

The PUSH Grant Fund (for Black and Brown Minority Businesses): Grant Eligibility and Application Process

A business may only apply for one of the following three tiers of grants. Multiple applications by the business or business owner(s) will result in-eligibility of any PUSH Grant offerings.

Tier 1: \$1,000 Emergency Relief Grant	Tier 2: \$5,000 Small Business Support Grant	Tier 3: \$15,000 Critical Investment Grant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First come, first serve: all applicants who are eligible and submit the correct documentation will receive funds until pool runs out ● Application materials required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Business 3 months or more ○ Certificate of Good Standing with the State of Ohio ○ Proof of minority ownership ○ IRS Form W-9 ○ Color copy of State or Federal ID or Driver's License ○ Documentation showing need (outstanding invoice, bill, rent payment due, etc.) ○ Description of how funds will be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicants are screened for eligibility ● Eligible applicants are selected by lottery ● Dollar amount of grant based on business revenue in 2019 ● Application materials required upon selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Business 6 months or more ○ Certificate of Good Standing with the State of Ohio ○ Proof of minority ownership ○ Registered business with the State of Ohio ○ Color copy of State or Federal ID or Driver's License ○ Signed IRS Form W-9 ○ 2019 business tax return and/or personal tax return ○ Business Bank Statement July 2020-October 2020 ○ Documentation showing need (outstanding invoice, bill, rent payment due, etc.) ○ Description of how funds will be used ○ Plan for keeping business stable during COVID-19 and growing in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recipients and grant level are selected by a committee based on merit, need, coachability, and thoroughness of long-term plan ● Application materials required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Business 12 months or more ○ Proof of minority ownership ○ Registered in Good standing business with the State of Ohio ○ Signed IRS Form W-9 ○ 2018 and 19 business tax return and/or personal tax return or signed IRS Form 4506-T (if they do not have 2019 tax return) ○ 2019 Financial Statements ○ Interim Financial statements Jan-Sep 2020 ○ Business Bank Statement July 2020-November 2020 ○ Color copy of State or Federal ID or Driver's License ○ Statement of purpose for funds: including detailed budget of proposed fund usage ○ Description of revenue generating opportunity created by grant funding ○ Plan for keeping business stable during COVID-19 and growing in the future