

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES (unless specified in the description)

Amazon App Store Small Business Accelerator - The Small Business Accelerator Program allows developers that earn less than 1 million USD in total annual revenue in the previous calendar year to access additional benefits up to or equivalent to 20% of Appstore revenue. If eligible, you'll receive a 10% increased royalty payment and AWS credits equivalent to 10% of your app revenue. - https://developer.amazon.com/apps-and-games/small-business-program

Antler Global Startup Program - Antler is a global early-stage VC that runs multiple programs for business startups around the world. See the website for more info about the program and application dates. - https://www.antler.co/platform/#apply-now

Awesome Foundation - Foundation distributes \$1,000 grants, no strings attached, to projects and their creators. At each fully autonomous chapter, the money is pooled together from the coffers of ten or so self-organizing "micro-trustees". Awarded monthly - https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en

AWS Startup Loft Accelerator - AWS Startup Loft Accelerator equips your technical team with tech resources, guidance and a community of peers. From technical deep dives to round tables on day-to-day CTO challenges, including: recruiting, managing an engineering team, building a minimum viable product, and design principles for cloud architecture. Provides \$25,000 in AWS credits - https://aws-startup-lofts.com/emea/program/accelerator

Canva Pro For Nonprofits - If you are a nonprofit, you can register now to get Canva's premium features for free. - https://www.canva.com/canva-for-nonprofits/

Charity Entrepreneurship Incubation Program - The Charity Entrepreneurship Incubation Program is a two-month, cost-covered training program that gives a small cohort of talented people from all over the world everything they need to launch a field-leading charity. \$200,000 in seed funding is available. Apply by 9/30/2023

- https://www.charityentrepreneurship.com/incubation-program

Emergent Ventures Grant/Fellowship Application (through Mercatus Center at George Mason University) - Emergent Ventures, a fellowship and grant program from the Mercatus Center, seeks to support entrepreneurs with highly scalable, "zero to one" ideas for meaningfully improving society. Projects will either be fellowships or grants: fellowships involve time in residence at the Mercatus Center in Northern Virginia; grants are one-time or slightly staggered payments to support a project. https://mercatuscenter.formstack.com/forms/emergent_ventures

Etsy Disaster Relief Fund - Sellers will be eligible for a grant if they experienced a federally declared natural disaster within the past year, have been an active seller on Etsy for at least one year, and their Etsy account is in good standing. Grants for \$2,500

- https://advocacy.etsy.com/etsy-emergency-relief-fund-at-cerf/

F6S List of Accelerators and Pitch Competitions - Provides a list of accelerators, contests and pitch competitions around the world. https://www.f6s.com/programs

Mama Ladder Grant - Since 2018, The Mama Ladder has helped mom business owners climb higher with the #HighFiveGrant. This grant is exclusively for women caregivers with human

child(ren) of all ages in any country. Must have generated revenue in the past 12 months. Grant up to \$5000. Apply by 9/30/23 - https://themamaladder.com/grant

Hello Tomorrow Global Challenge - The Challenge offers deep tech and science-based entrepreneurs from around the world chances for equity-free funding, exposure on a worldwide scale, and contacts with influential deep tech ecosystem actors. Previous champions and finalists have successfully raised more than \$3 billion in fundraising so far. Funding up to 100,000 Euros. Apply by 9/22/2023 - https://hello-tomorrow.org/global-challenge/

Pollination Project - Grants to global non-profits. Annual budget for your group or organization must be less than \$50,000. The total cost for the immediate project for which you are requesting funding must be less than \$40,000 - https://thepollinationproject.org/apply/

Savvy Fellowship - Savvy is a 12-week virtual Fellowship program for young professionals seeking to be part of the new generation of impact entrepreneurs. Applicants should be 40 or younger - https://savvyfellows.com/team/

She Loves Tech Global Startup Challenge - All startups must be technology-based startups and for the avoidance of doubt, technology is defined as the use of science and innovation to invent useful things or to solve problems. This extends beyond digital, information or internet-based technology and covers everything from hardware to the creation of new products and solutions to existing problems. Apply by 9/21/2023 - https://www.shelovestech.org/competition

SheTrades Accelerator - SheTrades Accelerator Programme for women entrepreneurs and business support organizations in the Apparel, Accessories and Home Décor sectors is targeting women-led businesses (WLBs) and Business Support Organizations (BSO) in the Apparel, Accessories, and Home Decor sector from Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Senegal, and South Africa. - https://shetrades-accelerator.converve.io/

