



Langley Small Business Guide

A thriving community with art galleries, wine tasting, antiques, restaurants and more. Find out what makes Langley unique and how to start your business in the "Village by the Sea."



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WELCOME TO THE “VILLAGE BY THE SEA”



Langley's beautiful waterfront village is the perfect location for your business dreams. With beautiful views of the Olympic and the Cascade Mountain ranges we invite you to discover this island gem's amenities and key reasons to start your business here.

Choosing Langley for your business means, you're choosing a friendly community where artists, innovators, and residents come to live, create, & play. We invite you to explore all of the amenities that Langley has to offer. In Langley, you'll find world class cuisine, an authentic and walkable downtown with thriving arts and commerce, and a city that stimulates the imagination and truly cares about it's beautiful surroundings. To help you get acquainted with Langley and it's business opportunities, we've assembled this friendly guide to the city.

Here you'll find helpful information about Langley's commercial area, business networking organizations, government resources, and a toolkit to start your business. **Welcome to Langley!**



WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT LANGLEY?



- **Bustling local commerce**
- **Strong seasonal economic impact from visitors**
- **Deep pool of resident artists and performers**
- **Picturesque town overlooking the Saratoga Passage**
- **Commercial space with stunning views**
- **Artisans in nearly every medium**
- **Eco minded community with farmers and community gardens**
- **Community involvement in local government**
- **Local annual events and festivals**
- **Home of the Whidbey Island Fair**
- **Beaches, forests, pocket parks**
- **Proximity to major cities: Seattle & Vancouver, B.C.**
- **Outdoor enthusiasts paradise**
- **200-seat performing arts center**
- **Local & world-class entertainment**
- **Five star inns and quaint bed and breakfasts**
- **Marina with moorage and facilities**
- **Free county-wide bus service**
- **Strong sense of community**
- **And the friendliest community around!**



BUSINESS NETWORKING RESOURCES



Langley Chamber of Commerce

visitlangley.com (360) 221-6765



Goosefoot Community Fund

goosefoot.org (360) 321-4145



Whidbey Island Local Lending (WILL)

whidbeylocallending.com



Sno-Isle Small Business Resources

sno-isle.org



Small Business Guidance

commerce.wa.gov (206) 553-7320



WA Small Business Guidance

business.wa.gov (360) 725-0628



CITY & GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

LANGLEY is a highly networked community that encourages collaboration amongst its economic development partners. Here's a list of organizations and business resources for support, consultation, training, and strategic connections.



