



# Grants for Women of Color

## 1 Backstage Capital Grant

The purpose of this grant is to invest in underserved business owners, including women of color entrepreneurs.

**Grant amount:** Varies

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** [www.backstagecapital.com](http://www.backstagecapital.com)

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## 2 Girl Boss Grant

The grant supports empowering women entrepreneurs.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$15,000

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

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## 3 The Halstead Grant

This grant empowers women in the jewelry business category.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$7,500

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** <https://grant.halsteadbead.com>



## 4 GrantsForWomen.org

This site lists various grants that help women start their own businesses.

**Grant amount:** Varies

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** [www.grantsforwomen.org](http://www.grantsforwomen.org)

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## 5 Amber Grant

The purpose of this grant is to help women of color realize their business dreams.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Apply:** [www.ambergrantsforwomen.com](http://www.ambergrantsforwomen.com)

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## 6 Harlem Capital Grant

Harlem Capital Grant invests in women and minority entrepreneurs.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Apply:** <https://harlem.capital>

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## 7 SoGal Black Founder startup

The grant is for black women who wish to see their business dreams become reality.

**Grant amount:** \$5,000 - \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** [www.iamsogal.com](http://www.iamsogal.com)



## 8 Rethink Impact Grant

The grant supports female entrepreneurs in the technology sector.

**Grant amount:** Varies

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** <http://rethinkimpact.com>

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## 9 Ifund Women Grants – Women Entrepreneur of the Year 2022

The fund is an annual grant for women entrepreneurs with impactful businesses.

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Grant deadline:** June 8, 2022

**Apply:** [www.ifundwomen.com](http://www.ifundwomen.com)

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## 10 Cartier Women's Initiative Award

The grant is an entrepreneurship program that empowers women entrepreneurs.

**Grant amount:** \$30,000 - \$100,000

**Grant deadline:** June 30, 2022

**Apply:** [www.cartierwomensinitiative.com](http://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com)

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## 11 Sage Invest in Progress Grant

This grant helps Black women entrepreneurs grow and support their businesses during the first five years of operation.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.



## 12 Corporate Counsel Women of Color Grant

This grant is for women of color entrepreneurs.

**Grant amount:** \$5,000

**Grant deadline:** May 2022

**Apply:** [https://form.jotform.com/Laurie\\_info/5000-grant](https://form.jotform.com/Laurie_info/5000-grant)

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## 13 Zions Bank's Group Grant

This grant supports minority women with great business ideas.

**Grant amount:** \$3,000

**Grant deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Learn more:** <https://www.tgci.com/funder/zions-bancorporation-foundation>

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## 14 The New Voices Fund

This grant supports women of color in creating opportunities for entrepreneurship.

**Grant amount:** \$100 million

**Grant deadline:** Not specified

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## 15 EnrichHER Grant

The grant supports black women small business owners and is intended to fund operating expenses.

**Grant amount:** \$5,000

**Grant deadline:** Ongoing

**Apply:** <https://enrichher.com/grant>



## 16 Fast Break for Small Businesses

This grant supports businesses owned by minority communities and women of color.

**Grant amount:** \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Spring 2022

**Apply:** <https://www.legalzoom.com/fastbreakforsmallbusiness>

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## 17 Comcast Rise Grant

This grant focuses on black-owned businesses.

**Grant amount:** \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** June 17, 2022

**Apply:** [www.comcastrise.com](http://www.comcastrise.com)

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## 18 Build Your Legacy Grant

The grant will be awarded to a Black woman entrepreneur.

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Grant deadline:** April 19, 2022

**Apply:** <https://www.essence.com/pine-sol-build-your-legacy-2022>

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## 19 National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) Growth Grant

This grant supports business development for women of color.

**Grant amount:** \$4,000

**Grant deadline:** July, October and December 2022

**Apply:** [www.nase.org](http://www.nase.org)



## 20 Coalition to Back Black Businesses Grant

The purpose of this grant is to assist Black-owned businesses in recovering from the pandemic.

**Grant amount:** \$5,000

**Grant deadline:** Several rounds of funding will occur through 2023.

**Apply:** <https://webackblackbusinesses.com>

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## 21 Black Girl Ventures

The purpose of this fund is to assist women of color in tech-enabled businesses.

**Grant amount:** \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**Apply:** [www.blackgirlventures.org](http://www.blackgirlventures.org)

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## 22 Asian Women Giving Circle Grants

This grant is available to Asian American women-owned businesses in New York City.

**Grant amount:** \$8,000

**Learn more:** [www.asianwomengivingcircle.org/apply](http://www.asianwomengivingcircle.org/apply)

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## 23 FedEx Small Business Grant Contest

Applicants must be business owners who are at least 18 years old. Available to small businesses that employ 99 or fewer people with less than \$5 million in annual revenue.

**Grant amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Grant deadline:** February of each year

**Apply:** <https://www.fedex.com/en-us/small-business/grant-contest/faq.html>



## 24 First Nations Development Institute Grants

Grants are available for Native American organizations.

**Grant amount:** Varies

**Grant deadline:** December of each year

**Apply:** <https://www.firstnations.org/grantmaking>

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## 25 Merchant Maverick Opportunity Grants

Grants are available for Asian and Pacific Islanders who are American citizens and own a restaurant or other food service business.