Techstars Accelerators - Techstars accelerators have one goal: to help entrepreneurs succeed. During each three-month program, they surround companies (companies should be based in North American time zones) with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. Companies can receive \$20K for 6% of company. Various locations and due dates - https://www.techstars.com/accelerators/

We Make Change - Global initiative that matches small businesses (mainly not for profits) with volunteers who are professional individuals or are from companies (including blue chip) that have an interest in supporting not for profits. Helps impact startups build a remote volunteer team for free volunteer help -https://www.wemakechange.org/

Website Build Event - 48in48 - This hybrid event will take place October 6-8th. The focus is on international nonprofits, charities, and NGOs. Volunteer group will build your website with a team of professional web designers and developers within 48 hours for free. Apply by end of September - https://48in48.org/global-virtual/

AFRICA-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

Founders Factory Africa Gen F Incubator - Gen F is for exceptional founders/aspiring entrepreneurs looking to build out and test their ideas, achieve commercial success, and create outsized, systemic impact and founders looking to build tech solutions that solve Africa's largest

problems and catalyze change. Funding up to \$250,000 - https://www.foundersfactory.africa/gen-f-eir-initiative

Grindstone incubator - Must be based in South Africa - incubator will include training, corporate advisory, coaching, mentorship and funding. Specific interventions for each company include a structured gap analysis, understanding of the company value system, building a digital go-to-market strategy, financial modelling, intellectual property assessment, strategic and financial valuation as well as populating a data room - https://grindstonexl.com/

She Wins Africa Incubator - She Wins Africa is a program designed to assist women entrepreneurs across sub–Saharan Africa by offering training, mentorship and networking opportunities that will help their startups succeed. Apply by 9/15/2023

- https://www.ifc.org/en/where-we-work/africa/promoting-gender-equality-in-africa/she-wins-africa

Tony Elumelu Foundation - To apply, you only need to be a permanent resident of any of Africa's 54 countries. Your startup must be at an ideation stage or not a business older than 5 years. Funding of \$5,000 - https://www.tonyelumelufoundation.org/

AUSTRALIA-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

Female Founders Co-Investment Fund - The Fund provides grants from \$50,000 to \$200,000 matched at a 3:1 ratio over a period of 12 months, for either a single investment or a raise round led by an eligible investment entity. Business must be based in Queensland up to \$200,000. Apply by 9/11/23 - https://advance.qld.gov.au/entrepreneurs-and-startups-industry-small-business/female-founders-co-investment-fund

Optus Business Plus Mentorship Grant Program - Must be a company incorporated in Australia that is an existing Optus Business customer or be willing to be an Optus Business customer. Funding up to \$5000 - https://www.optus.com.au/content/optus/en/business/optus-business-plus-mentorship-grant-competition.html

CANADA-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

Black Innovation Launchpad - The Black Innovation Launchpad is a FREE virtual skills development platform focused on building the next generation of Black entrepreneurs. https://www.dmzlaunchpad.ca/courses/black-innovation-launchpad

Boost Your Business Technology Grant - Boost Your Business Technology grant offers support to Canadian-owned small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) who want to adopt new digital technologies. Funding up to \$15,000

- https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/152.nsf/eng/00013.html

OPPORTUNITIES ONLY WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Innovate UK KTN - Resource for sourcing grant programs available in the UK across all sectors. Funding opportunities section allows visitors to the website to filter grants by sector or type of funding required. - https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/opportunities/

OPPORTUNITIES ONLY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

Amazon's Black Business Accelerator - Dedicated to helping build sustainable equity and growth for Black entrepreneurs by enabling their success as sellers. Grow your business with access to financial support, strategic business guidance and mentorship, and marketing and promotional support. - https://sell.amazon.com/programs/black-business-accelerator

American Association of University Women Career Development Grants - The American Association of University Women is seeking applications for Career Development Grants to provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce in education; health and medical sciences; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); or social sciences. Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation and dependent care. Funding up to \$20,000. Apply by 11/15/2023 - https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/career-development/

Black Farmers Equity Initiative Program: Acres Program - Program participants complete a 12-week learning curriculum focused on growing their capacity to take on major national contracts with corporate members. Apply by 10/30/2023 - https://nmsdc.org/acres-cultivating-equity-in-black-agriculture/

