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Grants (For Profit Businesses): (Last update September 2019)

Government

Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)

Small businesses engaged in research and development that has commercial potential. The SBIR aims to stimulate technological innovation and scientific entrepreneurship.

Website: <https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sbir>

Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR)

The STTR has similar goals, but requires its small business applicants to collaborate with a research institution.

Website: <https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sttr>

National Science Foundation (SBIR)

The NSF accepts proposals in the areas of engineering, science, or medicine, though specific topics change from year to year.

Website: <https://seedfund.nsf.gov/>

National Institutes of Health (SBIR)

Small business grants to companies researching and developing commercially innovative biomedical technologies

Website: <https://sbir.nih.gov/>

Department of Energy (SBIR/STTR)

Sectors in environmental science, clean energy, and material science.

Website: <https://www.energy.gov/science/sbir/small-business-innovation-research-and-small-business-technology-transfer>

Department of Defense (SBIR/STTR)

Sectors in military.

Website: <https://sbir.defensebusiness.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

National Institute of Food & Agriculture (SBIR)

Research and development in the agricultural field. Topics include forestry, food science and nutrition, aquacultural, biofuel products, animal protection, and more.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/small-business-innovation-research-program-sbir>

Environmental Protection Agency (SBIR)

Businesses looking to advance green technology and sustainable scientific developments.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/sbir>

National Institute of Standards & Technology

Small business grants to companies developing technology under topics like cybersecurity, manufacturing, software, and trade.

Website: <https://www.nist.gov/oaam/grants-management-division/nist-program-information>

Department of Transportation (SBIR)

Sectors in developing technology regarding aviation, railroads, and highways.

Website: <https://www.volpe.dot.gov/work-with-us/small-business-innovation-research>

Homeland Security (SBIR)

Sectors that work in the areas of border and maritime security, chemical and biological defense, cyber security, explosives, or first responder group technology.

Website: <https://sbir2.st.dhs.gov/portal/SBIR/>

Department of Education (SBIR)

Sectors in developing pre-reading and pre-writing technology developments to research that deals with STEM skills, language learning, and behavioral learning patterns.

Website: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/sbir/index.html>

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (SBIR)

Sectors in developments and research in coastline communities and economies, healthy ocean monitoring, climate adaptation and mitigation, and much more.

Website: <https://techpartnerships.noaa.gov/SBIR>

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

for small businesses and agricultural producers that are modernizing education and health in rural communities. Specifically, these grants are an option if your company provides education or health services through telecommunications.

Website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>

Local

RISE Financial Pathways's Individual Development Account (IDA) (County of Los Angeles) — Up to \$2,500. For every dollar participants save, they receive a \$2.50 in matching funds which would give them up to \$3,500 at the end of the program year. Can be used to finance business. Also comes with financial training classes. Annual earnings must not exceed 200-percent of the poverty guidelines as published by the United States Department of Health. More info in the website.

Website: <https://risefinancial.wordpress.com/business-loans/2500-grant/>

HSBC Matched Savings Grant—Up to \$500. Participants who successfully save \$500.00 will receive a \$500.00 matched savings grant. The total \$1,000.00 is then available for usage to open a HSBC Secured Credit Card.

Website: <http://pacelabdc.org/events/build-business-credit-with-a-matched-savings-grant-from-hsbc-ivs090519/>

National

General

SCORE's American Small Business Championship and SCORE Awards—Up to \$15,000. To enter, answer the question, “What makes your business one of the best small businesses in your community?” through a video of 30-60 seconds, or with a photo and written response of 1,000 characters or less. You will also need to get at least 100 votes for your entry to be eligible to win.
Website: <https://championship.score.org>

FedEx Small Business Grant Contest—Up to \$25,000. For any business that's been operating at least 6-months.

Website: <https://smallbusiness.fedex.com/grant-contest.html>

Intuit-National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) Growth Grants—up to \$4,000, Be a NASE member. Business Plan and Resume. How money is going to be used.

