ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS

[Best Practices Consulting Services](#)

[100k Ideas](#)

[SIPI](#)

[Flint Social Club](#)

[Factory Two](#)

[I'm Building Something Consulting, LLC](#)

[University of Michigan-Flint OED](#)

[LatinX Technology and Community Center](#)

PRESENTATIONS/TABLING

[Shani Womack Enterprises, LLC](#)

[Not The Cake Lady](#)

[ChristIn's Love](#)

[Pawpaws Pickles](#)

[Callie P Thang LLC](#)

Flint Small Business Initiative

Celebrating 10 years of economic development, including workshops, technical assistance, procurement, and economic gardening.

Special thanks to the City of Flint for our long-standing partnership!

PARTICIPANTS & GRADUATES

Drinks of Essence Inc.

Organic Infants Clothing LLC

DeTours. INC

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Flint Small Business Initiative
Intake Form 2026



Flint Small Business Initiative
Compliance / Direct Benefit



BEST PRACTICES CONSULTING SERVICES

Future Direction.

New Year, new changes.

Find out how we will be adaptable and welcome new clients into our portfolio.



MARKETS MANAGER:

CALEB BROWN

Let's move business forward, while remembering the community. All of our programs will continue to provide assets to those involved. As we expand our service areas throughout Michigan, we have created specialty programming for our most important markets. Learn more about what we have planned!

So, what's next?

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January 29, 2026

Flint-area business owners are invited to attend the Flint Small Business Initiative's New Year Kickoff, complete with cash giveaways, food, and engaging business presentations.

February 25, 2026

Romulus and Western Wayne County small businesses—join us for virtual training sessions on operations, supply chain solutions, accounting, and HR matters.

March 2026

MLK-CIA small business applicants in Jackson will be provided technical assistance, a workshop, and business assessments to support their growth.

April 2026

In-person SMART Goals training will be offered for early-stage small business participants, with pop-up opportunities scheduled for late spring in **Flint and Romulus**.

Trusted Connector Program

In partnership with the **Great Lakes Women's Business Center**, we're offering peer-to-peer mentoring and training—**plus a paid chamber membership and a grant opportunity.**

All Year

We provide fractional services in operations, HR, finance, and business development to support small businesses at every stage.

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Resources

Here are a few resources you may find useful!



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SOCIAL IMPACT PHILANTHROPY INVESTMENT



XLerateHealth



Michigan SBDC



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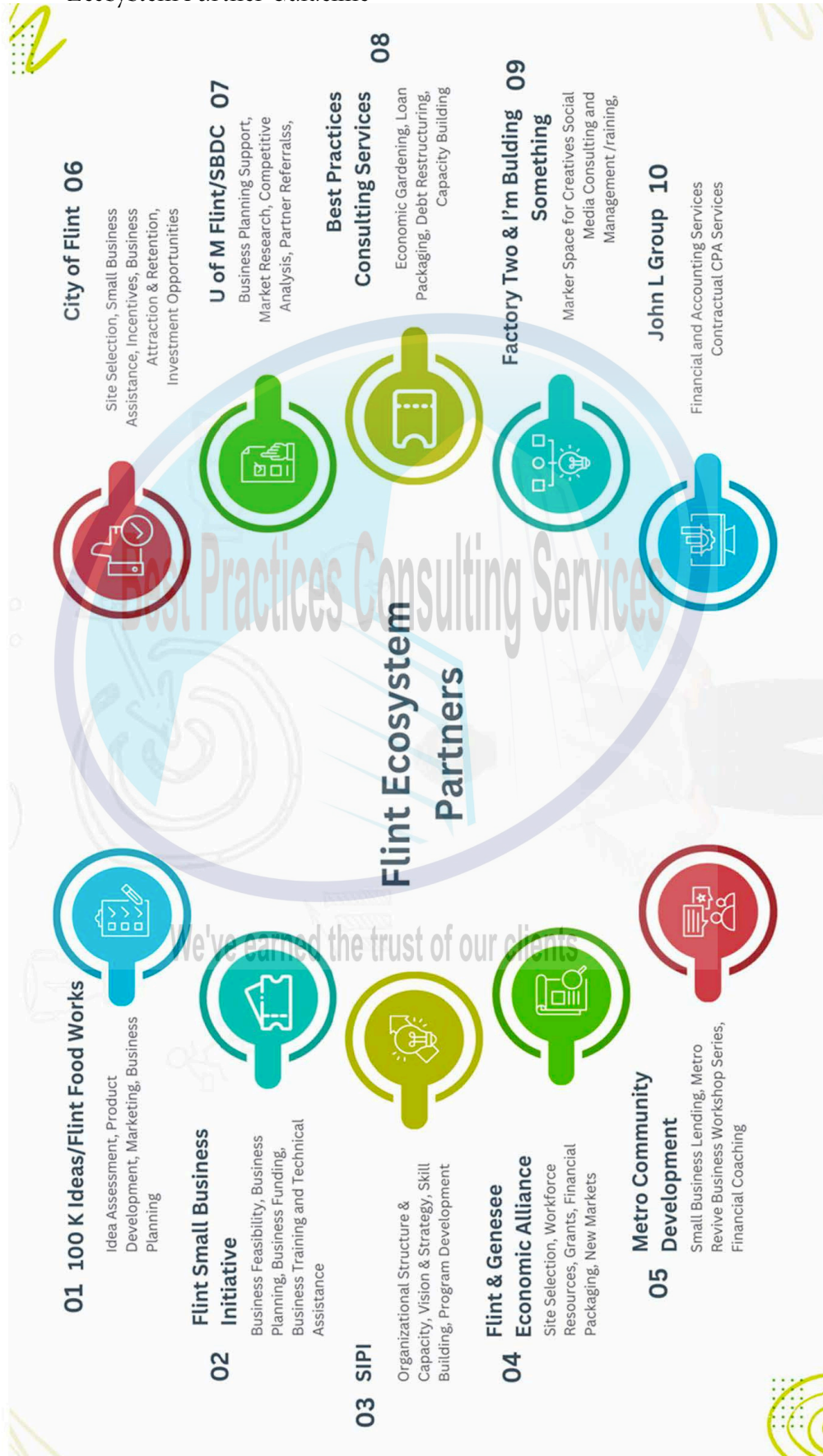