Catalyze Challenge Grant - Round Three of the Catalyze Challenge seeks proposals for exploratory work to develop and pilot innovations that propose a new or experimental approach to solve a problem faced by learners, employers, or others involved with career-connected learning. Funding up to \$250,000. Apply by 9/22/2023

- https://www.catalyzechallenge.org/round-three-grant-funding

CCWC Women of Color Entrepreneur Grant - Corporate Counsel Women of Color will award 5 grants to Women of Color entrepreneurs. Your for-profit business much be established as of January 1, 2020 and have over \$25,000 in revenue. Funding of \$5,000. Apply by 9/30/2023 - https://form.jotform.com/Laurie_info/5000-grant

Enthuse Foundation Pitch Competition - A celebration of women who are making their mark on the food, beverage, and CPG industries. Five entrepreneurs pitch their business live in New York City in front of a panel of industry experts. November 9 is the Pitch Competition at Helen Mills Theater in New York City. Funding of \$10,000. Apply by 10/2/2023

- https://www.enthusefoundation.org/pitch-competition

Freed Fellowship - Every month, one \$500 grant is awarded to an underrepresented founder in the US to invest in their existing business. No strings attached. No equity required. Grant recipients are also eligible to receive an additional end-of-year grant of \$2,500. https://www.freedfellowship.com/grant1

Grants to Grow Masterclass (\$25 application fee) - The Grants to Grow Master Class is designed specifically for women small business owners and women educators who are seeking to gain the necessary knowledge, tools, and resources to confidently secure grants to amplify their businesses and educational initiatives. Course is 9/16/23 from 10am -2pm ET. If you register, scroll to the bottom to "Basic Admission" and enter your donation amount (suggested \$25) to attend. Register by 9/14/2023 - https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grants-to-grow-master-class-tickets-703492534107

Harlem Capital Founder Launchpad - The five-week Harlem Capital Founder Launchpad Program will run from September 27 through October 25, 2023. You don't have to be based in NYC. Those eligible include people have worked full-time in tech for 3yrs+ and have a full time startup idea. Apply by 9/7/2023 - https://airtable.com/shru7Ecy2W5Qr07Om

HerRise Micro-Grant (\$10 fee to apply) - Each month a \$500 micro-grant will be awarded to a for-profit small business owned by women of color. Past recipients used their growth grants for computers, equipment, marketing materials, software purchase, website creation and more. - https://www.hersuitespot.com/herrise/

Incfile Fresh Start Business Grant - Whether you're starting over or starting from scratch, entrepreneurs 20 years or older can apply to receive \$2,500 to put toward business startup costs and will also receive free formation services from Incfile. Apply by 9/30/23 - https://www.incfile.com/entrepreneur-grant

Juntos Crecemos Hispanic Digital & Delivery Program (PepsiCo) - PepsiCo is inviting Latina entrepreneurs who work in food service to apply for eight weeks of personalized expert consultation, including best practices across operations, technology, marketing and digital presence. https://pepsicojuntoscrecemos.com/jefaowned/

Keep it Local Business Fund - Must be majority (51%) owned and/or operated by a person of color with less than \$1MM in revenue and less than 25 employees. Grants for \$5,000. Apply by 9/4/23 - https://about.nextdoor.com/nextdoor-kind-foundation/keep-it-local-business-fund/

Leslie's Certification Boost Grant - NAACP and Leslie's Certification Boost Grant is intended to assist entrepreneurs in obtaining vital business certifications including Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Disability-Owned Business Enterprise (DOBE), among others. Focus is on businesses in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, and Texas. Funding of \$5,000. Apply by 9/8/2023 - https://naacp.org/find-resources/grants/naacp-and-leslies-inc-certification-boost-grant

Literacy Opportunity Fund - The Literacy Opportunity Fund is offering grants up to \$6,000 to nonprofit organizations general operating expenses who provide literacy services and programs to youth in the community. Funding up to \$6000. Apply by 10/1/2023 - https://www.proliteracy.org/Literacy-Opportunity-Fund

Manufacturing Hardware Accelerator at Rev: Ithaca Startup Works - The manufacturing hardware accelerator is designed for startups based anywhere in the U.S. that have already developed a fully functional prototype and identified its customer market. Hardware and physical product startups with innovations geared towards businesses or consumers that include electronics, plastics, enclosures, mechanisms, and or machines are encouraged to apply. Apply by 9/25/2023 - https://www.revithaca.com/manufacturing-hardware-accelerator/

