## Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

### November 2021

#### Energy Assessment Grants

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<td>Grant awards will not exceed $100,000 per individual per year</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Delaware Energy Efficiency Investment Fund</td>
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**Eligibility** Non-residential, commercial, and industrial entities located in the State of Delaware

**Focus** Energy Efficiency

Energy Assessment Grants support single purpose (targeted) energy audits and comprehensive energy audits designed to help facilities receive technical evaluations for appropriate, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, specific to each building’s needs.

#### State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant

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<td>Reimburses expenses for up to 50% of approved, eligible, export marketing expenses up to a maximum of $7,000 per fiscal year, per company.</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Export Delaware</td>
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**Eligibility** Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.

**Focus** Delaware Business Exports

The State Trade and Expansion Program (STEP) Grant offers eligible Delaware businesses assistance to help launch or expand export activity. All companies can receive funding a maximum of three times, per country market, in a five-year period.

**Contact:** General Contact export@delaware.gov
Workforce Training Grant

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<td>Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to $100,000 per project</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Delaware Division of Small Business</td>
<td><a href="https://business.delaware.gov/contact/">Homepage</a></td>
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**Eligibility**
Applicants must demonstrate a need for the training, which should be related to new and innovative processes or programs, machinery, or tech-related upgrades.

**Focus**
Workforce Training

**Grants Awarded**
Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted.

CBS Philly's Small Wins! Competition for Small Businesses

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<td>$300,000 in on-air advertising and cash grants</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>CBS Philly</td>
<td><a href="https://business.delaware.gov/contact/">Homepage</a></td>
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**Eligibility**
Businesses owned by and/or serving minority communities and/or women in Philly and the surrounding suburbs with $300,000 in total prizes from now until May 2022.

**Focus**
Small Business

**Awards Information**
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through May 1, 2022, and batches will be announced three times over the course of the application process.

**Contact:**
- Wilmington Area
  - Joe Zilcosky
- Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County
  - David Mathe
  - Kent County
  - Laura Wisler
  - Sussex County
  - Lauren Swain

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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.

CBS3 and The CW Philly are making a major investment in small businesses in the area. They will be awarding small businesses that serve minority communities and/or women in Philly and the surrounding suburbs with $300,000 in total prizes from now until May 2022.
### West Side Corridor Revitalization Fund

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<td>Up to $10,000 per applicant</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Cornerstone West CDC and True Access Capital</td>
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This forgivable loan program has been put into place to act as a catalyst for economic revitalization on the West Side of Wilmington, DE. This funding can be used for site acquisition/expansion, construction/renovation, working capital, inventory, furniture, fixtures, and existing business remodels.

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<td>Small businesses, landlords, and developers with properties situated between I-95/Jackson St. to Union St and 9th St. to Elm St. in Wilmington</td>
<td>Economic Revitalization</td>
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<th>Applications Close</th>
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<td>1/10/2022</td>
<td>Grant winners will be announced in April, number of winners TBA</td>
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Contact: Delores Lee  
dlee@trueaccesscapital.org

### Rehoboth Beach Main Street Sign & Awning Grant

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<td>4 Matching Grants of $500 each</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Rehoboth Beach Main Street</td>
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Rehoboth Beach Main Street is helping businesses in the downtown historic commercial district save money on their sign and awning purchases.

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<tr>
<td>Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE</td>
<td>Small Business</td>
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Awards Information:  
Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted ($2000).

Contact:  
Rehoboth Beach Main Street Office  
302-227-2772
# Community Grants and Funding

## Comcast RISE Program

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<td>Advertising and Marketing Consultations</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Comcast</td>
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<td>TV Media Schedule</td>
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<td>Creative Production</td>
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<td>Tech Makeover</td>
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Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.

### Eligibility
- BIPOC-owned businesses

### Focus
- Any Industry

### Program Awards
- Recipients chosen quarterly

### Contact:
- General Contact
- 844-963-0234

## Amber Grant for Women

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<td>$4,000 winner once a month</td>
<td>First day of each month (Apply Here)</td>
<td>WomensNet</td>
<td><a href="#">Homepage</a></td>
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<td>$1,000 for runner-up</td>
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<td>$25,000 once a year</td>
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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.

### Eligibility
- Must be a woman 18 years or older with a business

### Focus
- Any Industry

### Application Close
- Last day of each month

### Grants Awarded
- One winner each month

### Contact:
- General Contact
- info@womensnet.net
### Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

**Grant Amount**
$10,000

**Application Open**
Open Now (Apply Here)

**Applications Close**
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**Program Awards**
30 Grants will be awarded in total

**Host Organization**
Jane Walker and IFundWomen

**Links:**
- [Homepage](https://ifundwomen.com)

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.

