BizCentrl
GEEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Priority is given to businesses participating in BizCentrl program.

- New and current business clients of BIZ CENRTL
- Generate less than $1 million dollars in revenue
- Located in 13 counties of NWPA
- Bonus points will be given to businesses within the following industry sector: Agriculture. Energy. Manufacturing. Robotics & Technology. Life Sciences.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What counties are eligible?

The BizCentrl Microgrant Program serves eligible businesses located throughout 13 counties of NW Pennsylvania: Erie, Warren, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Clarion, Forest, Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clearfield, and Potter.

Can startups apply?

Yes. In fact, businesses established within the previous 24 months are one of the program priority categories. Businesses must meet all eligibility requirements and be actively operating at the time funding is awarded.

Will every applicant receive a microgrant?

No. The BIZ CENTRL anticipates significant demand for the program and available funding is limited. Meeting eligibility does not guarantee funding. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized according to program guidelines.

Will I have to repay the Microgrant?

No. BIZ CENTRL microgrants are grants and do not require repayment. However, grant recipients must comply with all program requirements and reporting obligations. Grant awards may also be considered taxable income and recipients may receive a Form 1099

Are there ineligible expenses that cannot receive microgrant funding?

Microgrant funds may not be used for:

- Repayment of existing debt
- Payroll taxes
- Previously paid interest or finance charges
- Political activities
- Religious activities
- Lobbying services
- Fines, penalties, or legal settlements

I own multiple businesses; can I apply for more than one microgrant?

No. Business owners are eligible to receive only one microgrant through the BIZ CENTRL Microgrants Program and may not receive separate grants for multiple businesses they own.

I previously received funding through another BIZ CENTRL program. Am I still eligible?

Yes. Previous recipients of grants administered by the BIZ CENTRL may be still eligible to receive one microgrant, provided all other program requirements are met.

What documents will I need?

Businesses selected for further review should expect to provide documentation such as:

- Federal tax returns
- Pennsylvania tax documentation
- Government-issued photo identification
- Ownership information
- Business formation documentation
- EIN or Social Security Number (as applicable)
- Proposed use of grant funds

Additional documentation may be required during the application review process.

How long will I have to provide additional information if I am selected for further review?

Businesses selected to move forward for microgrant consideration will be asked to submit additional documentation (used for Due Diligence review). Those applications will generally have two weeks to provide requested documentation. Applicants that do not respond within the requested timeframe may be withdrawn from consideration.

For More Info & To Apply: www.bizcentrl.org