



Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

February 2022


Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Grants: Volkswagen Mitigation Plan

	Grant Amount Grant 1: Up to \$3.4 million total funding for School Buses and an additional \$2 million for other eligible listings on the grant description Grant 2: Up to \$1.4 Million in total funding rewarded (75% of project cost)		Application Open Grant 1 Open Now (Apply Here) Grant 2 Open Now (Apply Here)		Host Organization DNREC	Links: Homepage
The DNREC is offering two separate grants in order to help decrease the emissions of nitrogen oxides into the air in Delaware. The first grant is to operators of heavy-equipment vehicles such as diesel buses, ferries, tugs, and forklifts to switch to cleaner-fuel vehicles. The second is a grant to support the installation of publicly-available DC-fast charging stations for electric vehicles in Delaware.	Eligibility Applicants must demonstrate that they have the capability to complete this project, and they must operate within the state of Delaware.	Focus Air Quality	Applications Close Grant 1: 3/21/2022 Grant 2: 4/15/2022 Grants Awarded Grant 1: Grants awarded until funding is exhausted Grant 2: 1-3 grants will be awarded		Contact: Grant 1: Deanna Morozowich Deanna.morozowich@state.de.us Grant 2: Breanne Preisen Breanne.Preisen@delaware.gov	


Kent County ARPA Grants

	Grant Amount Total funding amount is not specified.		Application Open Both Grants Open Now (Apply Here) Applications Close 3/31/2022 or When funding is exhausted	Host Organization Kent County Tourism Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce	Links: Homepage
Kent County is offering two grants for organizations that operate within the county—one for hospitality and one for small businesses. These grants must be used to directly support the operations of the businesses that are applying.	Eligibility Hospitality Grant (KCT): A grant for hoteliers and for-profit banquet facilities with established operations between 2019 and 2020 that still currently operate in Kent County. Small Business Grant (CDCC): A grant for for-profit small businesses with 100 or less full time equivalent (FTE) employees with established operations between 2019 and 2020 that still currently operate in Kent County.	Focus Hospitality and Small Business	Grants Awarded These grants will each be awarded until funding is exhausted—there is not a set amount of grants to be given.	Contact: Hospitality Grant Kent County Tourism info@visitdelawarevillages.com Small Business Grant Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce info@cdcc.net	


Energy Assessment Grants

	Grant Amount Grant awards will not exceed \$100,000 per individual per year		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization DNREC	Links: Homepage
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.	Eligibility Non-residential, commercial, and industrial entities located in the State of Delaware	Focus Energy Efficiency	Grants Awarded Grants are awarded on a rolling basis subject to funding availability	Contact: General Contacts EEIF.Grants@clearesult.com 302-467-3239	


State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant

	Grant Amount Reimburses expenses for up to 50% of approved, eligible, export marketing expenses up to a maximum of \$7,000 per fiscal year, per company.		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Export Delaware	Links: Homepage
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.	Eligibility Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.	Focus Delaware Business Exports	Grants Awarded Grants are awarded on a rolling basis	Contact: General Contact export@delaware.gov	


CBS Philly's Small Wins! Competition for Small Businesses

	Grant Amount \$300,000 in on-air advertising and cash grants		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization CBS Philly	Links: Homepage
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.	Eligibility Businesses owned by and/or serving minority communities and/or women in Philly and its suburbs to DE, NJ, the Poconos, and Lehigh Valley	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: General Contact smallwins@cbsphilly.com	


True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

	Grant Amount Up to \$20,000		Application Open Open Now (Contact Lorenzo Merino for information on how to apply)	Host Organization True Access Capital	
The Empowerment Fund by True Access Capital is a grant opportunity for businesses led by People of Color to support their businesses in various projects.	Eligibility Business led by People of Color in the City of Wilmington	Focus Minority-Owned Businesses	Applications Close TBA Awards Information Grants up to 20% of total project cost for loan requests	Contact: Lorenzo Merino, Director of Lending lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org	

Workforce Training Grant


	Grant Amount Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Delaware Division of Small Business	Links: Homepage
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.	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	Contact: Wilmington Area Joe Zilcosky Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County David Mathe Kent County Laura Wisler Sussex County Lauren Swain https://business.delaware.gov/contact/	

Rehoboth Beach Main Street Sign & Awning Grant


	Grant Amount 4 Matching Grants of \$500 each		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Rehoboth Beach Main Street	Links: Homepage
Rehoboth Beach Main Street is helping businesses in the downtown historic commercial district save money on their sign and awning purchases.	Eligibility Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE	Focus Small Business	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