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**Flint Direct
Service Providers
and Resources**

Resources

Ecosystem Partner Guideline



Resources

Traditional Funding Sources

Traditional Funders in Flint

| | Commercial Real Estate | Business Term Loans | Line of Credit | SBA Products | Credit Cards | Equipment Loans | Unsecured Loans | Minimum Loan Amount | Maximum Loan Amount | Access |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| PNC Bank | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 20,000 | 5,000,000 | V, O, APP |
| Chase Bank | X | | X | X | X | X | X | 5,000 | 5,000,000 | AC, APP |
| 5/3rd Bank | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 5,000 | 5,000,000 | APP |
| Huntington Bank | X | X | X | X | X | X | ? | 1,000 | 5,000,000 | ALL |
| Dort Financial Credit Union | | | X | X | X | X | | 5,000 | Unknown | O |
| Team One Credit Union | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | APP, In-Person |
| Financial Plus | X | X | | X | | X | | | | Person, |
| ELGA Credit Union | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | ALL |
| Security Federal | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Sovita Credit | | | | | | | | | | |

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Non-traditional Funding Sources

Non-Traditional Funding Sources

| | Physically In Flint | Credit Centered | Term Loan | SBA Supported | Local Rep | Minimum | Maximum |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| CDC Loans | | | X | X | X | | 5,000,000 |
| Flint Genesee Economic Alliance | | | | | | | |
| Michigan Women Forward | X | | X | X | X | | 5,000,000 |
| Opportunity Resource Fund | | | X | X | X | 250,000 | 50,000 |
| Flint Small Business Initiative | X | | | | | 500 | 15,000 |
| Flint Soup | X | | | | | 2,500 | 6,000,000 |
| Fair Food Network | | | | | | | |



Resources

SBA Fintech and Online only options.

SBA Referenced Fintech and Online Only Options

| Source | Solutions/Products | Funding |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| Bluevine | Banking, Loans, credit cards, lines of credit | Up to \$500K |
| Affirm | Buy now-pay later options, installment loans, debit cards | Up to \$5K |
| Kabbage | Loans, Lines of credit, business checking | Up to \$500K |
| Credibly | Short term loans, working capital, cash advances, equipment loans, business loans | Up to \$600K |
| Smart Biz | SBA Loans, working capital, debt refinance | Up to \$5M |
| FundBox | Credit and payment/merchant services, working capital | Up to \$150K |
| Funding Circle | Term loans, SBA loans, Lines of credit | Up to \$500K |
| Square Capital | Checking/savings, customized business loans | Up to \$350K |
| QuickBooks Capital | Business loans | Up to 250K |

Resources

Here are a few resources you may find useful!

Fintech and Online Only Options

DIGITAL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

NEOBANKING

DIGITAL PAYMENTS

DIGITAL BANKING SOLUTIONS

DIGITAL ASSETS

ALTERNATE LENDING

DIGITAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

ALTERNATE FINANCING

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Ready to connect with the best FinTechs worldwide? Start today!
<https://platform.finnovating.com/>

Thank you.



DeTours Inc.



Shari Womack

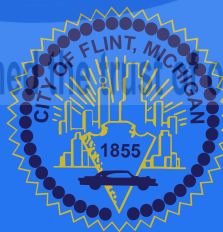


Thank you for your participation in today's event!

A special thanks to our clients and community partners!



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