



Community of Entrepreneurs

Below are some local and regional organizations supporting Athens entrepreneurs.

[1 Million Cups](#) is the first stop for entrepreneurs, doers, makers, and creative professionals to get connected to resources in the Athens startup community. Based on the notion that entrepreneurs discover solutions and engage with their communities over a million cups of coffee, 1MC is designed to educate, engage and inspire entrepreneurs. Each week, an Athens startup presents their company to a supportive audience. 1MC is always free and open to the public. Meet us on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM at 1 Press Place (corner of Thomas and Broad Streets), or [watch our meetups online](#).

[Four Athens](#) can help you discover ideas, launch concepts, and build your customer base. Get connected to the people you need to hire, learn from, and raise money.

[Athensmade](#) is the “produced-local” chamber for Athens, Georgia. As a non-profit, it educates, supports, and promote homegrown brands, entrepreneurs and creative professions. Learn how you can promote your story of local innovation and business growth.

The [UGA Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#) provides resources and services ranging from business training to individual consulting and international trade. Available to beginning entrepreneurs and experienced business owners looking to grow their business.

Contact the [Georgia Department of Economic Development](#), the state’s economic development agency, to get information on state tax credits and state-level resources for minority-owned businesses. Find technology and innovation resources, such as incubators or university research connections across the state that can provide the competitive edge you need.

[Athens Downtown Development Authority](#) awards grants and provides micro-loans to eligible businesses in Athens’ downtown business district.