



Dear Community Partner,

As we are near the end of February, I want to share brief updates on federal grant opportunities that may be helpful for our communities, local governments, nonprofits, and small businesses. Each month, my office reviews grant listings to flag programs that can bring resources back home and support local priorities like public safety, infrastructure, and economic development. I hope you find this useful.

As a reminder, my office is still collecting information from stakeholders about how the Trump administration's policies and funding cuts impact your organization with [this form](#). You can find a litigation tracker detailing challenges to the Trump administration [here](#). Reach out to my district office at **502-582-5129** or **mcgarvey.grants@mail.house.gov** immediately if you experience delays with grant payments, receive [concerning letters](#) from agencies, or have other grant related issues.

For additional grant opportunities, House Democratic staffers maintain a spreadsheet of open federal grants [here](#). However, please note that grants may be abruptly frozen or subject to further impact. **We highly recommend that you follow relevant agency newsletters for your work to see what grants are canceled, paused, or may have changed eligibility criteria.**

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FEBRUARY 2026 FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

Agency	Grant Title	Description	Deadline
Institute of Museum and Library Services	Museums for America (MFA)	The MFA program invests in museums of all sizes and disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, and collections stewardship activities.	March 13, 2026

<p>Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>	<p>Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC)</p>	<p>This program builds the capacity of African American museums and supports professional development. The program supports projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections at African American museums and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).</p>	<p>March 13, 2026</p>
<p>Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>	<p>Museum Grants for American Latino History and Culture (ALHC)</p>	<p>This program supports projects that build the capacity of American Latino history and culture museums to serve their communities and advance the growth and development of a professional workforce in American Latino cultural institutions.</p>	<p>March 13, 2026</p>
<p>Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>	<p>National Leadership Grants for Museums (2026)</p>	<p>The National Leadership Grants for Museums program (NLG-M) invests in projects that address critical needs of the museum field. NLG-M projects have the potential to advance practice in the profession to strengthen museum services for the public through the development and replication of model practices, tools, research findings, and collaborations.</p>	<p>March 13, 2026</p>
<p>Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>	<p>National Leadership Grants for Libraries (2026)</p>	<p>The National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program (NLG-L) supports projects that develop, enhance, or adapt replicable practices, programs, models, or tools to strengthen library and archival services for the American public.</p>	<p>March 13, 2026</p>
<p>Institute of Museum and Library Services</p>	<p>Inspire Grants for Small Museums (2026)</p>	<p>Inspire Grants for Small Museums (Inspire) is a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program designed to support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public through educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, and collections stewardship activities.</p>	<p>March 13, 2026</p>

Institute of Museum and Library Services	Museums Empowered (2026)	Museums Empowered (ME) is a special initiative of the Museums for America grant program that supports projects that use professional development and training to generate change and growth within museums of all types and sizes.	March 13, 2026
Institute of Museum and Library Services	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (2026)	Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian (LB21) projects build a library and archival workforce that can meet the information needs of communities and increase the institutional capacity of libraries, archives, and library and information science graduate programs across the country.	March 13, 2026
Institute of Museum and Library Services	21st Century Museum Professionals Program (2026)	The 21st Century Museum Professional (21MP) grant program supports projects that build career pathways, strengthen professional networks, and identify and share effective workforce education and training practices in the museum field.	March 13, 2026
Department of Veterans Affairs	Veterans Legacy Grants Program	Grant recipients would provide tools for the public to learn about the histories of Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries and VA grant-funded State and Tribal Veterans' cemeteries.	April 21, 2025
Department of Labor	Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)	HVRP is a competitive federal grant that helps veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness transition into stable, high-quality employment. Through individualized case management, job training, and connections to supportive services, HVRP supports veterans in securing sustainable careers and long-term economic stability	March 6, 2026
Department of Health and Human Services	Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program – NEW (Year 1)	The purpose of the DFC Support Program is to establish and strengthen collaboration to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent youth substance use.	April 14, 2026

Department of Health and Human Services	Telehealth Nutrition Services Network Grant Program	<p>The Telehealth Nutrition Services Network Grant Program will support telehealth networks that improve access to quality health care services through telehealth technology. This program will focus on chronic disease prevention and chronic disease management through comprehensive telehealth nutrition services.</p>	<p>April 17, 2026</p>
Department of Health and Human Services	Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)	<p>Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions addressing opioid, methamphetamine, and/or prescription drug use/misuse by local youth.</p>	<p>April 28, 2026</p>
Department of Health and Human Services	Research Education Projects	<p>The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that compliment and/or enhance training opportunities to ensure a workforce that is well-prepared to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs.</p>	<p>May 25, 2026</p>
Department of Health and Human Services	Institutional Training Programs to Advance Translational Research on Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD-Related Dementias (ADRD)	<p>The specific purpose of this NOFO is to promote the development of a diverse, interdisciplinary workforce needed to conduct translational research on Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's-related dementias from target discovery through clinical development.</p>	<p>September 25, 2026</p>
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Nursing Home Staffing Campaign	<p>This Notice of Funding Opportunity is focused on helping to recruit registered nurses and licensed practical nurses or licensed vocational nurses to work in nursing homes by offering financial incentives. Through this NOFO, CMS is accepting applications for cooperative agreements to entities that will administer financial incentives,</p>	<p>March 27, 2026</p>

