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### Gaining Access to Capital for Women & Minority Businesses

**Date:** August 26, 2010

**Time:** 7:30 am - 9:00 am

**Location:** [Show map](#)

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce  
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*Gaining Access to Capital : A resource event for small, women and minority owned businesses*

Operating a small business can be risky. As small businesses work to grow, the greatest obstacle they face is access to finance. Without capital a small business can neither invest in new infrastructure, expand its offerings, or increase its workforce.

This intimate workshop, presented by the Chamber's Women's Business Council, provides attendees an opportunity to learn from financial experts and hear their tips for developing a plan to gain access to capital. Attendees will also learn about tools and resources needed to grow their small businesses and navigate in today's economy.

A continental breakfast will be provided. Free parking available on-site. For questions, please contact Katharine Ryan at [kryan@fairfaxchamber.org](mailto:kryan@fairfaxchamber.org) or call 703-752-7521.

Moderator:

**Julie Simmons, Grant Thornton LLP, Women's Business Chairman**

Panelists:

Understanding your Financial Position

Communicating with your Lender

**Beth Hughes, M&T Bank**

Alternate Sources of Funding

Promoting Your Business to Prospective Business Investors

**Kevin DeSanto, KippsDeSanto & Co.**

SBA Resources & Support Programs

**Melissa Fischer, Small Business Administration**