

Delaware-Based Competitions and Grants

January 2022

Energy Assessment Grants

	Grant Amount Grant awards will not exceed \$100,000 per individual per year		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Delaware Energy Efficiency Investment Fund	Links: Homepage
	Eligibility Non-residential, commercial, and industrial entities located in the State of Delaware	Focus Energy Efficiency	Grants Awarded Grants are awarded on a rolling basis subject to funding availability	Contact: General Contacts EEIF.Grants@cleareresult.com 302-467-3239	
Energy Assessment Grants support single purpose (targeted) energy audits and comprehensive energy audits designed to help facilities receive technical evaluations for appropriate, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, specific to each building's needs.					

State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) Grant

	Grant Amount Reimburses expenses for up to 50% of approved, eligible, export marketing expenses up to a maximum of \$7,000 per fiscal year, per company.		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Export Delaware	Links: Homepage
	Eligibility Examples of eligible activities include booth fees for overseas trade shows, travel expenses, and more.	Focus Delaware Business Exports	Grants Awarded Grants are awarded on a rolling basis	Contact: General Contact export@delaware.gov	
The State Trade and Expansion Program (STEP) Grant offers eligible Delaware businesses assistance to help launch or expand export activity. All companies can receive funding a maximum of three times, per country market, in a five-year period.					

CBS Philly's Small Wins! Competition for Small Businesses

	Grant Amount \$300,000 in on-air advertising and cash grants		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization CBS Philly	Links: Homepage
<p>CBS3 and The CW Philly are making a major investment in small businesses in the area. They will be awarding small businesses that serve minority communities and/or women in Philly and the surrounding suburbs with \$300,000 in total prizes from now until May 2022.</p>	Eligibility Businesses owned by and/or serving minority communities and/or women in Philly and its suburbs to DE, NJ, the Poconos, and Lehigh Valley	Focus Small Business	Awards Information Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through May 1, 2022, and batches will be announced three times over the course of the application process.	Contact: General Contact smallwins@cbsphilly.com	

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True Access Capital Empowerment Fund

	Grant Amount Up to \$20,000		Application Open Open Now (Contact Lorenzo Merino for information on how to apply)	Host Organization True Access Capital	
<p>The Empowerment Fund by True Access Capital is a grant opportunity for businesses led by People of Color to support their businesses in various projects.</p>	Eligibility Business led by People of Color in the City of Wilmington	Focus Minority-Owned Businesses	Applications Close TBA Awards Information Grants up to 20% of total project cost for loan requests	Contact: Lorenzo Merino, Director of Lending lomerino@trueaccesscapital.org	

Workforce Training Grant

 <p>www.DelBiz.com Delaware DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Grant Amount Matches grants that fund specialized training for companies up to \$100,000 per project</p>		<p>Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)</p>	<p>Host Organization Delaware Division of Small Business</p>	<p>Links: Homepage</p>
<p>Workforce Training Grants are offered by the Delaware Division of Small Business to attract and retain quality jobs in the state of Delaware. They are also offered to create opportunities for advancement for Delaware employees.</p>	<p>Eligibility Applicants must demonstrate a need for the training, which should be related to new and innovative processes or programs, machinery, or tech-related upgrades.</p>	<p>Focus Workforce Training</p>	<p>Grants Awarded Grants are awarded after 45 days; once funding is exhausted no further applications will be accepted</p>	<p>Contact: Wilmington Area Joe Zilcosky Non-Wilmington Area of New Castle County David Mathe Kent County Laura Wisler Sussex County Lauren Swain https://business.delaware.gov/contact/</p>	

West Side Corridor Revitalization Fund

 	Grant Amount Up to \$10,000 per applicant		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Cornerstone West CDC and True Access Capital	Links: Homepage
<p>This forgivable loan program has been put into place to act as a catalyst for economic revitalization on the West Side of Wilmington, DE. This funding can be used for site acquisition/expansion, construction/renovation, working capital, inventory, furniture, fixtures, and existing business remodels.</p>	Eligibility Small businesses, landlords, and developers with properties situated between I95/Jackson St. to Union St and 9 th St. to Elm St. in Wilmington	Focus Economic Revitalization	Applications Close 1/10/2022 Grants Awarded Grant winners will be announced in April, number of winners TBA	Contact: Delores Lee dlee@trueaccesscapital.org	

Rehoboth Beach Main Street Sign & Awning Grant

	Grant Amount 4 Matching Grants of \$500 each		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Host Organization Rehoboth Beach Main Street	Links: Homepage
<p>Rehoboth Beach Main Street is helping businesses in the downtown historic commercial district save money on their sign and awning purchases.</p>	Eligibility Must be a business located in the downtown historic commercial district of Rehoboth Beach, DE	Focus Small Business	Awards Information Awards will be given on a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted (\$2000).	Contact: Rehoboth Beach Main Street Office 302-227-2772	

