

Nonprofit Grant Writing Workshop 201 - Advanced

This FREE workshop is designed for individuals who have attended a previous Develop Iosco non-profit grant writing workshop or have grant writing experience already.

We will be doing a deep dive into the Council of Michigan Foundations Common Grant Application. This application is used by many funders in the State of Michigan.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their organizations leaders, staff and/or volunteers. You will leave this workshop with a working draft grant proposal. Bring your laptops, or notebook and pens.

 Thursday, March 19, 2026
5 - 8 PM

 The Sunrise Center, ACCOA
807 N Barlow Rd., Lincoln

 Presenter: Dr. Manuela Kress
Mid-Michigan Grant Writers

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Grant Writing Workshop for Businesses

This FREE workshop is designed for business owners, but it's also perfect for anyone interested in learning more about grant writing.

Learn the basics of grant writing including how to find funders, putting together a grant calendar, the required sections of grant proposals, and required attachments.

We will also be talking about upcoming grant opportunities. This is an informal workshop with lots of time included for questions and answers.

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 Tuesday, April 14, 2026
5 - 7 PM

 Harrisville Library
312 W Main St., Harrisville

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GRANTS WITH APPROACHING DEADLINES

Congressionally Directed Spending Requests – Senator Elissa Slotkin Federal Funding Opportunity for Community Projects

U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin is accepting applications for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests for the upcoming federal fiscal year. These requests allow communities to seek federal funding for specific local projects that address important community needs.

 Deadline: March 31, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments (cities, counties, townships)
- Public entities
- Nonprofit organizations that have been a 501(c)(3) for at least three years

Project Types Often Supported

- Infrastructure improvements
- Public safety initiatives
- Housing and community facilities
- Workforce development
- Environmental or water projects
- Transportation improvements

Important Notes

- Applicants may submit up to three project requests.
- The online application cannot be saved and returned to later, so prepare all materials before starting.

 [Apply or review guidance here](#)

Funding to Improve Health & Wellness for Michigan Residents

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund has opened its 2026 grantmaking programs, supporting innovative projects that improve health outcomes for Michigan residents—particularly children and older adults—while helping reduce healthcare costs across the state.

Grant Programs for 2026

- Healthy Kids
- Healthy Aging
- Behavioral Health
- Capacity Building

Funding supports initiatives that address community health challenges, expand access to care, strengthen community organizations, and improve long-term health outcomes.

 Grant sizes vary by program and may reach up to approximately \$750,000 depending on the initiative.

Key 2026 Dates

- Concept Papers Due: March 30, 2026 (Healthy Kids initiative)
- Full Applications Due: June 4, 2026
- Awards Announced: November 2026
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Additional grant rounds and capacity-building opportunities may have spring and summer deadlines, depending on the program.

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3))
- Federally recognized Tribal governments
- Local units of government
- State of Michigan entities

Projects must serve Michigan residents, though organizations do not need to be located in Michigan.

 Learn more or apply: <https://mihealthfund.org/grantmaking/>

Match on Main – MEDC Small Business Grant

Funding for New or Expanding Downtown Businesses

The Match on Main program from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) supports new and expanding small businesses located in downtowns or commercial districts. The grant helps businesses invest in improvements that activate commercial spaces and strengthen local economies.

 Funding Amount: Up to \$25,000 per business

 Application Window: March 1 – April 20, 2026

Eligible Applicants

- Small businesses located in designated downtown or commercial districts
- New or expanding brick-and-mortar businesses

Eligible Uses

- Interior renovations
- Outdoor activation spaces
- Marketing or technology upgrades
- Equipment and inventory purchases
- Design and technical assistance

 Important: Businesses need to apply through their local municipality, DDA, or Main Street program, which submits the application to MEDC by April 20.

GRANTS WITH APRIL DEADLINES

Funding to Strengthen Michigan's Food and Agriculture System

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is accepting applications for Underserved, Value-Added, Regional Food Systems and Supply Chain Grants. This program supports value-added agricultural businesses and community organizations working to strengthen Michigan's food system, expand processing capacity, and improve access to healthy foods across the state.

