
GRANTS!! PLEASE READ HERE > > > > >

Thank you for visiting the Farmingdale SBDC for assistance with your small business. We look forward to working with you! Below is a helpful guide that addresses one of our clients' most frequently asked questions...

What grants am I eligible for?

- Grants can be extremely elusive, and many are misled to their availability. Be advised that the vast majority of grants issued in the country today are issued within government and not-for-profit arenas, and generally NOT for startup businesses, home buyers, or minority-owned businesses. A very limited number of extremely competitive grants exist in the high-tech, biotech, energy savings, and recycling industries.
- Please be aware of potential scams in the self-proclaimed "grant circuit." Also see the following sites, with articles cautioning entrepreneurs about books, conferences, and seminars that "promise" grants for a myriad of uses, but require an initial purchase, or non-refundable cash upfront (ranging from \$30 - \$1000+), with NO GUARANTEED funding.
 - A word on the "grant circuit" by the Better Business Bureau and a Florida SBDC:
 - <http://www.bbb.org/alerts/article.asp?ID=279>
 - <http://sbdc.scc-fl.edu/faq.htm>
 - read online book reviews from people who have purchased the books you are considering
 - Products of this kind may be useful in locating organizations providing business and technical assistance (such as the SBDC), but it is information the Small Business Administration has made readily available to you for free. (www.sba.gov)
- That said, below is a list of actual grant sources, including information on the issuing organization, the amount, and the requirements for applying. This list is by no means exhaustive, but rather an introduction into the uses for which grants are available.
- For a database of federal and state assistance programs, you may want to check: www.cfda.gov (catalog of federal domestic assistance), <http://www.sba.gov/expanding/grants.html>, and <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/topics/grants.htm>
Which list resources for grants available and organizations you can reach for further assistance.
- For workbooks, guides, and additional information on securing and writing grants, visit the Foundation Center, www.fdncenter.org.

Organizations & Special Programs

ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	QUALIFICATION	AMOUNT	CONTACT
New York State Department of Labor	Work Opportunity Tax Credit/ Welfare-to-Work	Must be used to hire certain workers (welfare-to-work, etc.)	Up to \$2,400 per employee	(516) 934-8558
Long Island Forum For Technology	Business Expansion/ Worker Training	Technology/ manufacturing sector	To \$100,000	www.lift.org
Nassau County Economic Development	Brownfields/ Worker Training	Restoring unusable property in Nassau/ Training workers	Varies	(516) 571-5802
LIPA	Energy Issues	Special uses: air conditioning, large facilities, light bulb rebate, consultation	Varies	(631) 436-5755
Empire State Development	Economic Development	Various programs available – contact for more information	Varies	(631) 435-0717
US Department of Energy: Office of Industrial Technologies	Promote Innovation	Inventions, must address industry-specified properties	\$40,000 or \$250,000	www.oit.doe.gov/inventions/
NY VESID	Business Startup	Must be disabled, VESID determined	Up to \$11,000	(631) 952-6357
Small Business Innovation Research	Promote Innovation	Must be in technology research and training and link w/ nonprofit facility	Up to \$100,000	(202) 205-6450
Energy Products Center	Energy Efficiency	Technology for energy efficiency	Varies	(518) 862-1090
Office of Children and Family Services	Licensed Child Care Providers	Must be for staff development or health & safety supplies	\$500-\$2000	(800) 295-9616
Child Care Council	Startup Day Care	Must be home-based (family & group providers)	Not funds: hard goods and courses	(516) 358-9250 (631) 462-0303
US Department of Agriculture	Food and Agriculture Development	Must be for innovations in food products, use RFP process	Varies	(518) 457-2713

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