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County Offers Free Financial Workshop to Small And Disadvantaged Business Owners, March 1

Panel discussion and information to focus on services available in the banking industry

[Charleston County Government](#) announces a free workshop for small and disadvantaged business owners on Tuesday, March 1. The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. in Conference Room B339 at the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston.

Charleston County's [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in the Transportation Sales Tax Program](#) and the [Small Business Enterprise Program in the Procurement Department](#) are hosting the workshop.

Three lenders and a representative from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Charleston Area Small Business Development Center has been asked to participate in a panel discussion as part of the workshop.

"The purpose of the workshop is to help educate our business customers of the many services available to them through the banking industry and to make them aware of the importance of being prepared when approaching a lending institution for assistance," said Herbert Bodison, Jr. with the County's [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program](#). "We are confident that the information presented on March 1 will mark new beginnings for many of our businesses as it relates to their understanding of services available within the banking industry."

Those attending the workshop will have the opportunity to:

- Learn how to qualify for and obtain a business loan
- Understand business line of credit
- Find lending opportunities through the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)
- Understand available small business banking services
- Obtain information on free business counseling
- Learn about upcoming contract opportunities with Charleston County Government

Space is limited, so those wishing to attend must sign up in advance by contacting:

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