

# NOW THAT YOU'VE OPENED YOUR BUSINESS IN UNION GROVE

You are now calling Union Grove home. Whether you are located in our beautiful Downtown or within our industrial parks your new business can present you with major challenges. Racine County Economic Development Corporation (RCEDC) has created this guide to summarize the business resources available for small business development.

A separate resource guide for industrial business can be obtained by contacting RCEDC at 262-898-7530.

## FINANCING & INCENTIVES:

A number of loan programs and other economic incentives are available for businesses in Union Grove:

- **Low-Interest Loans: Business Lending Partners (BLP)** administers low-interest loans to finance real estate purchases, renovation, and new construction; sometimes working capital. Financed in partnership with a primary lender. Contact **BLP at 262-898-7420**.
- **WI Women's Business Initiative Corp. (WWBIC)** administers low-interest loans to purchase machinery, equipment, inventory, and start-up costs. Contact **WWBIC at 262-925-2840**.
- **Façade Grant Program: The Village** has a grant fund for Downtown business and property owners seeking to improve their building facades. The program offers up to \$7,500 in matching funds for qualifying improvements. Contact **RCEDC at 262-898-7422** and applications are found under the **Community Development tab at uniongrove.net**.
- **Rent Assistance Grant Program: The Village** has a grant fund for new business opening in Downtown. Pays 1/3 of monthly rent (up to \$300 per month) for 12 months of a multi-year lease. Contact **RCEDC at 262-898-7422** and applications are found under the **Community Development tab at uniongrove.net**.
- **Minority Business Grants:** Up to \$2,500 in grants available to qualifying businesses to offset the costs of employee skills training, technology implementation projects or consulting services. Contact **UW-Parkside SBDC at 262-595-3363**.
- **Workforce Training Assistance:** Assistance recruiting and training employees. Contact: **Workforce Development Center at 262-638-6637**.
- **Financing by Local Lenders:** Several local lenders are available to provide financing for qualified small businesses that seek to locate and expand in Union Grove.
  - **Community State Bank: 262-878-3763**
  - **Northshore Bank: 262-878-3737**

## PERMITS, LICENSES & APPROVALS:

The particular permits, licenses and approvals needed for your business will depend on the nature of your business and the scope of needed improvements to the real estate.

The following Village departments are the first points of contact for issuing approvals:

**Building Inspection – 262-210-1741** (Building, plumbing, electrical and sign permits and inspections)

**Village Clerk – 262-878-1818** (Liquor licenses, setting up water and sewer utilities)

Village Hall is located at 925 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Sign Permit applications are found under the **Permits tab at uniongrove.net**.

## DOWNTOWN DESIGN DISTRICT:

Downtown Union Grove is part of the Design District as outlined in the **Design Guidelines**. The **Design Guidelines** and the **Façade Grant** application are both found under the **Community Development tab at uniongrove.net**. Updates to exterior façade and signage improvements must follow the Design Guidelines and receive approval from the Village's Community Development Authority prior to beginning your project.



262-898-7422

Racinecountyedc.org



262-878-1818

Uniongrove.net



262-878-4606

Uniongrovechamber.org

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:

Many resources (some are free) are available to help you with business planning and educational programming for the technical aspects of operating your business:

- **GrowthWheel** is a business development tool offered by **Gateway Technical College – 262-898-7410**
- **PROBE** is a business assessment tool offered by **Small Business Development Center @ UW-Parkside – 262-595-3363**
- Business development counseling provided by retired executives **SCORE of SE WI – 414-297-3942**
- **Small Business Admin. (SBA) – 414-297-3941** and [sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3158](http://sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3158)
- **WI Econ. Development Corp. (WEDC) – 608-210-6839** and [inwisconsin.com](http://inwisconsin.com)
- Technical assistance and business plan classes offered by **WI Women's Business Initiative Corp. – 262-925-2840**