



## PUSH Grant Applications Now Open. Apply Now!

Grants available in two tiers, \$2,500 and \$5,000. The total fund has reached over \$200,000 made possible by community partners such as: *Main St. Ventures, First Financial Bank, Kroger Co., the Haile Foundation, Cincinnati Development Fund*, and host of online supporters. Grants will be able to support 100-150 Hamilton County minority-owned businesses and can be used for: restocking inventory, cash for initial payroll, revenue generating expenses, business model changes or pivot, rent or lease payments.

[Applications](#) for PUSH Grants are now being accepted to provide these businesses with the short-term funding to stay afloat and able to restart quickly. Our minority business owners are also community leaders, educators, and so much more. The PUSH Grants application process is unique in many ways; *inclusive* application process, assists businesses *who may not qualify* for federal loans, PPP, or other funding, and grants for *home based* businesses, *1099 contractors*, and *e commerce* based companies. The first round of applications are from **May 27th- June 5th**. [>>> Apply Now!](#)

Businesses applying for The PUSH Grant must meet certain eligibility requirements that include:

1. African American or minority-owned for-profit business (51%)
2. In business for 6 months or more
3. Business is located within Hamilton County
4. Business has 10 or fewer FTE employees
5. Business has revenues of \$500,000 or less
6. Demonstration of need
7. Strategy for stability
8. In good standing with the State of Ohio

We encourage you to apply for the first round of funding [HERE](#), the grant portal opens **Wednesday May 27th, at 5:00pm EST** and will remain open until **June 5th at 11:59pm EST**.

More information about The PUSH Grant and contributing to the fund can be found [HERE](#).

### The PUSH Grant Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is composed of local business owners, community stakeholders, and corporate partners. Members of the committee are, Derrick Braziel (MORTAR), Ray Ball (BallR Media), Eric Kearney (African-American Chamber), Willie Hill (GCMII), Taren Kinebrew (LISC), Matt Cuff (Just Q'in), Robert Killins (GCF), Royce Sutton/Beatrice Kelly (5/3), Alfonso Cornejo (Hispanic Chamber), John Moore (MSV). This committee will increase as necessary, given the number of applications received.