 Funding Amount: Up to \$100,000 per proposal

 Match Requirement:

- 30% match required
- Reduced 15% match available for underserved applicants (self-certification required)

 Deadline: April 15, 2026 – 5:00 PM ET

 Eligible Applicants

- Value-added agricultural processing businesses
- Nonprofit organizations
- Community organizations
- Traditionally underserved groups involved in Michigan's food system

 Project Types Often Supported

- Expanding value-added agricultural production or processing
- Strengthening regional food systems
- Developing or improving food supply chains
- Increasing access to healthy and locally produced foods

 Application Notes

- Applications must demonstrate measurable outcomes for Michigan's food and agriculture industry
- All proposals are evaluated through a competitive selection process
- Applications must be submitted through the MiAgGrants system

 Learn more or apply: <https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/business-development/grantfund>

 Apply: [MIAgGrants Portal](#)

Galaxy Grants – Hidden Star / Galaxy of Stars

Fast & Simple Grant for Women and Minority Entrepreneurs

The Galaxy Grant provides funding to help women-owned and minority-owned businesses start or grow their companies. The program is administered by Hidden Star, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports underserved entrepreneurs through funding and business resources.

 Funding Amount: \$3,500 grant awarded to selected entrepreneurs.

 Deadline: April 30, 2026

 Eligible Applicants

- Women entrepreneurs
- Minority entrepreneurs
- U.S.-based business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs
- Applicants 18 years or older

Eligible Uses

- Business startup costs
- Equipment or inventory
- Marketing or branding
- Business growth or operational expenses

Application Notes

- Free to apply
- Application takes about 30 seconds to complete
- Basic information such as name, email, ZIP code, and business status is required.

 Learn more or apply: <https://galaxyofstars.org/galaxy-grants/>

GRANTS WITH ROLLING DEADLINES

Michigan State Trade Expansion Program (MI-STEP)

Grants to Help Michigan Businesses Export

The MI-STEP program helps Michigan businesses expand into international markets by reimbursing costs related to exporting products and services. This includes trade shows, international marketing, and export development activities.

 Funding Amount: Up to \$15,000 in reimbursements for export-related expenses.

 Application Status: Funding rounds occur periodically throughout the year depending on federal funding allocations.

Eligible Applicants

- Michigan-based small businesses
- Companies interested in exporting goods or services internationally

Eligible Uses

- Trade show participation
- International marketing campaigns
- Export compliance assistance
- Translation and international business development

 Learn more or apply: <https://www.michiganbusiness.org/services/international-trade/>

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program

Funding for Community Projects in Small Towns

The T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program provides funding to help small towns bring community-driven, shovel-ready projects to life. Grants support initiatives that revitalize public spaces, improve community infrastructure, and strengthen connections in rural communities across the United States.

Funding Amount: Up to \$50,000 per project

 Applications are reviewed quarterly, with deadlines on:

- March 31, 2026
- June 30, 2026
- September 30, 2026
- December 31, 2026

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
- 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations
- Tribal governments or community leaders

Communities must have a population of 50,000 or less to qualify.

Project Types Often Supported

- Downtown revitalization or historic building reuse
- Parks, trails, and outdoor gathering spaces
- Technology upgrades for libraries or community centers
- Arts and cultural placemaking projects
- Improvements to shared community spaces

Projects should be shovel-ready and completed within about 12 months of receiving funding.

 Learn more or apply: <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>

Hustler's MicroGrant

Monthly Grant for Entrepreneurs

The Hustler's MicroGrant, offered through HerSuiteSpot, provides monthly funding to entrepreneurs and small business owners.

 Funding Amount: \$1,000 grant

 Deadline: Applications accepted monthly

Eligible Applicants

- U.S. entrepreneurs
- Startups and established businesses

Eligible Uses

- Business startup costs
- Marketing or branding
- Equipment or technology

 Learn more or apply: <https://www.hersuitespot.com/hustlersgrant/>

Rural Heritage Partnership Program (Michigan SHPO)

Funding to Restore Historic Buildings in Rural Michigan Communities

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will soon launch the Rural Heritage Partnership Program, funded through a \$750,000 National Park Service Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant. The program will provide funding to help rural communities repair and improve historic buildings, while promoting long-term economic development through preservation.

The initiative focuses on revitalizing historic downtowns and community landmarks that contribute to local identity, tourism, and economic vitality.

 Part of a \$750,000 statewide grant pool that will be distributed through sub-grants to eligible projects.

 Program Timeline:

- Program guidelines expected: Winter 2025–2026
- Applications anticipated to open: Spring 2026

Eligible Applicants (anticipated)

- Local units of government
- Nonprofit organizations
- Public entities

Applicants may also partner with private building owners.

📍 Eligible Properties

- Located in rural Michigan communities with populations under 25,000
- Commercial, industrial, civic, mixed-use, or community-focused buildings
- Must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places individually or as part of a historic district

🏠 Project Types Often Supported

- Exterior repairs and stabilization
- Historic building rehabilitation
- Improvements that support downtown revitalization
- Preservation of culturally significant rural landmarks

🔍 Learn more or sign up for updates: <https://www.miplace.org/historic-preservation/>



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