McBride Sisters SHE CAN Fund in Food and Wine - SHE CAN Fund invests in the professional advancement and career growth of high-potential, professional women, with a particular focus on women of color. Our mission is to close the gender and race gap in leadership positions in wine & spirits, hospitality, and finance industries by providing professional development - https://www.mcbridesistersfund.org/

Microsoft TechSpark Community Engagement Fellowship Grant - Community organizations focused on creating inclusive economic opportunities will have the opportunity to apply to receive a mix of funding and contextual technical assistance through in-person and virtual support. Awarded organizations will select a member of their team to represent their organization as a TechSpark Fellow. Applicant must be US-based non-profit. Funding up to \$50,000

- https://customervoice.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v4j5cvGGr0GRqy180BH bRzqG-8hAJq1BsU8sgfjznelUQUpCUkJVOTgyTThESk1RTURRR1JUSIdUWSQIQCN0PWcu

Nasdaq Foundation: Quarterly Grant Program to Empower Diverse Entrepreneurs - Only open to non-profits. Grants will be given in this area to organizations and programs that impact women and under-represented communities in one or more of the following ways: Enhance financial engagement and Improve access to knowledge and tools. Funding up to \$75,000. Apply by 11/10/23 - https://www.nasdaq.com/nasdaq-foundation/grant-program

Novae Grants Database - Novae Grants database are intended for small businesses with 6-100 employees, though some are also intended for larger businesses and sole proprietor startups - https://grants.novaegrants.com/

Pure Leaf "No" Grants - "No" grants (grants are \$2000 and open to US residents - concept is that women have to say "yes" to so much - what would an additional \$2K enable you to say "no" to?) Winners receive the \$ and access to a support community and resources through SeekHer's Community Care Program. Funding of \$2,000. Apply by 10/31/23 - https://www.pureleaf.com/NoGrants/

She Stories Grant with BIG WE Foundation - SheStories is a program for Black, Indigenous, Latine/a, multiracial, and API/AAPI womxn and femme-identifying people that cultivates deep personal exploration that compels women to express love for themselves, their work, and their lives while being candid about the challenges, pitfalls and hardships they face personally, in their communities, and in the world. Funding of \$30,000. Apply by 9/12/2023 - https://www.thebigwe.com/grantmaking

SPUR (Shared Purpose, Unlimited Reach) Pathways - Through an integrated and collaborative approach, Macy's, Inc. and Momentus will provide access to a range of capital options from microloans to growth capital to equity investments. This represents a commitment to underrepresented businesses and aims to galvanize the retail industry to invest in the next generation of entrepreneurs - https://www.macysinc.com/purpose/spurpathways

Start Path Small Business (Mastercard) - During the 4-month program, startups will have the opportunity to leverage Mastercard's network and subject matter expertise to uncover product partnerships, scale their companies and power solutions that drive safe, secure and simple experiences. Companies should be in one of following industries: Customer Service, Banking, Security, E-commerce, Artificial Intelligence, Payment Processing, Digital Lending, FinTech - https://developer.mastercard.com/programs/start-path-small-business/

Start Small Think Big is a nonprofit that helps small businesses with high potential and limited access to the resources needed to create thriving businesses. They partner with small business owners, providing personalized business support and building connections with local communities. If you are interested in being considered as a "client" for free services, you can fill out this form https://partner.startsmallthinkbig.org/bofainstitute (for English)

or https://partner.startsmallthinkbig.org/bofainstitute-esp (for Spanish) They also offer free webinars (in Eng and Span). See this link for their upcoming events: https://www.startsmallthinkbig.org/events-for-small-businesses

T-Mobile Refresh Community Spaces in Small Towns Grant - Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided for shovel-ready projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, adaptive uses of older and historic buildings into community gathering spaces, improvements to outdoor parks or trails, and technology projects for public libraries. Applications are accepted from elected officials, town managers or employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with populations of less than 50,000. Apply by 9/30/2023 - https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants

Truist NonProfit Grant - The Truist Foundation supports nonprofits with grants that target leadership development, economic mobility, thriving communities and educational equity. Quarterly deadlines - https://www.truist.com/purpose/truist-foundation/grant-application

