



# Enterprise Brant

Fostering Economic Growth in Brant



## Enterprise Brant a Community Futures Development Corporation

“creating opportunities for entrepreneurs, business and community development”

### LOANS FOR BUSINESS - *Planning to grow?*



Enterprise Brant has loaned over \$20M to 683 local businesses, assisting new or existing businesses with growth, start-up, or working capital. Enterprise Brant is a federally funded Community Futures program operating in rural communities with a mandate to provide investment strategies that help to maintain or create jobs. Financing up to **\$150,000** through loans, loan guarantees or equity investment is available. Interest rates start at prime +2%. All loans can be repaid at anytime without penalties. Financing decisions are made by local volunteers. If your

business operates in Brantford/Brant you can apply by completing a business plan and application form available at our office or online at [www.enterprisebrant.com](http://www.enterprisebrant.com).

### Small Business Workshops

Enterprise Brant provides professional development workshops. Topics include business plan writing, marketing, customer service, bookkeeping, time management, finding customers. See our website for current seminars.

### START A BUSINESS - *What's your idea?*



### Ontario Self Employment Benefits (OSEB)

Delivered by Employment Ontario, the Self-Employment Benefit program provides an opportunity for eligible unemployed individuals to create a job for themselves and others by starting a new business. This program has assisted over 853 individuals in Brantford/Brant to start a new business and has created over 1170 new jobs. To find out more about your eligibility to the SEB program information sessions are held bi-weekly. Call 519-752-4636 to attend a free session on starting a new business.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - *local solutions.....for the local economy.*



Enterprise Brant is a federally funded non-profit Community Futures Development Corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors working together with Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev) to help develop and diversify the local economy. Enterprise Brant has assisted non-profit groups for many grass roots initiatives with Special Project Grants. Over the past 23 years Enterprise Brant has committed to providing financial assistance and other resources to projects that have an impact on the community. Working in partnership with

local volunteers, groups and all levels of government, Enterprise Brant has provided matching funds to support many local events, initiatives and projects. We have invested over \$4M into 334 local community initiatives.

### Also available at our facilities:

Board room · Display booths · Laptop and projectors · Computer workstations with Internet access · Business Library

For more information about the services Enterprise Brant provides call: General Manager, Cindy Swanson, Business Consultants Sara McLellan, Bob Rigg, Judy Rich and Mike Kirby or Office Assistant Ellen Macdonald.

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