



Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

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


Fearless Strivers Grant Initiative

	Grant Amount \$10,000		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organizations Fearless Fund	Links: Homepage
<p>Black women-owned businesses are vital to our economy yet receive less than one percent of venture capital funding. Fearless Fund is deepening its commitment to this community with the launch of the contest. They will be awarding businesses with \$10,000 grants, digital tools to help them get and sustain their business online, and Priceless one-on-one mentorship so they can continue to bolster their business.</p>	Eligibility Must be a black women-owned business	Focus Minority-Owned Businesses	Applications Close 3/31/2022 Grant Awards New rounds of applications open monthly; One prize rewarded per entry period	Contact: General Contact hello@fearless.fund	


Black Founder Startup Grant

	Grant Amount \$5,000 to \$10,000		Application Open Open Now (Apply At Bottom of Homepage)	Host Organization SoGal Foundation	Links: Homepage
<p>SoGalFoundation has teamed with Winky Lux, bluemercury, twelveNYC, Twilio, Walmart.org's Center for Racial Equality, and other sponsors to make a small step towards progress by providing several \$10K and \$5K cash grants to Black women or nonbinary entrepreneurs.</p>	Eligibility Must be a black women-owned business or a black nonbinary-owned business.	Focus Minority-Owned Businesses	Grants Awarded Grants are awarded on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted	Contact: Ann Drabick ann@sogalfoundation.com	


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 5/4/2022 Grant Awards 3 Grants will be awarded: 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)

		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
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.		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	

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.

- PH: Photonics (PH)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - 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)
 - W1: Wireless Devices and Components

Grant amounts for each topic **up to \$250,000** for Phase I proposals.

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

Applications Open Now
[\(Instructions Here\)](#)
Applications Close: 6/30/2022

For general information about these grants, find the specific contact for your topic in the link on the NSF website under “Agency Listings.”

Department of Commerce (DOC)

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

- 9.1: Blue Economy
- 9.2: 'Omics
- 9.3: Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 9.4: Uncrewed Systems
- 9.5: Citizen Science and STEM Education

Grant amounts for each topic **up to \$150,000** for Phase I proposals.

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

Applications Open Now
Applications Close: 3/18/2022

For general information about these grants, contact Genevieve Lind at the DOC: genevieve.lind@noaa.gov

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