Vela Educaion Fund Grants - ELA supports thousands of independent operators who facilitate learning outside the traditional bounds of 'school.' Must be US based and serve K-12 learners or programs outside of traditional public, private, or charter schools. Funding up to \$10,000. Apply by 10/6/23 - https://velaedfund.org/microgrants/

Veterans Business Outreach Center - The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program offers resources to veterans who are interested in starting or growing a small business. There are 22 locations (soon expanding to 35) and they offer workshops, training, counseling, and mentorship opportunities. - https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc-program

Warrior Rising Grant - Warrior Rising strives to accept and assist veterans at any point in the process of starting their own business, whether it is only a concept or if they have actual operations. Funding of \$20,000 - https://www.warriorrising.org/apply/

Wish Local Empowerment Program - You must be a Black-owned business with a brick-and-mortar shop within the United States and less than 20 employees. If selected for the program, you must join Wish Local (which is free). Grants for up to \$2000 - https://www.wish.com/local/empowerment

Women and Minority Business Owner Down Payment Grant (Bank of America) - Non-repayable grant is for up to \$25,000 on SBA owner occupied commercial estate loans for business locations within select opportunity zones (Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles) Program may expand based on pilot.

- https://promotions.bankofamerica.com/smallbusiness/downpaymentgrant

STATE-SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

Arkansas

 UpStart Small Business Grant - Grants for small businesses located in Washington County, AR. Grants for 5,000 https://www.startupjunkie.org/upstart-thrift#

California

- Bakersfield Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Technical Assistance and Grant - The City of Bakersfield Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Technical Assistance and Grant Program is a visionary initiative aimed at providing crucial support to local minority-based businesses in need. Funding up to \$40,000
 - https://www.bakersfieldcity.us/1108/Entrepreneurship-Grant-Program
- Carson, CA Small Business and Commercial Improvement Grants

 Small Business Grant Program will provide grants of \$5,000 to
 \$25,000 for businesses impacted by the pandemic, while the
 Commercial Facade Improvement Program will offer a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to encourage businesses to make aesthetic improvements to their storefronts. Businesses must be located in
 Carson and have 50 employees or fewer. Funding up to \$25,000 https://ci.carson.ca.us/communitydevelopment/SBGProgram.aspx
- Long Beach Visual Improvement Grant Program This City of Long Beach Visual Improvement Program (VIP) Grant will provide direct financial relief to local small businesses and nonprofits impacted by crime and vandalism on or after 10/1/2022. Eligible businesses can receive \$1,500 to cover repairs to their storefront caused by vandalism. - http://longbeach.gov/smallbizgrants
- San Francisco Vandalism Relief Grant Business must have a storefront that was damaged after July 1, 2020 and business must have less than \$8M in revenue. Funding of \$2,000 - https://sf.gov/get-grant-vandalism-related-costs-your-small-business-storefront

Colorado

- Advanced Industries Export Grant Helps Colorado-based advanced industries technology businesses who want to export or are currently exporting. This grant is for small- and medium-sized businesses for up to \$15,000. https://oedit.colorado.gov/advanced-industries-export-grant
- Certifiably Green Denver Grants are available to help minority and/or women-owned small businesses become more sustainable. Businesses can apply for up to \$10,000.
 - <a href="https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Climate-Action-Offices-Directory/Climate-O

- <u>Sustainability-Resiliency/Resources-for-Businesses/Certifiably-Green-</u> Denver
- LaFayette Small Business Grants To support and retain small businesses, the City of Lafayette is piloting a program to provide businesses with grants for capital improvements to expand or improve their current building. Must have 25 or fewer employees. Funding up to \$5000 - https://www.lafayetteco.gov/3906/2023-Small-Business-Capital-Grants

