Local organizations that assist with small business startups:

**Alabama Women in Business**
1919 Oxmoor Road
PMB 344
Birmingham, AL 35209
(205) 278-9781

**Birmingham Business Alliance**
505 20th Street North, 2nd Floor
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205)324-2100

**Birmingham Business Resource Center**
1500 First Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205)250-6380

**Central Alabama Women's Business Center**
#2 North 20th Street, Suite 830
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205)453-0249

**SCORE**
Birmingham SCORE 0084
801 Tom Martin Drive
SBA Office, Suite 201
Birmingham, Alabama 35211
(205)290-7849

**Small Business Administration**
Alabama District Office
801 Tom Martin Drive, Suite #201
Birmingham, Alabama 35211
(205)290-7101
The Birmingham Public Library provides research materials that support small businesses and individual entrepreneurs.

We have books that cover all aspects of starting and running a small business.

- Forming a corporation
- Obtaining financing
- Business Plans
- Management
- Advertising
- Sales
- Marketing
- Hiring
- Web design, and much more

We have business related newspapers and periodicals covering various industries. They provide current information on specific topics that are not available in books.

- Barron’s
- Birmingham Business Journal
- Black Enterprise
- Business Alabama
- Business Week
- Entrepreneur
- Fast Company
- Forbes
- Inc.
- Investor’s Business Daily
- Kiplinger’s Personal Finance
- Value Line
- Wall Street Journal

We also have business related directories. Directories are used for different reasons: to find out who manufactures a specific product; to check companies located in a specific area; to verify company names, addresses, and telephone numbers; and to identify company executives and directors.

- Alabama Manufacturer’s Register
- International Directory of Company Histories
- Foundation Directories
- LexisNexis Corporate Affiliations

BPL Business Databases:

- Alabama Legal Forms
  Provides a wide selection of Alabama legal forms across the most popular legal areas.

- Business Insights: Essentials
  Provides information on company profiles, investment reports, etc.

- Business Plans Handbook
  Includes actual business plans compiled by, and aimed at, entrepreneurs seeking funding for small businesses.

- Business Source Premier
  Contains full-text articles from more than 1,000 newspapers and magazines on business topics.

- Ferguson’s Career Center
  A comprehensive career research database, providing detailed and up-to-date profiles of more than 2,050 jobs.

- Foundation Directory Online Professional
  Provides access to an unprecedented wealth of timely, comprehensive information on grantmakers and their grants. Available only in the Birmingham Public Library’s Business, Science & Technology Department.

- Gale Directory of Early Stage Investment, 1st Ed.
  A guide to more than 4,500 angel investment groups, business incubators, venture capital firms, associations, and resources needed to help entrepreneurs start or grow their business.

- Mergent Archives
  An online database featuring a vast, indexed collection of corporate and industry related documents.

- Mergent Online
  Mergent Online is an Internet-based suite of information resources that enables in-depth business and financial research.

- Morningstar
  Morningstar provides data on approximately 416,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles

- Occupational Outlook
  Information about training and education needed; earnings; expected job prospects; what workers do on the job; working conditions.

- Reference USA
  Directory of U.S. businesses, company leaders, parent companies, and subsidiaries.

- Standard & Poor’s Net Advantage

Available 24/7 for your business needs @
http://www.bplonline.org/virtual/databases/

Connecting your business to the resources, you need!