



Local Business Resource Newsletter

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Greetings Neighbor,

Season’s Greetings and Happy New Year! My office continues to be invested in your success by ensuring your access to viable, well-vetted state, local, and federal funding sources.

This month’s categories include *Community Development & Public Interest, Arts & Culture, Education, Health & Human Services, and Grants for Local Businesses*. We have also included important information about FREE administrative and operational support for community-based organizations (CBOs)!

Opportunities are organized by due date, per category. If you see any resources that you intend to apply for, or if you have any related questions, please contact my office by calling (215) 242-7300 or by emailing C. Michael Robinson at crobinson@pahouse.net. My office may be able to provide you with additional supports to strengthen your application.

In Service,

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: LINKS ON THIS DOCUMENT ARE CLICKABLE AND WILL DIRECT YOU TO FURTHER INFORMATION.

Community Development & Public Interest

Local Share Account – Philadelphia (LSA – Philadelphia)

Funding Source: Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)

Who May Apply: Community Development Corporations, Business Improvement Districts, Non-Profit Organizations with 501(c) designation.

Use: Economic development projects, neighborhood revitalization projects, community improvement projects, projects in the public interest. Any eligible project must be located in Philadelphia.

Funds: Varying based-on need, but minimum request/award of \$10,000 and a maximum request/award of \$500,000.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

More Information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/local-share-account-lsa-philadelphia/>



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Keystone Historic Preservation **Planning** Grant

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC)*

Who May Apply: Historic Preservation Organizations, Conservancies, Colleges & Universities, Religious Institutions, Museums, and other Historical Organizations. Historic property must be publicly accessible and listed in, or documents as eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places.

Use: To support project that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities.

Funds: Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. A 50/50 cash match is required.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

More Information: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Planning-Projects.aspx>

Keystone Historic Preservation **Construction** Grant

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC)*

Who May Apply: Historic Preservation Organizations, Conservancies, Colleges & Universities, Religious Institutions, Museums, and other Historical Organizations. Historic property must be publicly accessible and listed in, or documents as eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places.

Use: To support project that rehabilitate, resporte, or preserve historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Funds: Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. A 50/50 cash match is required.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

More Information: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/Construction-Projects.aspx>

Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebate Program

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)*

Who May Apply: PA residents whose total household income is below 400 percent of the Federal Income Poverty Level

Use: This program provides a rebate to Pennsylvanians who purchase or lease alternative fuel vehicles.

Funds: Rebates vary depending on the type of vehicle purchased.

Application Deadline: First Come, First Served; Rolling Basis**

More Information: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/Alternative-Fuels-Incentive-Grant/Pages/Alternative-Fuel-Vehicles.aspx>

**Please note, applications must be received within six months of the purchase date of the vehicle.

Arts & Culture

Arts Organizations & Arts Programs (AOAP)

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Council on the Arts*

Who May Apply: Community-Based Organizations, and Municipalities with at least two years of consistent arts programming and an average arts revenue over \$200,000. School Districts are also eligible.

Use: Eligible use of funds include, but are not limited to, operating, programming or project expenditures.

Application Deadline: January 17, 2024

More Information: <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/AOAP/Pages/AOAP-Track.aspx> OR contact Ian Rosario (irosario@pa.gov / 717-525-5548), Amy Gabriele (agabriele@pa.gov / 717-525-5547) or Seth Poppy (spoppy@pa.gov / 717-787-1520).

Empowered History Micro-Grant Program

Funding Source: *The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC)*

Who May Apply: Any community group or member of a community with historical materials located in Pennsylvania. Highest priority is given to organizations with demonstrated financial need and historical material from communities that are underrepresented in the historical record.

Use: Enable communities to preserve and share their history through purchases that capture, preserve, or disseminate community history, such as (but not limited to) archival boxes, digital projects, educational materials, equipment to improve storage, and more.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

More Information: <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/News-Programs/Pages/Empowered-History.aspx>

Entry to Arts Organizations & Arts Programs (AOAP Entry Level)

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Council on the Arts*

Who May Apply: Nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, unit of government, or school district, providing arts programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania with at least two years of consistent arts programming and an annual arts revenue of \$200,000.

