



## **CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

The City of Asheville is accepting certification from those who register with the [State of North Carolina's Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses](#). Certification is no longer being handled locally. VendorLink and HUB designation is a self-managed system for minority vendors and it registers you as a vendor for the State of North Carolina. This listing is used across the State by general contractors, architects, engineers, cities, counties and essentially anyone accessing the internet. It will also provide a main listing of minority and disadvantaged businesses for the entire State eliminating the need to register as a minority firm at separate cities and counties unless their local ordinances require that you do so. [Click here to register](#).

To do business with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County, please additionally register as a vendor with those government entities at the links provided below:

[City of Asheville Vendor Applications](#)  
[Buncombe County Purchasing Division](#)

Contact the Minority Business Program at (828) 259-8050 about program details and training opportunities as the City of Asheville would like to get acquainted with you as minority business owners.

## **STARTING YOUR CERTIFICATION**

Begin your certification process by visiting [State of North Carolina Vendor Link NC](#).