Connecticut

- American Savings Foundation American Savings Foundation is an independent charitable foundation in Connecticut, providing grants to local nonprofit organizations. With a core focus in New Britain and Waterbury, the Foundation also serves 62 additional towns throughout the state. Funding up to \$5000. Apply by 10/12/2023
 - https://www.asfdn.org/grants/community-grants
- Artists Respond Grant The Artists Respond grant program awards funds to Connecticut artists for community-based projects that range from large audience events to small group activities. Artist-led projects use the arts to inspire, empower, educate, and transform Connecticut communities. Grant for \$3,000. Apply by 10/25/23
 - https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Arts-and-culture/Funding_Opportunities/Artists-Respond
- Danbury Small Business Grants To be eligible for assistance under this program, applicants must be a currently operating for-profit Danbury based business that is physically located and registered within the City of Danbury and employs ten or fewer full-time employees. The business must also have an annual gross revenue prior to the COVID-19 pandemic of less than \$1,500,000. Funding of \$5,000. Apply by 8/31/2023 - https://www.danbury-ct.gov/441/Small-Business-Assistance-Program
- Meriden Business Investment and Growth Program Priority funding
 will be for projects located in the Meriden Transit Oriented District, being
 located in a census tract, to permit additional employment and business
 opportunities for minority and socially disadvantaged entrepreneurs.
 Funding up to \$300,000. Apply by 12/31/2024
 - https://www.medco.biz/arpa/
- New Haven Small Business Grant Must be for profit business located in New Haven County, CT - https://www.e3connector.com/decd-small-business-grant
- Torrington/WBDC Small Business Grant Program Business must be located in Torrington, Connecticut and have a zoning permit from the City of Torrington. Funding up to \$10,000 - https://ctwbdc.org/torrington/
- West Hartford, CT Small Business and Nonprofit Grants Business or non-profit must be physically based in West Hartford, CT with less than 50 employees. Funding up to \$10,000

- https://www.westhartfordct.gov/town-departments/economic-development/small-business-non-profit-recovery-grant-program
- Women's Business Development Council Grant The grants are available for women-owned small businesses in Connecticut with clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth, and profitability. The funding ranges between \$2,500 and \$10,000 and applicants must provide a minimum 25% match of the grant. Funding up to \$10,000. Applications open 8/14/23 https://ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program/

Delaware

- EDGE Small Business Grants Five STEM-based companies can each receive up to \$100,000 for eligible expenses. Five Entrepreneur Class (non-STEM) businesses can each get up to \$50,000. The funds are provided as a \$3 (state) to \$1 (business) match. Business must be based in Delaware. Applications open from 9/1/23-9/29/23 https://business.delaware.gov/edge/
- Site Readiness Fund The Site Readiness Fund provides grants, loans or other economic assistance to qualified businesses or local governments based in Delaware that invest in constructing, renovating, or improving commercial, industrial sites that are readily available to businesses - https://business.delaware.gov/site-readiness-fund/

Florida

- Mom and Pop Small Business Grant (Miami/Dade) Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program offers funding opportunities for small owned and operated businesses to purchase equipment, supplies, advertising/marketing, inventory, building liability insurance, security systems and to make minor renovations. Applications are filed by District and all have different due dates. See website for details https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1471548035447835
- Orange County Small Business BOOST The Orange County Small Business BOOST program provides grants to eligible small businesses, home-based businesses and gig workers that were impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses, home-based businesses, and gig workers located in Orange County, Florida, (including municipalities) that can demonstrate a 25% decline in revenue or more during the COVID-19 pandemic may apply for the non-repayable awards. Funding up to \$10,000
 - https://www.ocfl.net/EconomicDevelopment/SmallBusinessBOOST.aspx
- Orlando Business Funding Availability Website with links to several funding options fo businesses based in Orlando, FL -https://www.orlando.gov/Community-Programs-Events/Grant-Funding-Availability

- Sarasota Opportunities For All Small Business Grants Minorityowned small businesses (51% or more ownership) providing services or products in the Sarasota/Manatee region are invited to apply. Funding for up to \$10,000. Apply by 9/18/2023
 - https://www.sarasotachamber.com/opportunities-for-all.html

Georgia

- Cecelia Russo Marketing Small Business Grant Accepting applications from new business owners, start-ups and budding entrepreneurs in the State of Georgia for a \$5,000 grant award. Submit a written pitch of no more than 1,000 words explaining your business and how it would benefit from a \$5,000 grant and continue to propel the economic impact. Apply by 10/1/2023
 - https://ceciliarussomarketing.com/entrepreneurship-grants/
- Columbus, GA Grants Small businesses physically located in the city of Columbus (three options - small biz, hospitality and non-profits). Funding up to \$40,000 - https://www.columbusga.gov/arp
- Conyers, GA Small Business Grants Small business grants for businesses based in Conyers
 - https://www.conyersga.com/government/about-conyers/arpa-funds-assistance
- Gwinett County Small Business Grants Business must be for-profit Gwinnett County-based business with a minimum of two years of operation and less than 50 employees. Funding up to \$15,000
 - https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/departments/planningde velopment/economicdevelopment/smallbusinessgrant
- Newton County GA Small Business Grant Financial assistance to small for-profit businesses in Newton County with up to 25 employees (including the owner) at the time of application with up to \$20,000 in grant funding
 - https://iparametricsbpa.workflowcloud.com/forms/21a871ad-9b90-41da-b36b-dc1a0c154a47

