

# Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

June, 2021

## DEWins!



In partnership with the Delaware Division of Small Business, the State of Delaware has started DEWins!, an incentive and public education program aimed at encouraging all eligible Delawareans to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If you get vaccinated before June 29 you will have the opportunity to win cash prizes and a variety of other unique prizes such as Firefly tickets, free tolls for a year, and more!


[Learn More About DEWins!](#)

[Where Can I Get My Vaccine?](#)


[View Businesses Participating in Special Incentives for Vaccinated Customers](#)

Program Ends June 29


## Workforce Training Grant

	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          Delaware Division of Small Business</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>Workforce Training Grants are offered by the Delaware Division of Small Business to attract and retain quality jobs in the state of Delaware. They are also offered to create opportunities for advancement for Delaware employees.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Applicants must demonstrate a need for the training, which should be related to new and innovative processes or programs, machinery, or tech-related upgrades.</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Workforce Training</p>	<p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>          Wilmington Area  <b>Joe Zilcosky</b>          Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County  <b>David Mathe</b>          Kent County and Sussex County  <b>Laura Wisler</b>  <a href="https://business.delaware.gov/contact/">https://business.delaware.gov/contact/</a></p>	

### Swim with the Sharks Pitch Competition


	<b>Cash Prize</b> \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> New Castle County Office of Economic Development	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>The Swim with the Sharks Pitch Competition is a Delaware statewide competition open to for-profit businesses that have been in business for fewer than five years. Participants are judged by a multitude of criteria and receive a \$10,000 grant from the New Castle County Office of Economic Development for winning.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> For-profit business located in Delaware that has been in operations for fewer than five years. Must have a valid business license.	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Applications Close</b> 8/6/2021  <b>Final Rounds</b> 8/16-8/27/2021	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Alyse Bortolotto</b> <a href="mailto:bortolottoa@ncccc.com">bortolottoa@ncccc.com</a>	

### Wilmington Strong Fund


	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$1,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Phase 4 Opening Soon (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Cornerstone West CDC	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>The Wilmington Strong Fund is a citywide emergency small business relief fund that offers grants to small businesses located in the City of Wilmington to cover expenses such as rent payments, mortgage payments, utility and supplier bills, and digital marketing costs.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Applicants must be operating in the City of Wilmington and must be a for-profit small business. Corporations, franchises, and nonprofits are not eligible.	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Applications Close</b> TBD  <b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants are awarded 2-3 weeks after submissions	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gabrielle Lantieri</b> <a href="mailto:glantieri@westsidegrows.org">glantieri@westsidegrows.org</a>	

# Community Grants and Funding


## Comcast RISE Program

	<p><b>Program Rewards</b>          Advertising and Marketing Consultations          TV Media Schedule          Creative Production          Tech Makeover          Monetary Grant</p>	<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Applications Close</b>          7/31/2021</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          Comcast</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          BIPOC-owned businesses</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Program Awards</b>          Recipients chosen quarterly</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>          844-963-0234</p>


## Amber Grant for Women

	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          \$4,000 winner once a month          \$1,000 for runner-up          \$25,000 once a year</p>	<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">First day of each month (Apply Here)</a></p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          WomensNet</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>A grant for women with businesses awarded in honor of Amber Wigdahl, who tragically passed away at the age of 19 before she was able to realize her business dreams.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Must be a woman 18 years or older with a business</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Application Close</b>          Last day of each month</p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          One winner each month</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:info@womensnet.net">info@womensnet.net</a></p>


### Shuttered Venue Operators Grant

 <p>Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program</p>	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          Equal to 45% of venue's 2019 gross earned revenue or \$10M, whichever is less</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>          Open Now</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          SBA</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>A grant for shuttered live entertainment venues that have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain entities such as live venue promoters, theaters, museums, zoos, and more may be eligible to apply for grants.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Live venue operators and promoters, theatrical producers, motion picture theater operators, and more as listed on the homepage</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Performing Arts</p>	<p><b>Applications Close</b>          Rolling submissions until funds are exhausted</p> <p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          Dependent upon revenue loss (More revenue loss will receive grants first)</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:SVOGrant@sba.gov">SVOGrant@sba.gov</a></p>	


### Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

 <p><b>USAID</b>          FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE</p>	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          Stage 1: Pilot (up to \$200K)          Stage 2: Test and Position for Scale (up to \$1.5M)          Stage 3: Transition to Scale (up to \$5M)          Evidence Grants: (up to \$1.5M)</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Always Open</a>  <a href="#">(Apply Here)</a></p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          USAID</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>Multiple stages of grants for innovators and researchers to test new ideas and solutions that can change the world and help improve people's lives.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Determine if you are eligible using the <a href="#">DIV Questionnaire</a></p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Grants Awarded</b>          10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:div@usaid.gov">div@usaid.gov</a></p>	


### Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Jane Walker and IFundWomen	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
The Jane Walker First Women Grant, by Jane Walker and IFundWomen, is for women-owned businesses who have broken through in culture and paved the way for more women to succeed.	<b>Eligibility</b> Women-owned business with at least \$25,000 in revenue	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Applications Close</b> Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through June  <b>Program Awards</b> 30 Grants will be awarded in total	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="https://ifundwomen.com/contact">https://ifundwomen.com/contact</a>	