Community Grants and Funding

Comcast RISE Program

	<p>Program Rewards Advertising and Marketing Consultations TV Media Schedule Creative Production Tech Makeover Monetary Grant</p>	<p>Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)</p> <p>Applications Close 1/15/2022</p>	<p>Host Organization Comcast</p>	<p>Links: Homepage</p>
<p>Comcast is providing services and upgrades to BIPOC-owned small businesses in need that have suffered through the pandemic.</p>	<p>Eligibility BIPOC-owned businesses</p>	<p>Focus Any Industry</p>	<p>Program Awards Recipients chosen quarterly</p>	<p>Contact: General Contact 844-963-0234</p>

Amber Grant for Women

	<p>Grant Amount \$4,000 winner once a month \$1,000 for runner-up \$25,000 once a year</p>	<p>Application Open First day of each month (Apply Here)</p>	<p>Host Organization WomensNet</p>	<p>Links: Homepage</p>
<p>A grant for women with businesses awarded in honor of Amber Wigdahl, who tragically passed away at the age of 19 before she was able to realize her business dreams.</p>	<p>Eligibility Must be a woman 18 years or older with a business</p>	<p>Focus Any Industry</p>	<p>Application Close Last day of each month</p> <p>Grants Awarded One winner each month</p>	<p>Contact: General Contact info@womensnet.net</p>

Jane Walker First Women Grant Program

	Grant Amount \$10,000		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here) Applications Close Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Program Awards 30 Grants will be awarded in total	Host Organization Jane Walker and IFundWomen	Links: Homepage
The Jane Walker First Women Grant, by Jane Walker and IFundWomen, is for women-owned businesses who have broken through in culture and paved the way for more women to succeed.	Eligibility Women-owned business with at least \$25,000 in revenue	Focus Any Industry	Contact: General Contact https://ifundwomen.com/contact		

Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)

	Grant Amount Stage 1: Pilot (up to \$200K) Stage 2: Test and Position for Scale (up to \$1.5M) Stage 3: Transition to Scale (up to \$5M) Evidence Grants: (up to \$1.5M)		Application Open Always Open (Apply Here) Grants Awarded 10-20 awarded per year (1-2% of applicants)	Host Organization USAID	Links: Homepage
Multiple stages of grants for innovators and researchers to test new ideas and solutions that can change the world and help improve people's lives.	Eligibility Determine if you are eligible using the DIV Questionnaire	Focus Any Industry	Contact: General Contact div@usaid.gov		

NASE Growth Grants

	Grant Amount \$4,000		Application Open Always Open to Members	Host Organization NASE	Links: Homepage Membership
A grant for small business owners that are members of the National Association for the Self-Employed to finance business needs.	Eligibility Must be a member of NASE for at least 3 months prior to applying	Focus Small Business	Applications Close N/A Grants Awarded Number given varies, grants awarded quarterly	Contact: NASE Grants Administrator grants_scholarships@nase.org	

SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the DHS for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.

- DHS221-001: Automated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Distress Alerts and Monitoring
- DHS221-002: Rapidly deployable countermeasures at protected perimeters and structures
- DHS221-003: Non-Invasive and Real-time Detection of Counterfeit Microelectronics
- DHS221-004: Broadband Push-to-Talk Interoperability Platform
- DHS221-005: A Step Towards Agent Agnostic Detection of Biological Hazards
- DHS221-006: Streamlined Airport Checkpoint Screening for Limited Mobility Passengers
- DHS221-007: Mass Fatality Tracking System (MFTS)
- DHS221-008: Next Generation High-Performance, Low Cost, Semiconductor-Based Spectroscopic Personal Radiation Detectors (SPRDs)
- DHS221-009: Field Forward Detection Platform for High Consequence Toxins
- DHS221-010: Wearable Detector for Aerosolized Chemical Threats
- DHS221-011: From Port-Side to Pen-Side: Low Cost Detection/Diagnostics for High-Consequence Transboundary or Nationally Reportable Animal Diseases, Particularly Those with Zoonotic Propensity

Grant amounts for each topic for up to **\$150,000** in Phase I and up to **\$1,000,000** for Phase II depending on scale of project. Contact DHS for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

To view all the the DHS listings directly on the DHS website and to apply, [click here](#).

Applications Open Now
Applications Close:
1/19/2022

For general information about these grants, contact **Danette Williams:** danette.williams@hq.dhs.gov

SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities

Department of Defense (DOD)

Below is a list of topics currently being offered by the DOD for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant opportunities.

