



# Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

April 2022


## Northeast Wilmington Revitalization Fund

	<p><b>Loan Amount</b> Up to \$500,000 for eligible projects, with up to 30% of each loan forgiven after the completion of the project in question</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b> Open Now</p> <p><b>Applications Close</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Loans Awarded</b> TBA</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b> True Access Capital</p>
<p>True Access Capital is offering low-interest loans to various types of business owners located in Northeast Wilmington in order to aid in the revitalization of the community and its infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b> Must be developers, business owners, landlords and other property owners located in Northeast Wilmington, with projects that include demolition, acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation, pre-development, working capital, inventory, furniture/fixtures, and equipment.</p>	<p><b>Focus</b> Community Revitalization and Small Business</p>	<p><b>Contact for Details on Applications:</b>  <b>David Ortiz</b>          (302) 652-6774</p>	


## True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

	<p><b>Grant Amount</b> Up to \$20,000</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b> Open Now (Contact Lorenzo Merino for information on how to apply)</p> <p><b>Applications Close</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Awards Information</b> Grants up to 20% of total project cost for loan requests</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b> True Access Capital</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b> Business led by People of Color in the City of Wilmington</p>	<p><b>Focus</b> Minority-Owned Businesses</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>Lorenzo Merino, Director of Lending</b>  <a href="mailto:lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org">lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org</a></p>	


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

	<p align="center"><b>Grant Amount</b>          Up to \$1.4 Million in total funding rewarded (75% of project cost)</p>		<p align="center"><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Host Organization</b>          DNREC</p>	<p align="center"><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>The DNREC is offering a grant to support the installation of publicly-available DC-fast charging stations for electric vehicles in Delaware.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Eligibility</b>          Applicants must demonstrate that they have the capability to complete this project, and they must operate within the state of Delaware.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Focus</b>          Air Quality</p>	<p align="center"><b>Applications Close</b>          4/15/2022</p> <p align="center"><b>Grants Awarded</b>          1-3 grants will be awarded</p>	<p align="center"><b>Contact:</b>  <b>Breanne Preisen</b>  <a href="mailto:Breanne.Preisen@delaware.gov">Breanne.Preisen@delaware.gov</a></p>	


**CBS Philly's Small Wins! Competition for Small Businesses**

	<p align="center"><b>Grant Amount</b>          \$300,000 in on-air advertising and cash grants</p>		<p align="center"><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Host Organization</b>          CBS Philly</p>	<p align="center"><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Eligibility</b>          Businesses owned by and/or serving minority communities and/or women in Philly and its suburbs to DE, NJ, the Poconos, and Lehigh Valley</p>	<p align="center"><b>Focus</b>          Small Business</p>	<p align="center"><b>Awards Information</b>          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.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="mailto:smallwins@cbsphilly.com">smallwins@cbsphilly.com</a></p>	


### Energy Assessment Grants

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


### State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant

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

### Workforce Training Grant


	<b>Grant Amount</b> Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Delaware Division of Small Business	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<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>	<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.	<b>Focus</b> Workforce Training	<b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted	<b>Contact:</b> Wilmington Area <b>Joe Zilcosky</b> Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County <b>David Mathe</b> Kent County <b>Laura Wisler</b> Sussex County <b>Lauren Swain</b> <a href="https://business.delaware.gov/contact/">https://business.delaware.gov/contact/</a>	

### Rehoboth Beach Main Street Sign & Awning Grant


	<b>Grant Amount</b> 4 Matching Grants of \$500 each		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> Rehoboth Beach Main Street	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>Rehoboth Beach Main Street is helping businesses in the downtown historic commercial district save money on their sign and awning purchases.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Awards Information</b> Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted (\$2000).	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Rehoboth Beach Main Street Office</b> 302-227-2772	

# Community Grants and Funding


## KKR Small Business Builders Grant Program for Female Founders

	<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>
<p>Launched in the early days of the pandemic, the Grant Program for Female Founders was created as a key pillar of KKR's COVID-19 Relief Effort with the goal of supporting small business owners around the world as they recover from the pandemic and build toward a better future.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Only women-owned businesses with a minimum of 5 employees and a maximum of 50 employees may apply	<b>Focus</b> Small Business	<b>Application Close</b> 4/22/2022  <b>Grants Awarded</b> Multiple grants will be awarded, specific number has not been specified	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact Page</b> <a href="https://helloalice.com/contact-us/">https://helloalice.com/contact-us/</a>	