FedEx Small Business Grant Contest

	Grant Amount Three \$50,000 grand prize winners Seven \$20,000 first place winners Additional in-kind rewards for all winners		Application Open 2/10/2022 Applications Close 2/28/2022	Host Organizations FedEx	Links: Homepage
FedEx is awarding 10 small businesses across the United States with grant money in order to help their business grow and sustain success. Applications are submitted through a series of photos and a two-minute elevator pitch to show off the best aspects of your business.	Eligibility Must be a small business located in the United States in operation for at least six months. Applicants must be 18 or older.	Focus Small Business	Grants Awarded 10 grant winners will be announced on May 4 th , 2022	Contact: General Contact USGrantContest@fedex.com	


Women of Color Grant Program

	Grant Amount \$10,000 - \$20,000 and monthly meetings with fellow recipients between April 2022 and April 2023		Application Open Open Now (Application available in homepage) Applications Close 2/9/2022	Host Organizations Fearless Fund The Cru The Tory Burch Foundation	Links: Homepage
Fearless Fund, The Cru, and The Tory Burch Foundation are partnering together to offer businesses owned by women of color both monetary rewards and a peer network in order to help continue to build and grow their businesses.	Eligibility For-Profit business owned by a woman/women of color operating in the United States	Focus Any Industry	Grant Awards 150 grants will be awarded	Contact: General Contact hello@fearless.fund	


DD Entrepreneurial Foundation Grants

 DD ENTREPRENEURIAL FOUNDATION	Grant Amount \$18,000 in total awards with \$15,000 going to the winner.		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organizations DD Entrepreneurial Foundation	Links: Homepage
The DD Entrepreneurial Foundation is offering grants to woman-owned businesses in Delmarva (DE, MD, VA). The main purposes of this organization are to provide start up capital to new businesses and grants to existing business led by female entrepreneurs and fund entrepreneurial opportunities for young women via education and internships.	Eligibility Business must be majority female owned and must already be duly organized. Applicants and businesses must be located in DE, MD, or VA.	Focus Any Industry	Applications Close 3/4/2022 Grant Awards 3 Grants will be rewarded: 1 st Place: \$15,000 Runner-Up: \$2,500 3 rd Place: \$500	Contact: General Contact info@ddprojectwines.com	


Amber Grant for Women

	Grant Amount \$4,000 winner once a month \$1,000 for runner-up \$25,000 once a year		Application Open First day of each month (Apply Here)	Host Organization WomensNet	Links: Homepage
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	


Comcast RISE Program

	Program Rewards Advertising and Marketing Consultations TV Media Schedule Creative Production Tech Makeover Monetary Grant		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here) Applications Close 6/17/2022	Host Organization Comcast	Links: Homepage
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	


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.	Host Organization Jane Walker and IFundWomen	Links: Homepage
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	Program Awards 30 Grants will be awarded in total	Contact: General Contact https://ifundwomen.com/contact	

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

 <div>USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE</div>	Grant Amount 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)		Application Open Always Open (Apply Here)	Host Organization USAID	Links: 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	
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.					

NASE Growth Grants

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

SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the NSF for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH: Photonics (PH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PH1: Advanced Metrology and Sensors PH2: Advanced Optical Components and Systems PH3: Communications, Information, and Data Storage PH4: Lighting and Displays PH5: Photonic Devices PH6: Photonic Energy Conversion PH7: Photonic Materials PH8: Silicon Photonics and Photonic Integrated Circuits PH9: Photonic Metamaterials and Plasmonics PH10: Quantum Optics and Nanophotonics PH11: Other Photonics Technologies PM: Power Management (PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM1: Energy Harvesting Devices and Systems PM2: Materials and Devices for Power Electronics PM3: Materials and Devices for Thermal Management PM4: Novel Power and Thermal Management Sensors PM5: Power Electronics Circuits and Control Systems PM6: Power Management Infrastructure and Smart Grid Systems PM7: Systems for Thermal Management PM8: Other Power Management Technologies QT: Quantum Information Technologies (QT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QT1: Quantum Algorithms QT2: Quantum Communications QT3: Quantum Computing QT4: Quantum Sensing and Metrology QT5: Quantum Simulation QT6: Other Quantum Information Technologies W2: Wireless Systems W3: Other Wireless Technologies R: Robotics (R) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R1: Human Assistive Technologies and Bio-related Robotics R2: Human-Machine Interfaces and Control/Architecture R3: Robotic Applications R4: Robotics in Agile Manufacturing, and Co-Robots R5: Other Robotics Technologies S: Semiconductors (S) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S1: Electronic Devices S2: Electronic Materials S3: Integrated Circuit Design S4: Microelectronics Packaging and Systems Integration S5: Novel Semiconductor-based Sensors S6: Processing and Metrology Technology S7: Wide Bandgap Power Devices and Materials S8: Other Semiconductor Technologies SP: Space (SP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SP1: Extra-terrestrial Resource Extraction SP2: Geological and Geoclimatic Science Data Technologies SP3: Ground Launch Sites and Satellite Operations Technologies SP4: In-space Manufacturing Technologies SP5: Navigation and Positioning Technologies SP6: On-Orbit Technologies SP7: Remote Sensing Technologies SP8: Spacecraft Development and Manufacturing SP9: Space Transportation and Access SP10: Telecommunications Technologies SP11: Other Space-related Technologies W: Wireless Technologies (W) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W1: Wireless Devices and Components 	<p>Grant amounts for each topic up to \$250,000 for Phase I proposals.</p> <p>To view all the the NSF listings directly on the NSF website and to apply, click here.</p> <p>Applications Open Now (Instructions Here) Applications Close: 3/3/2022</p> <p>For general information about these grants, find the specific contact for your topic in the link on the NSF website under “Agency Listings.”</p>
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SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