**Eligibility**
- Women-owned business with at least $25,000 in revenue

**Focus**
- Any Industry

### Fast Break for Small Business

**Grant Amount**
$10,000 grants and $500 in LegalZoom services

**Application Open**
Open Now (Apply Here)

**Applications Close**
- 11/23/2021

**Program Awards**
- 50 Grants will be awarded each cycle, 950 additional businesses will receive $500 in LegalZoom services

**Host Organization**
LegalZoom and the National Basketball Association

**Links:**
- [Homepage](https://legalzoom.com)

LegalZoom, the NBA, WNBA, and NBA G League are teaming up to help small business owners everywhere.

**Eligibility**
- For-Profit small businesses except for ineligible businesses listed on the homepage

**Focus**
- Any Industry

**Contact:**
- Contact form located at the bottom of the homepage
## NASE Growth Grants

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<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Always Open to Members</td>
<td>NASE</td>
<td><a href="#">Homepage</a> <a href="#">Membership</a></td>
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**Eligibility**: Must be a member of NASE for at least 3 months prior to applying.

**Focus**: Small Business

**Applications Close**: N/A

**Grants Awarded**: Number given varies, grants awarded quarterly

**Contact**: NASE Grants Administrator [grants_scholarships@nase.org](mailto:grants_scholarships@nase.org)

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## Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

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| 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) | Always Open [Apply Here](#) | USAID | [Homepage](#) |

**Eligibility**: Determine if you are eligible using the [DIV Questionnaire](#)

**Focus**: Any Industry

**Grants Awarded**: 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)

**Contact**: General Contact [div@usaid.gov](mailto:div@usaid.gov)
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.

- Advanced Analytics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Materials
- Artificial Intelligence
- Augmented/Virtual Reality
- Biological Technologies
- Chemical Technologies
- Cloud and High-Performance Technologies
- Cybersecurity and Authentication
- Digital Health
- Distributed Ledger
- Energy Technologies
- Environmental Technologies
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Instrumentation and Hardware Systems
- Internet of Things
- Learning and Cognition Technologies
- Medical Devices
- Mobility
- Nanotechnology
- Other Topics
- Pharmaceutical Technology
- Photonics
- Power Management
- Quantum Information Technologies
- Robotics
- Semiconductors
- Space
- Wireless Technologies

Grant amounts for each topic range from $5,000 to $256,000 depending on scale of project and SBIR Phase. Contact NSF for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

If any of these topics interest you, refer to [this document](#) to find the contact that is associated with your topic of interest.

**Applications Open Now**
**Applications Close: 12/2/2021**

Apply here if your business is already involved with one of these topics.

To view more subtopics of these individual topics, view the [original NSF posting on the SBIR website](#).
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.

- **PA-19-076**: Enabling Technologies to Accelerate Development of Oral Biodevices (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- **PA-19-075**: Enabling Technologies to Accelerate Development of Oral Biodevices (R41/R42 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- **PAR-20-109**: Non-Viral Technologies for in vivo Delivery of Genome Editors (R41/R42 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- **PAR-20-098**: Non-Viral Technologies for in vivo Delivery of Genome Editors (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- **RFA-GM-22-001**: IDeA Regional Entrepreneurship Development (I-RED) Program (STTR) (UT2 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Grant amounts for each topic for up to $150,000 in Phase I and up to $1,000,000 for Phase II depending on scale of project. Contact HHS for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

To view all the HHS listings directly on the SBIR website and to apply, click here.

Applications Open Now
Applications Close: 1/6/2022

For general information about these grants, contact GrantsInfo@nih.gov
### Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

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<td>Grants.gov</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Grants</td>
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<td>USGrants</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>GrantWatch</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Grants</td>
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<td>Minority Business Development Agency</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Visit Website</td>
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<td>Challenge.gov</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Challenges</td>
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# University-Sponsored Competitions

## Richards Barrentine Values and Ventures Competition

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<td>$40,000 to winner</td>
<td>Open 10/11/2021 (Apply Here)</td>
<td>Texas Christian University</td>
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<td>$25,000 to runner-up</td>
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A national collegiate competition where students from around the world are encouraged to pitch ideas for conscious capitalism ventures that will make a profit while also solving a problem.

Contact: Matt Smilor  
[smilor@tcu.edu](mailto:msmilor@tcu.edu)