



Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

May 2022


Northeast Wilmington Revitalization Fund

	<p>Loan Amount 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>Application Open Open Now</p> <p>Applications Close TBA</p> <p>Loans Awarded TBA</p>	<p>Host Organization 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>Eligibility 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>Focus Community Revitalization and Small Business</p>	<p>Contact for Details on Applications: David Ortiz (302) 652-6774</p>	


True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

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


The First State Food System Program Grants

	<p align="center">Grant Amount</p> <p align="center">Single-Use Projects (<1 Year): \$2,500 to \$49,999 Multi-Use Projects (>1 Year): \$50,000 to \$150,000</p>		<p align="center">Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)</p> <p align="center">Applications Close 5/31/2022</p>	<p align="center">Host Organization Delaware Council on Farm & Food Policy</p>	<p align="center">Links Announcement</p>
<p>The First State Food System Program provides grant funding to entities that grow, process, store, transport, distribute, or sell food in the State of Delaware. The Council will provide funding to a diverse range of entities operating at various points in the food supply chain, including small to mid-sized producers and supply chain entities.</p>	<p align="center">Eligibility</p> <p align="center">Located in Delaware</p> <p align="center">The following businesses are eligible:</p> <p>Producers: farm operation must have an annual value of sales between \$20,000 and \$300,000, and the farm must actively be producing no more than 300 acres of fruits, vegetables, other specialty crops, or other products for human consumption.</p> <p>Storage: food hubs</p> <p>Transportation: fleet coordinators, logistics</p> <p>Processing: incubator facilities, commercial kitchens</p> <p>Distribution: retail outlets, pantries, food trucks, single or multi-site grocery stores, cooperative grocers, corner stores, mobile markets, restaurants, farmers markets, on-farm stores</p>	<p align="center">Focus</p> <p align="center">Agriculture</p>	<p align="center">Awards Information</p> <p>Successful proposals will be chosen on the merits of the project as they relate to the published criteria and will be included as part of the First State Food System Program. Applicants will be notified in writing whether their project has been awarded a grant.</p>	<p align="center">Contact:</p> <p align="center">General Contact</p> <p align="center">DDA_farmandfoodpolicy@delaware.gov</p>	


Workforce Training Grant

 <p>www.DelBiz.com Delaware DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Grant Amount Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project</p>		<p>Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)</p> <p>Grants Awarded Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted</p>	<p>Host Organization Delaware Division of Small Business</p>	<p>Links: Homepage</p>
<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>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Focus Workforce Training</p>	<p>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/</p>		


Energy Assessment Grants

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

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	

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	

Community Grants and Funding


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	


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
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.	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	


Comcast RISE Program

	<p>Program Rewards Advertising and Marketing Consultations TV Media Schedule Creative Production Tech Makeover Monetary Grant</p>		<p>Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)</p> <p>Applications Close 6/17/2022</p>	<p>Host Organization Comcast</p>	<p>Links: Homepage</p>
<p>Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.</p>	<p>Eligibility BIPOC-owned businesses</p>	<p>Focus Any Industry</p>	<p>Program Awards Recipients chosen quarterly</p>	<p>Contact: General Contact 844-963-0234</p>	


Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

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

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

 USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE	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) Grants Awarded 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)	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	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.”

Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

 <p>GRANTS.GOVSM FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.SM</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><u>Grants</u></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><u>Grants</u></p>
 <p>GrantWatchTM 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><u>Grants</u></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><u>Visit Website</u></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><u>Challenges</u></p>