**Grant amount:** \$10,000

**Grant deadline:** January of each year

**Apply:** <https://www.merchantmaverick.com/grant-application-page>

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## 26 Rebuild the Block Grants

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a Black-owned small business.

**Grant amount:** Varies

**Grant deadline:** Available in three-month cycles

**Learn more:** <https://rebuildtheblock.org>



## 27 Sephora Accelerate

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be a BIPOC founder of an early-stage beauty brand that is not yet widely distributed.

**Grant amount:** All-expense-paid trips for program events, mentoring, monetary grants and a hands-on bootcamp.

**Grant deadline:** Summer 2022

**Apply:** <https://sephoraaccelerate.com>

# Government Grant Resources for Minorities

## 28 Grants.gov

This federal government resource doesn't originate grants. It's a searchable database for every grant program that is available throughout the federal government.

**Learn more:** [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

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## 29 Minority Business Development Agency

The purpose of the Minority Business Development Agency is to connect minority business owners to federal contracts and other resources.

**Learn more:** <https://www.mbda.gov>





### **30 Office of Indian Economic Development Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Grant**

This agency supports the economic development of American Indian and Alaska Native communities by offering access to capital through grant opportunities and loan guarantees, and by providing technical assistance to tribes. Available grant programs may include Indian Business Incubators Program, Tribal Tourism Grant Program, Indian Loan Guarantee and Insurance Program and Native American Business Development Institute Grant.

**Learn more:** <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/ied>

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### **31 Office of Minority Health Grant Programs**

This agency offers grants to businesses striving to eliminate health disparities among racial and ethnic minority populations.

**Learn more:** <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov>

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### **32 USDA Rural Business Development Grant**

This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and have less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

**Learn more:** <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services>

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### **33 SCORE**

This organization is a partner with the Small Business Administration. It provides mentoring services to small business owners and entrepreneurs from over 300 chapters across the country. SCORE provides online webinars and business courses.

**Learn more:** <https://www.score.org>



# Venture Capital Financing for Minority-Owned Businesses

## 34 New Voices Foundation

This organization provides capital for startups, established businesses and community-based enterprises led by women of color entrepreneurs. Awards are available as cash grants, mentoring opportunities and coaching.

Learn more: <https://newvoicesfoundation.org>

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## 35 Kapor Capital

This company invests in tech-driven early-stage companies committed to closing gaps of access, opportunity or outcome for low-income communities and/or communities of color in the United States.

Learn more: <https://newvoicesfoundation.org>

# Pitch Contests and Competitions

## 36 Arch Grants Global Startup Competition

This \$50,000 grant competition is open to startups from around the world. Special consideration is given to companies that plan to start a business in St. Louis. Startups must be for-profit with plans to scale to national or international impact.

Learn more: <https://archgrants.org/competition>



### 37 CodeLaunch

This organization provides seed services and funding for early-stage startups. Several events are held throughout the year in various locations in the United States.

Learn more: <https://codelaunch.com>

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### 38 Essence and Aveeno Skin Health Startup Accelerator Pitch Competition

The program will give the winner \$100,000 to support business growth and an all-expense paid trip to ESSENCE Fest, where winners will be recognized. The award includes hands-on business guidance and mentorship from thought-leaders in everything from package design, marketing, accounting and more.

Learn more: <https://www.essence.com/aveeno>

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### 39 Founders Live NYC

This organization sponsors periodic happy hour pitch nights throughout the United States. Locations include Seattle, Chicago and Dallas.

Learn more: <https://www.founderslive.com>

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### 40 Hatch Pitch

This contest is for companies with an innovative technology-based product or service seeking active coaching and mentoring.

Learn more: <https://www.hatchpitch.com>



## 41 Hello Tomorrow Global Summit

This is a worldwide competition. Startup categories include energy, AI, new materials, healthcare and agriculture.

Learn more: <https://hello-tomorrow.org/summit>

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## 42 Milken-Penn GSE Education Plan Competition

This competition is dedicated to addressing problems and trends within education throughout the world.

Learn more: <https://www.educationcompetition.org>

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## 43 National Black MBA Association Scale-Up Pitch Challenge

Applicants for this program must be residents of the United States who are at least 18 years old. All submissions must be the original work of the applicant. The business founder must be Black or of African descent and have an equal stake in the business.

Learn more: <https://nbmbaa.org/scale-up-pitch-challenge>

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## 44 Seedstars World Competition

This is a worldwide contest and networking event for tech businesses. Applicants must have received less than \$500,000 in funding to date. Businesses must be scalable.

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## 45 SPIE Startup Challenge

This contest is for startups that are involved in light-based technology. Applicants choose from one of three tracks based on their development stage.



## 46 SXSW Pitch

This contest includes eight different categories. These include future of work, smart cities, AI and gaming. It funds products with less than \$10 million in funding.

Learn more: <https://www.sxsw.com/pitch>

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## 47 TechCrunch Disrupt

This organization funds early-stage startups. All businesses must include some tech component to the business idea.

Learn more: <https://techcrunch.com/events/tc-disrupt-2022>

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## 48 Y Combinator Demo Day

Y Combinator is one of the premier startup incubators. Companies must apply for an invitation to the Y Combinator batch.

Learn more: <https://www.ycombinator.com/demoday>