- N22A-T001: Visual Display Design for Mitigation of Helicopter and Tiltrotor Brownout Spatial Disorientation
- N22A-T002: Multifunctional Heat Exchanger for Aerodynamic Aircraft Inlets
- N22A-T003: Novel Multiphysics Modeling of Electroplating Process for Metallic Aerospace Components
- N22A-T004: Automatic Hexahedral Mesh Generator for the Electromagnetic Modeling of Complex Navy Platforms with Array Antennas and Radomes
- N22A-T005: Spatial Disorientation Assessment and Evaluation Tool
- N22A-T006: Modeling Platform Level Electromagnetic Compatibility Performance Based on Component Level Testing
- N22A-T007: Heteroepitaxy of Indium Phosphide-Based Quantum Cascade Lasers on Silicon Substrates
- N22A-T008: Smart Image Recognition Sensor with Ultralow System Latency and Power Consumption
- N22A-T009: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Sonar Dome Anti-Fouling Tracking and Prediction Tool
- N22A-T010: Kilowatt Class-k Fiber Optical Isolator for Submarine High Energy Laser Amplifier
- N22A-T011: Shipboard Creepage and Clearance Analysis
- N22A-T012: Survivable Minefield Mission Data Module
- N22A-T013: Damage-Free High Power Emission from Indium Phosphide-Based Solid State Waveguides in the Long Wave Infrared
- N22A-T014: Visible to Near Infrared Laser Array with Integral Wavelength Beam Combining
- N22A-T015: Additive Manufacturing of High Performance Copper-Based Components and Materials
- N22A-T016: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Data-Driven Hypersonic Turbulence Modeling Toolset
- N22A-T017: DIGITAL ENGINEERING - Rapid Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Design Exploration
- N22A-T018: Enhanced Sensory Perception via Advanced Synthetic Skins
- N22A-T019: Enhanced Thermal, Mechanical, and Physical Properties of Ceramic Matrix Composites Through Novel Additives
- N22A-T020: Lidar-like 3D Imaging System for Accurate Scene Understanding
- N22A-T021: Affordable Stabilized Directional Antennas for Small Platforms
- N22A-T022: High Resolution Underwater Optical Ranging
- N22A-T023: Aquatic Soft Robotic STEM Education Kit
- N22A-T024: Marine Atmospheric Boundary Layer Profiles via Satellite-based Remote Sensing Data Fusion
- N22A-T025: Enhanced Long-Range Maritime Vessel Classification
- N22A-T026: Low-Cost, Low-Power Vibration Monitoring and Novelty Detection

Grant amounts for each topic can award **up to \$240,000** for Phase I and **up to \$1,700,000** for Phase II projects depending on their scale. Contact DoD for more details on specific amounts for each topic.

To view all the the DOD listings directly on the SBIR website and to apply, [click here](#).

Applications Open Now
[\(Apply Here\)](#)
Applications Close: 2/10/2022

For more information about the DoD SBIR topics and opportunities email the DoD SBIR/STTR Support Help Desk at DoDSBIRSupport@reisystem.com.

Federal Funding Opportunities (General)

 <p>GRANTS.GOVSM FIND. APPLY. SUCCEED.SM</p>	<p>This is a website where government agencies post grant opportunities. Use the search tool to find grants that can be used for your small business.</p>	<p>Grants</p>
 <p>US GRANTS ORG</p>	<p>This is a database that allows you to search for all kinds of grants, and even allows you to sign up for weekly grant alerts so you never miss opportunities to receive funding.</p>	<p>Grants</p>
 <p>GrantWatchTM Time to apply</p>	<p>GrantWatch is a database that takes government and foundation grants and puts them into user-friendly summaries. They make it easy to search for grants that apply to your small business.</p>	<p>Grants</p>
 <p>MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</p>	<p>The Minority Business Development Agency is devoted to helping minority-owned businesses grow in size and scale. They do this through workshops, initiatives, and grants that can all be found on their website.</p>	<p>Visit Website</p>
 <p>Challenge.gov</p>	<p>This site is used by the federal government to post prize competitions and challenges. These are used to get ideas directly from the public such as software, technologies, and other solutions that your business may already be developing. Check to see if you can win funding from any challenges.</p>	<p>Challenges</p>

University-Sponsored Competitions

Richards Barrentine Values and Ventures Competition

	Cash Prizes \$40,000 to winner \$25,000 to runner-up \$15,000 to third place		Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Location Texas Christian University	Links: Homepage
A national collegiate competition where students from around the world are encouraged to pitch ideas for conscious capitalism ventures that will make a profit while also solving a problem.	Eligibility Undergraduates	Focus Conscious Capitalism	Application Close 2/22/2022 Final Rounds 4/1-4/2/2022	Contact: Matt Smilor m.smilor@tcu.edu	

Rice Business Plan Competition

	Cash Prizes \$1.2 Million (\$350,000 to winner)	In-Kind Prizes \$100,000+ in total prizes, including law strategy, mentoring, etc.	Application Open Open Now (Apply Here)	Location Rice University	Links: Homepage Past Winners
The world's richest and largest graduate-level student startup competition entering it's 21 st year. Offers real-world opportunities to learn what's required to successfully launch a new business.	Eligibility Graduate Student-Led	Focus Any Industry	Application Close 1/31/2022 Final Rounds 4/7-4/9/2022	Contact: Catherine Santamaria, Director, RBPC rbpc@rice.edu	