Langley City Hall

langleywa.org (360) 221-4246



Island County Economic Development Council

iscoedc.com (360) 678-6889



Island County Office

islandcountywa.gov (360) 678-5111



Small Business Development Center of WA

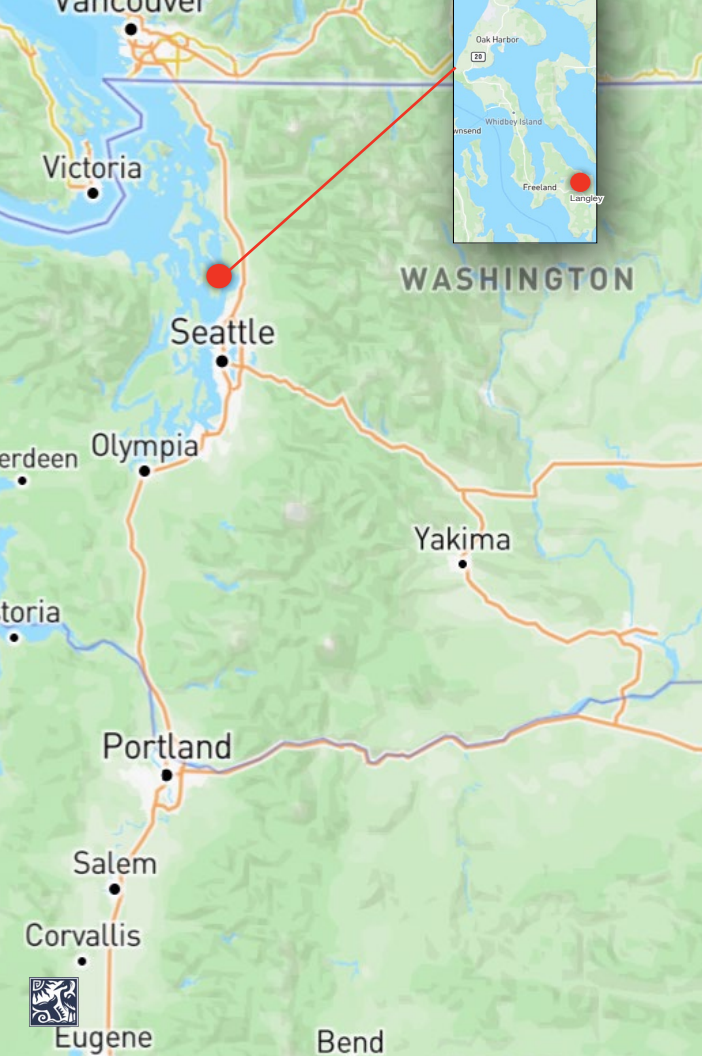
wsbdc.org (833) 492-7232



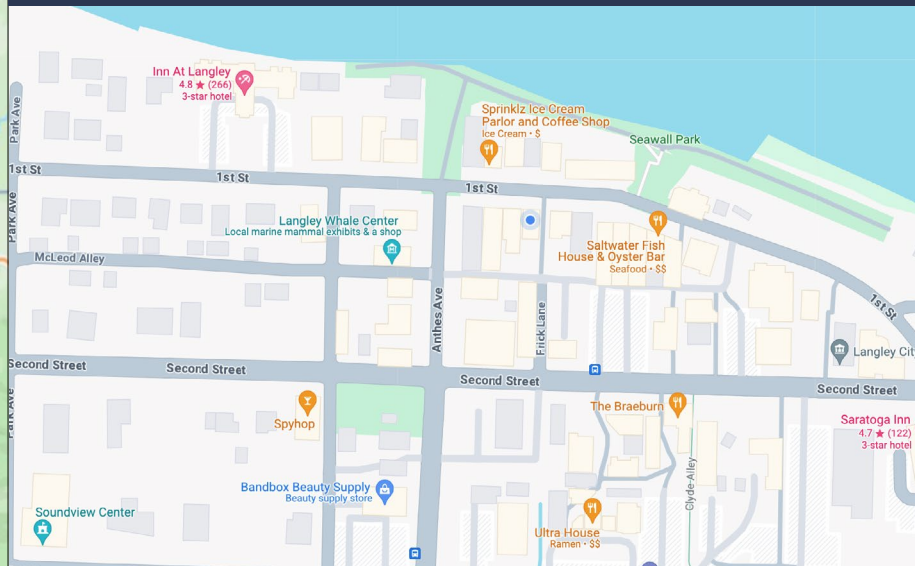
Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

score.org (206) 553-7320





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SOME LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS DOING GOOD WORK



Good Cheer
goodcheer.org (360) 221-6454



Home on Whidbey
homeonwhidbey.org



Organic Farm School
organicfarmschool.org (360) 579-4989



South Whidbey Historical Society
southwhidbeyhistory.org (360) 221-2101



Sound Water Stewards
soundwaterstewards.org (425) 540-7712



Whidbey Community Foundation
whidbeyfoundation.org (360) 660-5041



Whidbey Island Arts Council
islandartscouncil.org



Whidbey Island Conservation District
whidbeycd.org (360) 678-4708





STEPS TO START YOUR BUSINESS

Here's a guide for opening a business in Langley. We're invested in the success of your business journey! A sustaining and viable community is our goal and we want you to be a part of it. The **Langley Chamber of Commerce** supports you in your new business ventures and would love to hear from you. Listed below are some helpful steps if you're thinking about opening a business in Langley. For further details and links to applications, forms, and licenses, see [visitlangley.com/business](https://www.visitlangley.com/business).

- 1. Market Research & Business Plan**
Understanding your demographics, writing a business plan, and creating a sustainable foundation for your business are all vital aspects to the health of your business and an essential first step. There's plenty of help out there and we've narrowed down some of them for you [here](#).
- 2. Determine Business Structure & Location**
There's different types of business entities, each with unique benefits and limitations. Get to know the business structure options to determine which will be optimal for you. Also, see our list of real estate entities to help you find the perfect Langley location. More info and resources are [here](#).
- 3. Business Licensing**
First register with the Secretary of State, then apply for WA State Business License and Langley Business Endorsement with the DOR. Professional Licenses may also be necessary. Links and more info [here](#).
- 4. Local Permitting & Signage**
The City of Langley has a process for leasehold improvement permits and building signage, listed on the **City of Langley** website. The friendly folks at Langley City Hall are willing and able to help demystify this process. Make an appointment with a staff member for assistance.
- 5. Funding & Lending**
Whether you are starting your own business or need help in expanding or strengthening your existing business, we've put together a list of resources to help you. [Lending](#)
- 6. Knowledge Base, Workshops, & Training**
Careful planning and research improves business success and we're invested! Workshops, training, and resources are essential for any new business. [Workshops and Training](#)

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