### KKR Small Business Builders

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> KKR	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
KKR Small Business Builders grants are designed to help business owners sustain their enterprises, maintain or create jobs, and spur economic opportunity as they respond to and recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.	<b>Eligibility</b> Small Businesses with 5 to 50 employees and less than \$7 Million USD in annual revenue.	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants rewarded until funding is exhausted	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="https://kkresg.com/contact">https://kkresg.com/contact</a>	

### NASE Growth Grants

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$4,000		<b>Application Open</b> Always Open to Members	<b>Host Organization</b> NASE	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a> <a href="#">Membership</a>
A grant for small business owners that are members of the National Association for the Self-Employed to finance business needs.	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a member of NASE for at least 3 months prior to applying	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Applications Close</b> N/A  <b>Grants Awarded</b> Number given varies, grants awarded quarterly	<b>Contact:</b> <b>NASE Grants Administrator</b> <a href="mailto:grants_scholarships@nase.org">grants_scholarships@nase.org</a>	

# SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

## National Science Foundation (NSF)

<p>The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs are competitive programs that encourage small businesses to engage in federal research and development projects with the potential for commercialization. Each agency offers a list of broad research topics, and you may find that your business already takes part in one or more of the topics offered. If so, you may be eligible to apply for a grant. Below is a list of topics currently being considered for SBIR grant awards by the NSF.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Analytics</li> <li>• Advanced Manufacturing</li> <li>• Advanced Materials</li> <li>• Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>• Augmented/Virtual Reality</li> <li>• Biological Technologies</li> <li>• Chemical Technologies</li> <li>• Cloud and High-Performance Technologies</li> <li>• Cybersecurity and Authentication</li> <li>• Digital Health</li> <li>• Distributed Ledger</li> <li>• Energy Technologies</li> <li>• Environmental Technologies</li> <li>• Human-Computer Interaction</li> <li>• Instrumentation and Hardware Systems</li> <li>• Internet of Things</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and Cognition Technologies</li> <li>• Medical Devices</li> <li>• Mobility</li> <li>• Nanotechnology</li> <li>• Other Topics</li> <li>• Pharmaceutical Technology</li> <li>• Photonics</li> <li>• Power Management</li> <li>• Quantum Information Technologies</li> <li>• Robotics</li> <li>• Semiconductors</li> <li>• Space</li> <li>• Wireless Technologies</li> </ul>	<p>Grant amounts for each topic range from <b>\$5,000 to \$256,000</b> depending on scale of project and SBIR Phase. Contact NSF for more details on specific amounts for each topic.</p>
		<p><b>If any of these topics interest you, refer to <a href="#">this document</a> to find the contact that is associated with your topic of interest</b></p>
		<p><b>Applications Open Now</b>  <b>Applications Close: 9/2/2021</b></p>
		<p><a href="#">Apply here</a> if your business is already involved with one of these topics.</p>
		<p>To view more subtopics of these individual topics, view the <a href="#">original NSF posting on the SBIR website</a>.</p>


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## Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

<p><b>Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the HHS for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biomarker Research to Support Fertility Regulation Development by Small Business</li> <li>• Detection, Diagnosis, Treatment, Prevention, and Research of Pediatric Cancers and/or Rare Cancers</li> <li>• HEAL Initiative: America’s Startups and Small Businesses Build Technologies to Stop the Opioid Crisis</li> <li>• Innovative Technologies for HIV Behavioral and Social Science Research</li> <li>• Novel Tools for Investigating Brain-derived GPCRs in Mental Health Research</li> <li>• Technologies to Advance Precision Medicine for Reproductive Health and Infertility</li> </ul>	<p>Grant amounts for each topic for up to <b>\$150,000</b> in Phase I and up to <b>\$1,000,000</b> for Phase II depending on scale of project. Contact HHS for more details on specific amounts for each topic.</p>
	<p>To view all the the HHS listings directly on the SBIR website, <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>
	<p><b>Applications Open Now</b>  <b>Applications Close: 9/5/2021</b></p>
	<p><a href="#">Apply here</a> if your business is already involved with one of these topics.</p>
	<p>For general information about these grants, contact <a href="mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov">GrantsInfo@nih.gov</a></p>



## Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

	<p>This is a website where government agencies post grant opportunities. Use the search tool to find grants that can be used for your small business.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
	<p>This is a database that allows you to search for all kinds of grants, and even allows you to sign up for weekly grant alerts so you never miss opportunities to receive funding.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
	<p>GrantWatch is a database that takes government and foundation grants and puts them into user-friendly summaries. They make it easy to search for grants that apply to your small business.</p>	<p><a href="#">Grants</a></p>
	<p>The Minority Business Development Agency is devoted to helping minority-owned businesses grow in size and scale. They do this through workshops, initiatives, and grants that can all be found on their website.</p>	<p><a href="#">Visit Website</a></p>
	<p>This site is used by the federal government to post prize competitions and challenges. These are used to get ideas directly from the public such as software, technologies, and other solutions that your business may already be developing. Check to see if you can win funding from any challenges.</p>	<p><a href="#">Challenges</a></p>