Use: This program is the entry point for organization or program to enter the arts Organizations and Arts programs track. Eligible uses or funds include, but are not limited to, operating, programming or project expenditures.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2024

More Information: <https://www.arts.pa.gov/WHAT%20WE%20DO/FUNDING/apply-for-a-grant/ENTRY/Pages/default.aspx> OR contact Ian Rosario (irosario@pa.gov / 717-525-5548), Amy Gabriele (agabriele@pa.gov / 717-525-5547) or Seth Poppy (spoppy@pa.gov / 717-787-1520).



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Education & Workforce Development

Manufacturing PA Training-to-Career Grant

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)*

Who May Apply: Technical and trade schools, school districts, post-secondary academic institutions, workforce investment boards, economic development organizations, and nonprofit organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible.

Use: Projects must focus on the development and deployment of workforce training programs for individuals with barriers to employment, engage youth or those with barriers in awareness building activities of manufacturing career opportunities, and advance capacity for local or regional manufacturers to meet the needs of local and regional manufacturers that cannot be met through existing programs such as WEDnet and Industry Partnerships.

Funds: Funds are available on an annual basis and vary based on recommendations and constraints set in the annual budget.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted and evaluated on an ongoing basis as long as funds remain available.

More Information: <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/manufacturing-pa-training-career-grant-program/>

Health & Human Services

Cooking in Healthy Electrified Commercial Kitchens Rebate

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*

Who May Apply: Pennsylvania based K-12 schools, higher education institutions, restaurants, non-profit hospitals, and nonprofits whose missions are geared toward community services such as soup kitchens, shelters, or food banks.

Use: Eligible equipment that is energy star certified and combustion-free (electric), demand control kitchen ventilation systems and induction ranges, cooktops, woks, griddles, and electrical infrastructure upgrades to accommodate additional electrical load.

Funds: Maximum Rebate of \$8,500 (total of \$150,000 Available)

Application Deadline: December 31, 2023

More Information:

https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Energy/OfficeofPollutionPrevention/Energy_Efficiency_and_Conservation/CommercialBuildings/Pages/default.aspx

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP)/ Community Violence Intervention Strategies Projects (CCVI)

Funding Source: *Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency*

Who May Apply: Community-based organizations with 501(c)(3) designation, institutions of higher education, municipalities, district attorneys, and counties.

Use: Effective local intervening and preventative measures to stop gun violence that is occurring across the state.

Funds: \$40M in state funding available for two tracks:

1. VIP Grants: Applicants can receive up to 50% of their operating budget up to \$950,000.
2. CCVI: Applicants can request up to \$3M in total funding over a 36-month period (**FUNDING MATCH REQUIRED**).
2-3 projects across the Commonwealth will be selected (**HIGHLY COMPETATIVE**)

Application Deadline: January 18, 2024

More Information: <https://www.pccd.pa.gov/Funding/Pages/Active-Funding-Announcements.aspx>

Grants for Local Businesses

Small Business Advantage Grant Program

Funding Source: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Who May Apply: Non-Profits with primary physical locations in PA, and 100 or fewer full-time employees. Commercial real estate businesses and tenant businesses may also be eligible if they meet the criteria outlined in the program guidelines.

Use: The Program is a first-come, first-served grant program that provides matching grants to assist small businesses undertaking energy efficiency, pollution prevention or natural resource conservation projects.

Funds: Between \$5,000 – \$8,000

Application Deadline: March 22, 2024 OR until funds are exhausted (Up to \$1M available)

More Information:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/GrantsLoansRebates/SmallBusinessOmbudsmanOffice/Pages/Small%20Business%20Advantage%20Grant.aspx>

Other Resources

FREE Administrative Support for Community-Based Organizations & Nonprofits

The [Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub](#) is a partnership with the national [Catchafire](#) volunteer network that pairs community-based and nonprofit organizations with industry professionals that possess the right skills for your unique organizational needs. The *Key Skills Hub* volunteers can augment your existing marketing, development, operational, and strategic needs, and so much more! We strongly encourage organizations who are going after grant opportunities or interested in growing or strengthening their service deliver partner with *The Philadelphia Foundation's Key Skills Hub*.

