**Women in Business EmpowerHER Grant Application**

### **Grant Overview:**

The Women in Business Grant aims to support female entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance to grow and sustain their businesses. This grant is open to women-led businesses that demonstrate innovation, community impact, and potential for long-term success.

Grants available:

1st place: $2,000 Grant

2nd place: $1,500 Grant

3rd place: $1,000 Grant

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

To qualify for this grant, applicants must meet the following requirements:

* Be a female of at least 18 years old.
* Own at least 51% of a registered business.
* Operate a business that has been active for at least six months.
* Have a clear business plan and financial goals.
* Be a resident of the country where the grant is being offered.
* Agree to provide progress updates if selected.

### **Application Instructions:**

Please complete all sections of the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

#### **1. Personal Information**

* Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **2. Business Details**

* Business Industry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Business Structure (LLC, Sole Proprietorship, Corporation, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Year Business was Established: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Percentage of Ownership: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Number of Employees (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. Grant Proposal**

1. Describe your business and its mission (150-300 words).
2. How will this grant help grow your business? (150-300 words)
3. What impact does your business have on the community or industry? (150-300 words)
4. Provide a breakdown of how you plan to use the funds (budget allocation).

Extra points provided for:

1. Incorporating an educational outreach component
2. Volunteering within the community

#### **4. Supporting Documents (Attach the Following)**

* Business registration/license.
* Business plan (including financial projections).
* Proof of business operations (website, marketing materials, invoices, etc.).
* Any additional supporting materials that strengthen your application.

#### **5. Agreement & Signature**

By signing this application, I certify that all information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to use the funds for business growth as outlined in my proposal and to provide a business update 1 year after receiving funds.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Deadline for 2025: 09/01/2025**

### **Submission: Submit completed applications via email (****lindsey.burton@carteretcountync.gov****)**

Submissions will be reviewed by the Crystal Coast Women in Business subcommittee and brought before the Carteret County Foundation Board to vote on a winner. The winners will be announced at the Crystal Coast Women in Business annual Conference held on 10/01/2025. Winners are encouraged to be in attendance.

For questions, contact lindsey.burton@carteretcountync.gov or call 252-648-7880.