Website: https://www.nase.org/Membership/Benefits/Growth_Grants.aspx

<https://quickbooks.intuit.com/blog/news/apply-today-for-a-4000-nase-growth-grant-for-your-small-business/>

The Zach Grant—\$2,500, Fundera will award \$2,500 for the best video entry every year. The grant will be awarded in check form, made payable directly to the business.*

Website: <https://www.fundera.com/resources/zach-grant>

Small Business Cash Grant from IdeaCafe Grants—\$1,000, plus advertising credits. For anyone who currently owns a business or is planning to start one.

Website: http://www.businessownersideacafe.com/small_business_grants/index.php

ActivityHero Business Grants—up to \$10,000. For businesses that provide children's camps and classes. Winners are chosen based on how many votes and reviews each receives in the grant window.

Website: <https://camps.activityhero.com/business-grant-contest/>

Veterans

StreetShares Commander's Call Veteran Business Award— The grant amounts are \$15,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000. businesses that are more than 50 percent owned by military veterans and that are working to have a social impact on their community.

Website: <https://go.streetshares.com/foundation/veteran-small-business-award>

Women

The Amber Grants for Women—Up to \$2,500. For Women only. Every month \$500 award is given out to monthly winner. Additional \$2,000 will be granted to one of 12-monthly winners.

Website: <https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/get-an-amber-grant/>

Tory Burch Foundation Fellows Program— \$5,000. A woman entrepreneur who owns a majority stake in a qualifying business and manages it on a day-to-day basis. Early stage (1 to 5 years). Minimum revenue \$75K. US-Based.

Website: <http://www.toryburchfoundation.org/fellows/#requirements>

Cocokind Impact Foundation— \$2,500 to \$10,000. For female entrepreneurs in health, wellness, and sustainability industries who are focused on creating social impact through business..

Website: <https://www.cocokind.com/pages/impact>

Cartier Women’s Initiative Awards— \$100,000 (first prize) and \$30,000 (second prize).

international competition recognizes projects led by women entrepreneurs.

Website: <https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/>

Girlboss Foundation by Nasty Gal—\$15,000 plus exposure through the #Girlboss and Nasty Gal social channels as well as local/regional press. Focus: design, fashion, music, and the arts.

Website: <http://www.girlboss.com/foundation/>

EILEEN FISHER Women-Owned Business Grant Program—Up to 10 grants recipients (minimum grant \$10,000). Majority women-owned and women-led (majority defined as minimum 51%). In operation for a minimum of three years at time of application and able to provide accompanying financials. Revenues not exceeding \$1 million in year prior to application.

Business founded on creating environmental and social change

Website: <http://www.eileenfisher.com/grants/grants-overview/>

Career Development Grants—Not a business grant, but a grant for women with bachelor’s degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or reenter the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.

Website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/career-development-grants/> or <http://bit.ly/1LlfPLE>

Technology

Comcast’s Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs—Regional prize \$10,000. Grand prize \$30,000, plus a trip to Comcast headquarters in Philadelphia. Open to non-franchised business, 50 or fewer employees, both startup and established businesses are eligible. More about eligibility:

Website: <http://cbcommunity.comcast.com/i4e>

Visa Everywhere Initiative— \$50,000 to the final three winners.. startups with innovative fixes for payment and commerce challenges.

Website: <http://cbcommunity.comcast.com/i4e>

Grants aggregation sites

*These sites aggregate grant information from various sources (Federal, state, non-profit, private, etc...)

Startup Compete—Aggregates business competitions from around the world, including US.

Website: <https://startupcompete.co/competitions.php>

Lesko.com—Aggregates various grants from federal and state governments. (Paid-source)

Website: <http://lesko.com/>

WomanOwned – Aggregates grants for woman-owned for-profit and non-profit organizations. (Paid-source)

Website: <http://www.womanowned.com/features/grants-and-funding.aspx>

GrantWatch.com—Aggregates various grants from federal and state governments. (Mostly for nonprofits, but occasional grants for for-profit businesses.) (Paid-source)

Website: <https://california.grantwatch.com/>

Prosperity Now—Aggregates IDA (Individual Development Account) Programs across the country.

Website: <https://prosperitynow.org/map/idas>

Grant Writing Assistance

QB3 Startup in a Box—Helps with grant application for SBIR program to entrepreneurs in scientific field.

Website: <http://qb3.org/>