## Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

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

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<td><strong>Grant 1</strong>: Up to $3.4 million total funding for School Buses and an additional $2 million for other eligible listings on the grant description</td>
<td>Grant 1 Open Now (<a href="#">Apply Here</a>)</td>
<td>DNREC</td>
<td><a href="#">Homepage</a></td>
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<td><strong>Grant 2</strong>: Up to $1.4 Million in total funding rewarded (75% of project cost)</td>
<td>Grant 2 Open Now (<a href="#">Apply Here</a>)</td>
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**Application Open**
- Grant 1 Open Now ([Apply Here](#))
- Grant 2 Open Now ([Apply Here](#))

**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

### 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

### Contact:
- **Grant 1:**
  - Deanna Morozowich
  - Deanna.morozowich@state.de.us
- **Grant 2:**
  - Breanne Preisen
  - Breanne.Preisen@delaware.gov

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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.
Kent County ARPA Grants

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<th>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.</th>
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| **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 |
| **Application Open**  
Both Grants Open Now  
(Apply Here)  
Applications Close  
3/31/2022 or When funding is exhausted  
**Grants Awarded**  
These grants will each be awarded until funding is exhausted—there is not a set amount of grants to be given. |
| **Host Organization**  
Kent County Tourism  
Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce |
| **Contact:**  
Hospitality Grant  
Kent County Tourism  
info@visitdelawarevillages.com  
Small Business Grant  
Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce  
info@cdcc.net |
| **Links:**  
Homepage |
### Energy Assessment Grants

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<td>Grant awards will not exceed $100,000 per individual per year</td>
<td>Non-residential, commercial, and industrial entities located in the State of Delaware</td>
<td>Energy Efficiency</td>
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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.

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

**Grants Awarded**  
Grants are awarded on a rolling basis subject to funding availability

**Host Organization**  
DNREC

**Contact:**  
General Contacts  
EEIF.Grants@clearesult.com  
302-467-3239

### 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>Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.</td>
<td>Delaware Business Exports</td>
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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.

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

**Grants Awarded**  
Grants are awarded on a rolling basis

**Host Organization**  
Export Delaware

**Contact:**  
General Contact  
export@delaware.gov

**Links:**  
Homepage
### 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>Homepage</td>
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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@cbspathly.com

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### True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

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<td>Up to $20,000</td>
<td>Open Now (Contact Lorenzo Merino for information on how to apply)</td>
<td>True Access Capital</td>
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Eligibility: Business led by People of Color in the City of Wilmington.

Focus: Minority-Owned Businesses

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

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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>
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<td>Grants Awarded</td>
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<td>Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted</td>
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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.

**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

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### 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>
<td>Homepage</td>
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<td><strong>Awards Information</strong></td>
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<td>Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted ($2000).</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.

**Eligibility**
Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE

**Focus**
Small Business

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**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/
### Community Grants and Funding

#### SoGal Foundation

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<td>$5,000 to $10,000</td>
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**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.

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#### Fearless Fund

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**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.

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#### Black Founder Startup Grant

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**Focus:** Minority-Owned Businesses

**Grants Awarded:** Grants are awarded on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted.

**Contact:** General Contact | hello@fearless.fund

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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.

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Community Grants and Funding

**Fearless Strivers Grant Initiative**

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.
# DD Entrepreneurial Foundation Grants

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<td>$18,000 in total awards with $15,000 going to the winner.</td>
<td>Open Now (Apply Here)</td>
<td>DD Entrepreneurial Foundation</td>
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**Application Open:** First day of each month  
**Application Close:** Last day of each month  
**Grant Awards:** 3 Grants will be awarded:  
1st Place: $15,000  
Runner-Up: $2,500  
3rd Place: $500

## 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

## Contact:
General Contact  
[info@ddprojectwines.com](mailto:info@ddprojectwines.com)

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# Amber Grant for Women

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| $4,000 winner once a month  
$1,000 for runner-up  
$25,000 once a year | First day of each month (Apply Here) | WomensNet | [Homepage](#) |

**Application Close:** Last day of each month  
**Grants Awarded:** One winner each month

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

## Focus
Any Industry

## Contact:
General Contact  
[info@womensnet.net](mailto:info@womensnet.net)
### Comcast RISE Program

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<td>Advertising and Marketing Consultations TV Media Schedule Creative Production Tech Makeover Monetary Grant</td>
<td><strong>Open Now (Apply Here)</strong></td>
<td>Comcast</td>
<td><a href="https://www.ifundwomen.com">Homepage</a></td>
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- **Grant Amount**: $10,000
- **Eligibility**: BIPOC-owned businesses
- **Focus**: Any Industry
- **Program Awards**: Recipients chosen quarterly
- **Applications Close**: 6/17/2022

Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.

### Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

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<td>$10,000</td>
<td><strong>Open Now (Apply Here)</strong></td>
<td>Jane Walker and IFundWomen</td>
<td><a href="https://www.ifundwomen.com">Homepage</a></td>
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- **Eligibility**: Women-owned business with at least $25,000 in revenue
- **Focus**: Any Industry
- **Program Awards**: 30 Grants will be awarded in total

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.

**Contact:**

- General Contact: 844-963-0234

- [https://ifundwomen.com/contact](https://ifundwomen.com/contact)
## Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

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<td>USAID</td>
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<td>Stage 3: Transition to Scale (up to $5M)</td>
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<td>Evidence Grants: (up to $1.5M)</td>
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### 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)

## NASE Growth Grants

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<td>$4,000</td>
<td>Always Open to Members</td>
<td>NASE</td>
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### 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](mailto: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.

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<td>PM2: Materials and Devices for Power Electronics</td>
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<td>PH3: Communications, Information, and Data Storage</td>
<td>PM3: Materials and Devices for Thermal Management</td>
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<td>PH4: Lighting and Displays</td>
<td>PM4: Novel Power and Thermal Management Sensors</td>
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<td>PM5: Power Electronics Circuits and Control Systems</td>
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<td>PM6: Power Management Infrastructure and Smart Grid Systems</td>
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<td>PH7: Photonic Materials</td>
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<td>PH8: Silicon Photonics and Photonic Integrated Circuits</td>
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<td>R3: Robotic Applications</td>
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<td>R5: Other Robotics Technologies</td>
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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

W: Wireless Technologies
- W1: Wireless Devices and Components
- W2: Wireless Systems
- W3: Other Wireless Technologies

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.”
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- 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](mailto:genevieve.lind@noaa.gov)
## Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

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<td><a href="https://grants.gov">Grants.gov</a></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>
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<td><a href="https://usgrants.gov">US Grants</a></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><a href="https://grantwatch.com">GrantWatch</a></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>
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<td><a href="https://www.mbdagov.gov">Minority Business Development Agency</a></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>
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<td><a href="https://challenge.gov">Challenge.gov</a></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>
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