

**Small Business Administration**

**Center for Community Self-Help - Loans for North Carolina's Green Economy – \$250,000**

Center for Community Self-Help

301 W. Main Street

Durham, NC 27701

Self-Help, a not-for-profit community development financial institution, is seeking federal funding for its NC Green Economy project. Funding for this project will be used for loan capital and will allow Self-Help to leverage \$1 million in financing for small businesses in sectors such as alternative energy, recycling, energy efficiency, and sustainable agriculture.

Small businesses are the nation's primary engine of job creation, and federal investments in supporting the growth of "green" small businesses can help grow our state's economy.

**UNC Chapel Hill - Green Plus Sustainable Strategies for Small Businesses - \$250,000**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

301 Pittsboro Street Room 235-C

Campus Box 3550

Chapel Hill, NC 27599

UNC-Chapel Hill is seeking federal funding to expand its "Green Plus" program in low-wealth communities throughout the state. Green Plus works to implement, evaluate and disseminate successful sustainability strategies and best practices to small employers in low-wealth communities, allowing them to improve their sustainability and distinguish themselves in a competitive market.

Our nation's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness depend on job creation. Small businesses are the nation's primary engine of job creation, and federal investments in small business sustainability can help create jobs and ensure their long term viability.

**Wake Technical Community College - Export EDGE - \$222,000**

Wake Technical Community College

3434 Kildaire Farm Road

Cary, NC 27518

Wake Tech is seeking federal funding for its Export EDGE program. Export EDGE will expand the school's capacity to provide technical assistance for small- and medium-sized enterprises interested in expanding their export markets.

Our nation's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness depend on job creation. Through expansion of export markets, small and medium sized enterprises have the potential to increase their revenue and create jobs.

**North Carolina Biotechnology Center – Entrepreneurship and R&D Initiative - \$250,000**

North Carolina Biotechnology Center

15 T.W. Alexander Drive

Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

The NC Biotechnology Center is seeking federal funding for the Entrepreneurship and Research & Development Initiative, a program to turn promising biotech research efforts into commercially viable small businesses. The initiative targets academic researchers and novice entrepreneurs who are interested in starting, or who have already started, biotechnology companies in North Carolina, and provides training in business development and management.

Our nation's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness depend on job creation. Small businesses are the nation's primary engine of job creation, and federal investments in biotech-based small businesses can help create high-skilled, high-wage jobs in North Carolina and nationwide.

**North Carolina Rural Center - Homegrown Jobs Project – \$250,000**

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

4021 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC 27610

The NC Rural Economic Development Center is seeking federal funds for its Homegrown Jobs initiative, which builds upon the Center's successful Rural Business Finance Program by supporting community-driven revitalization, job creation, and economic development efforts in rural, economically-distressed areas.

Our nation's economic recovery and long-term competitiveness depend on job creation, particularly in rural areas, where unemployment is disproportionately high and job opportunities are very limited. Federal investments in community-driven development efforts can reduce unemployment and set the course for sustainable economic development and job growth.