More Information: <https://philafound.catchafire.org/>

Community Development Financial Institutions that Serve Philadelphia County

What is a *CDFI*? Community Development Financial Institutions are federally contracted financial institutions that provide credit and financial services to underserved communities and markets. There are 10 CDFI's that serve Philadelphia Counties. They are listed below:

<p>Community First Fund 1301 North 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122 (267) 236-7000</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <p>Small Business Loans</p> <p>Affinity Group Lending</p> <p>Commercial Real Estate</p> <p>Housing Project Loans</p>	<p>Reinvestment Fund 1700 Market Street, 19th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 574-5800</p> <p>Focus Areas</p> <p>Clean Energy & Sustainable Lending Steve Chung, Sr. Director for Clean Energy Steve.chung@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5814</p> <p>Small Scale Real Estate Development Robert Cox, Regional Director, Southeast robert.cox@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5882</p>
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<p><u>Nonprofit Financial Support</u></p> <p><u>First-Time Homeownership</u></p> <p><u>New Market Tax Credits</u></p> <p><u>Lender Support.</u></p>	<p><u>New Market Tax Credits (NMTC)</u> Reema Fakh, Sr. Director of NMTC Reema.fakh@reinvestment.com; (215) 574-5883</p> <p><u>Social Impact Bonding (for Government Contractors)</u> Sara Vernon Sterman, Chief Program Officer *Contact our office for support with this resource</p> <p><u>Early Childhood Development Grants & Supports</u></p> <p><u>Food Systems Grants and Supports</u></p>
<p>Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC) 1500 Market Street, Suite 3500 West, Phila., PA 19102 (215) 496-8020; info@pidcphila.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Support Services</u></p> <p><u>Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Commercial Real Estate Development</u></p> <p><u>Tax Exempt Bonding</u></p> <p><u>Grants Administration</u></p> <p><u>New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC)</u></p> <p><u>Federal EB-5 (Welcome Fund)</u></p>	<p>Impact Loan Fund 1952 E. Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134 (215) 739-1600; info@impactservices.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u></p> <p><u>Landlord Working Capital</u></p> <p><u>Rental Improvement Fund</u> 19120, 19122, 19124, 19125, 19133, 19134, 19137, and 19140 ZIP Codes ONLY</p>
<p>Beech Capital 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 300, Phila., PA 19121 (215) 763-8824; info@beechinterplex.com</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Lending</u> Larry J. Griffin, Vice President of Lending info@bcvc.com</p> <p><u>Revitalization Project Funding</u> Christine Brown, Alston-Beech Foundation inforabf@beechinterplex.com</p>	<p>VestedIn (Formerly West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution) 3675 Market Street, Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 452-0100; info@vestedin.org</p> <p><u>Focus Areas</u></p> <p><u>Business Grants</u></p> <p><u>Small Business Loans</u></p> <p><u>Entrepreneur Programs</u></p> <p><u>Beauty/Barber Salon Accelerator Program</u></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Enterprise Center Capital 45448 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139 (215) 895-4000; info@theenterprisecenter.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Due Diligence Advances for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Equity Investment (Local Job Creation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Low-Interest Capital for MBE Construction Businesses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seed Funding for MBE in Food, Tech, Healthcare, and Consumer Packaged Goods.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Business Technical Support</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Neighborhood Progress Fund Liberty Square, West Tower 1300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100, Philadelphia PA 19132 (215) 232-0516; contact@npfp.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Microloans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Flexible Financing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Business & Entrepreneur Support</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Entrepreneur Works 400 market Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 545-3100; info@entrepreneurworks.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Women-Owned Small Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Group/Individual Coaching</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Women's Opportunities Resources Center 2010 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 564-5500, info@worc-pa.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus Areas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Credit Builder Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Direct Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small Business Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Credit Lines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expansion Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Near Equity Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commercial Real Estate Loans</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advising & Technical Support</p>



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