## Black Founder Startup Grant

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$5,000 to \$10,000		<b>Application Open</b> Open Now (Apply At Bottom of Homepage)	<b>Host Organization</b> SoGal Foundation	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<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>	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a black women-owned business or a black nonbinary-owned business.	<b>Focus</b> Minority-Owned Businesses	<b>Grants Awarded</b> Grants are awarded on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Ann Drabick</b> <a href="mailto:ann@sogalfoundation.com">ann@sogalfoundation.com</a>	


### DD Entrepreneurial Foundation Grants

 <b>DD ENTREPRENEURIAL FOUNDATION</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$18,000 in total awards with \$15,000 going to the winner.		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organizations</b> DD Entrepreneurial Foundation	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<p>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.</p>	<b>Eligibility</b> Business must be majority female owned and must already be duly organized. Applicants and businesses must be located in DE, MD, or VA.	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Applications Close</b> 5/4/2022  <b>Grant Awards</b> 3 Grants will be awarded: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: \$15,000 Runner-Up: \$2,500 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: \$500	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="mailto:info@ddprojectwines.com">info@ddprojectwines.com</a>	


### Amber Grant for Women

	<b>Grant Amount</b> \$4,000 winner once a month \$1,000 for runner-up \$25,000 once a year		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">First day of each month (Apply Here)</a>	<b>Host Organization</b> WomensNet	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
<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>	<b>Eligibility</b> Must be a woman 18 years or older with a business	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Application Close</b> Last day of each month  <b>Grants Awarded</b> One winner each month	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="mailto:info@womensnet.net">info@womensnet.net</a>	


### 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>          6/17/2022</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>	


### Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

	<p><b>Grant Amount</b>          \$10,000</p>		<p><b>Application Open</b>  <a href="#">Open Now (Apply Here)</a></p> <p><b>Applications Close</b>          Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.</p>	<p><b>Host Organization</b>          Jane Walker and IFundWomen</p>	<p><b>Links:</b>  <a href="#">Homepage</a></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b>          Women-owned business with at least \$25,000 in revenue</p>	<p><b>Focus</b>          Any Industry</p>	<p><b>Program Awards</b>          30 Grants will be awarded in total</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b>  <b>General Contact</b>  <a href="https://ifundwomen.com/contact">https://ifundwomen.com/contact</a></p>	

### Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

 <b>USAID</b> FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE	<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)		<b>Application Open</b> <a href="#">Always Open</a> <a href="#">(Apply Here)</a>  <b>Grants Awarded</b> 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)	<b>Host Organization</b> USAID	<b>Links:</b> <a href="#">Homepage</a>
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.	<b>Eligibility</b> Determine if you are eligible using the <a href="#">DIV Questionnaire</a>	<b>Focus</b> Any Industry	<b>Contact:</b> <b>General Contact</b> <a href="mailto:div@usaid.gov">div@usaid.gov</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>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)

**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 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.

- Advanced Tire Technology for Manned and Unmanned Systems
- M997A3 Chassis Suspension Improvements
- Variable Speed Engine Cooling Fan for Acoustic Detection Management
- Remote Frostbite Prevention System
- Therapeutic Modalities for the Mitigation of Neck/Back Pain during Flight Operations
- Adaptive Technology to Optimize Rehabilitation of Lower Extremity Musculoskeletal Injuries throughout Recovery



Grant amounts for each topic **up to \$250,000** for Phase I proposals and **up to \$1,000,000** for Phase II proposals.

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

**Applications Open Now**  
**Applications Close: 4/26/2022**

For general information about these grants, contact the DOD SBIR Support Helpdesk:  
[DoDSBIRSupport@reisystems.com](mailto:DoDSBIRSupport@reisystems.com)

## Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

 <p>GRANTS.GOV<sup>SM</sup> FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.<sup>SM</sup></p>	<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>US GRANTS ORG</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<sup>TM</sup> Time to apply</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>MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</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>Challenge.gov</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>