Illinois

- Danville, IL Small Business Grant Businesses must be restaurants
 which prepare and sell food either for on-premise or off-premise
 consumption or have been deemed by the State of Illinois as a "nonessential" business which was required to "cease all activities except for
 minimum basic operations". Must have a commercial business location
 within the City of Danville (home-based businesses are
 ineligible). Grants for
 - \$10,000 https://www.cityofdanville.org/government/community-development/cdbg-covid-19-small-business-assistance-grant
- **Gurnee**, **IL Small Business Grant** The village of Gurnee, Illinois launched a small business grant program last month. Grants can be

used to improve business facilities and each business must provide at least half of the capital (match) for each project. Grants up to \$10,000 - https://www.gurnee.il.us/business/small-business-capital-investment-grant-program

Indiana

Bloomington Small Business Grants - Bloomington Urban Enterprise
 Association (BUEA) has three grant programs to support small business
 owners in the Enterprise Zone - Small Business Safety & Security
 Grant, Business Building Improvement Grant and Accessibility
 Modification Grant – Funding up to \$5000 – Apply by 9/1/23
 - https://bloomington.in.gov/business/buea/business

Kansas

 Topeka & Shawnee County Small Business Incentive Program

 The for-profit business must be located in the City of Topeka or Shawnee County and less than 100 employees – Next deadline is 11/30/23 - https://www.gotopeka.com/small-business-incentive/

Kentucky

 Kentucky STEP Grant - The STEP grant provides reimbursement to eligible small businesses for allowable international export development activities. Funding up to \$10,000 - http://kyexports.com/step-grant/

Louisiana

- Hispanic Owned Business Grant for Louisiana Must be at least 51% Hispanic owned business for profit business operating in the state of Louisiana and be/become a Member of Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Louisiana. Grants are \$2,500
 - https://hispanicchamberla.com/hispanic-owned-small-businesses-grant/

Maine

- Aroostook County Small Business Grant Northern Maine Business Relief Program is a competitive grant to assist Aroostook County small businesses with less than 250 employees that were established in 2020 or later, were impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and were unable to access grant funding to offset their losses due to proof of previous income prior to the pandemic. Funding of \$15,000. Apply by 10/3/2023
 - https://www.nmdc.org/northern-maine-business-relief-program-nmbrp/

Maryland

- ExportMD Program Maryland companies that receive an ExportMD Award are eligible for up to \$5,000 in reimbursement for expenses associated with an international marketing project. Apps due first of each month https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/exportmd-program
- Maryland Economic Adjustment Fund This is an evolving loan fund, which supports small businesses that don't qualify for traditional loans or financing. This specific program will grant priority to businesses in Baltimore City and rural regions across the state.
 - https://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/meaf

Massachusetts

- Cambridge, MA Small Business E-Commerce Grant Priority will be given to Cambridge-based businesses with fewer than 25 employees, businesses with no or little online presence, and businesses that have seen a severe decrease in sales from pre-pandemic levels. Funding up to \$4000. Apply by 8/21/2024
 - https://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/Business/Assistance/ecommer cegrant
- Sussex County Small Business Grant Program Business must have been legally established in Sussex County since Jan. 1, 2019 and have annual revenue less than \$4 million and 50 or fewer full-time employees. Funding up to \$15,000 - https://www.sussexcountysbg.com/

Michigan

- Lansing Small Business Support Grants The program will provide
 vital funding assistance, in the form of reimbursement grants up to
 \$50,000, to support small businesses looking to be a part of Downtown
 Lansing's transformation as the community works towards recovery
 following the COVID pandemic. Funding also available for nonprofitshttps://www.downtownlansing.org/small-business-support-grants/
- Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur-Lab (MVE-Lab) Michigan Veteran Entrepreneur-Lab (MVE-Lab) is a free 3-month entrepreneurship accelerator for veterans and/or military spouses. It is designed to provide hands-on startup education for