



# James City County E-Commerce Grant Program

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James City County's Office of Economic Development has a partnership with the Vectec to provide e-commerce services for small business owners.

Under the new program, the County helps private businesses in the County grow revenues and jobs through e-commerce with the initial funding of an e-commerce grant program. Vectec manages applications and determines the readiness of interested businesses to undertake e-commerce projects. Vectec forwards the information to the County, who then award the grants, which must be matched by each applicant. Funds are awarded on a per-case basis for completed projects and are subject to evaluation by the County's e-commerce subcommittee and to availability of budgeted funds.

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## Examples of Services

- Search engine optimization assessment
- Web site design & development including a free consultation
- Portable, scalable shopping systems with a client administrative interface
- Custom database development assistance with eVA (electronic Virginia) interface for businesses engaging in B2B and B2G selling online.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Be an operating business\* with at least one place of business physically located in the County;
- Be current in filing and payment of all taxes due to the County;
- Be in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations; and
- Be a for-profit business.

\*Start-up businesses must accompany their application with a bona fide business plan that has been endorsed by either the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or SCORE. A business with an existing web site is only eligible for the program if its proposal for Vectec assistance involves upgrades to and/or addition of new elements to its web site.

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## Interested? Contact Vectec

Call (757) 243-8700 or e-mail [jamescitycountygrants@vectec.org](mailto:jamescitycountygrants@vectec.org).

In addition to Vectec, the grant applicant may select from qualified County-based web design vendors, provided the third party agreement does not interfere with the timeliness or cost-effectiveness of the project.