Department of Defense (DOD)

Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the DOD for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.

- N22A-T001: Visual Display Design for Mitigation of Helicopter and Tiltrotor Brownout Spatial Disorientation
- N22A-T002: Multifunctional Heat Exchanger for Aerodynamic Aircraft Inlets
- N22A-T003: Novel Multiphysics Modeling of Electroplating Process for Metallic Aerospace Components
- N22A-T004: Automatic Hexahedral Mesh Generator for the Electromagnetic Modeling of Complex Navy Platforms with Array Antennas and Radomes
- N22A-T005: Spatial Disorientation Assessment and Evaluation Tool
- N22A-T006: Modeling Platform Level Electromagnetic Compatibility Performance Based on Component Level Testing
- N22A-T007: Heteroepitaxy of Indium Phosphide-Based Quantum Cascade Lasers on Silicon Substrates
- N22A-T008: Smart Image Recognition Sensor with Ultralow System Latency and Power Consumption
- N22A-T009: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Sonar Dome Anti-Fouling Tracking and Prediction Tool
- N22A-T010: Kilowatt Class-k Fiber Optical Isolator for Submarine High Energy Laser Amplifier
- N22A-T011: Shipboard Creepage and Clearance Analysis
- N22A-T012: Survivable Minefield Mission Data Module
- N22A-T013: Damage-Free High Power Emission from Indium Phosphide-Based Solid State Waveguides in the Long Wave Infrared
- N22A-T014: Visible to Near Infrared Laser Array with Integral Wavelength Beam Combining
- N22A-T015: Additive Manufacturing of High Performance Copper-Based Components and Materials
- N22A-T016: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Data-Driven Hypersonic Turbulence Modeling Toolset
- N22A-T017: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Rapid Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Design Exploration
- N22A-T018: Enhanced Sensory Perception via Advanced Synthetic Skins
- N22A-T019: Enhanced Thermal, Mechanical, and Physical Properties of Ceramic Matrix Composites Through Novel Additives
- N22A-T020: Lidar-like 3D Imaging System for Accurate Scene Understanding
- N22A-T021: Affordable Stabilized Directional Antennas for Small Platforms
- N22A-T022: High Resolution Underwater Optical Ranging
- N22A-T023: Aquatic Soft Robotic STEM Education Kit
- N22A-T024: Marine Atmospheric Boundary Layer Profiles via Satellite-based Remote Sensing Data Fusion
- N22A-T025: Enhanced Long-Range Maritime Vessel Classification
- N22A-T026: Low-Cost, Low-Power Vibration Monitoring and Novelty Detection

Grant amounts for each topic can award **up to \$240,000** for Phase I and **up to \$1,700,000** for Phase II projects depending on their scale. Contact DoD for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

To view all the the DOD listings directly on the SBIR website and to apply, [click here](#).

Applications Open Now
[\(Apply Here\)](#)
Applications Close: 2/10/2022


For more information about the DoD SBIR topics and opportunities email the DoD SBIR/STTR Support Help Desk at DoDSBIRSupport@reisystem.com.

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>	Grants
	<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>	Grants
	<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>	Grants
	<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>	Visit Website
	<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>	Challenges

University-Sponsored Competitions

Richards Barrentine Values and Ventures Competition

	Cash Prizes \$40,000 to winner \$25,000 to runner-up \$15,000 to third place		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here) Application Close 2/22/2022 Final Rounds 4/1-4/2/2022	Location Texas Christian University	Links: Homepage
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.	Eligibility Undergraduates	Focus Conscious Capitalism		Contact: Matt Smilor m.smilor@tcu.edu	