		such as loan repayment and stipends to RNs and LPNs, to work for three years in a qualifying nursing home or in an oversight role with a state agency.	
Center for Disease Control	Drug Free Communities Support Program	This program aims to prevent and reduce the use of opioids and methamphetamines and the misuse of prescription drugs among youth ages 12-18 in communities throughout the United States. Eligible nonprofits must document community rates of misuse of opioids or use of methamphetamines that are higher than the national average over a sustained period.	April 28, 2026
Employment and Training Administration	Pay-for-Performance Incentive Payments Program	The Department plans to award up to five (5) cooperative agreements with a four-year period of performance (PoP) focused on rapidly scaling and expanding newly developed Registered Apprenticeship programs and substantially growing existing programs across industries by... offering incentive payments to program sponsors.	April 3, 2026
Department of Agriculture	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	This initiative provides funding for fundamental and applied research, education, and extension/outreach projects in the food and agricultural sciences.	Varies by program
Department of Agriculture	Technical Assistance and Training program (TAT)	To support technical assistance and training (TAT) aimed at addressing water and waste issues, including, identifying and evaluating solutions related to water sources, storage, treatment, and distribution, as well as waste collection, treatment, and disposal.	December 31, 2026
Department of Agriculture	Veterinary Services Grant Program	Supports education and Extension activities and veterinary practice initiatives that allow veterinarians, and veterinary technicians and students to gain specialized skills	April 16, 2026

		and provide practices with resources needed to mitigate U.S. veterinary service shortages.	
Department of Agriculture	Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program	The program incentivizes animal veterinarians to serve in veterinary shortage situations in exchange for veterinary education loan repayment assistance.	March 5, 2026
Department of Agriculture	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Education and Workforce Development	The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences.	December 31, 2026
Department of Agriculture	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program Foundational and Applied Science Program	The AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture.	December 31, 2026
Department of Agriculture	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants	This program helps eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for proposed USDA Rural Development water or waste disposal projects.	Rolling
Department of Energy	Spurring Projects to Advance Energy Research and Knowledge Swiftly (SPARKS)	SPARKS provides a continuing opportunity for the rapid support of early stage applied research to explore innovative new concepts with the potential for transformational and disruptive changes in energy technology.	December 30, 2029
Department of the Interior	Slip-On Tanker Units	The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as BIL, enacted in November 2021, provides funding to local governments to acquire slip-on tanker units to support wildland firefighters.	March 23, 2026
Environmental Protection Agency	Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)	The purpose of this notice of funding availability (NOFA) is to solicit letters of interest (LOIs) from prospective borrowers seeking credit assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Water	Rolling

		Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program	
Environmental Protection Agency	Environmental Education Grant Program	This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques that increase public awareness and knowledge about local environmental issues and provides participants in its programs the skills necessary to make informed decisions and to take responsible actions toward the environment.	March 3, 2026
Environmental Protection Agency	Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings	The EPA is soliciting applications for projects that support smoke readiness planning, outreach and training for smoke readiness, indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring, deployment of portable air cleaners, identification and preparation of cleaner air spaces or shelters, significant improvements to buildings such as upgrading and repairing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units or systems and weatherization.	April 15, 2026
Department of Commerce	EDA FY25 Disaster Supplemental	Through this Disaster NOFO, EDA will award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024.	Rolling until funds exhausted
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grants	Supports the implementation of a comprehensive plan that focuses on the revitalization of a severely distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing project, while also improving the surrounding neighborhood and providing supportive services to improve quality of life outcomes for residents of the target housing project.	March 9, 2026

Department of Housing and Urban Development	Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency (ROSS): Rapid Response Program (RRP) Funding	The purpose of this program is to address challenges that require immediate attention and/or new or expanded service provision to help HUD-assisted residents affected by an urgent event. Funding will support one-time assistance for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing.	Rolling basis until funds are exhausted
Department of Housing and Urban Development	ROSS Rapid Response Program	The ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP) awards one-time assistance via a cost-reimbursable grant for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing.	January 25, 2027
National Endowment for the Arts	Grants for Arts Projects	Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides project-based funding for organizations. Funded activities enable Americans throughout the nation to experience the arts, foster and celebrate America's artistic heritage and cultural legacy, and benefit from arts education at all stages of life.	July 9, 2026
National Science Foundation	Research Infrastructure in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	The Research Infrastructure in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Program (RISBS) supports projects that create computational tools and data to facilitate basic research in the social and behavioral sciences that can lead to improved health, prosperity and security.	Rolling

FEDERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[Transactional Level Report \(TLR\) Webinars](#)

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) will host a monthly Transaction Level Report (TLR) webinar. The TLR webinars are intended to serve as a forum for Certified and non-Certified Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to ask questions and discuss the TLR and its submission process. Webinars will be hosted from **2:00-3:30 PM EST on February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, and June 10.**

[House Democrats Litigation/Response Task Force Resources](#)

It is vital for the American people to stay informed as to the latest developments regarding the damaging actions of the Trump administration. Please find resources the Task Force has compiled regarding the same [here](#).

[Congressman McGarvey's Grant Application Letter of Support Request Form](#)

Our office can help your grant efforts with a letter of support for federal grant applications. Congressional letters of support help show grant reviewers that your project has buy-in from regional stakeholders, which can make your application more competitive. If you would like to request a letter of support from our office, please complete the request form [here](#).

STATE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[KDE's 2026 Summer Food Service Program to Provide Training](#)

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) encourages schools and nonprofit organizations to sponsor the SFSP and provide free meals to Kentucky children and teens in low-income areas. Meal sites are often located in public areas, including schools, community centers, parks, family housing complexes and locations operated by faith-based organizations.

Sponsoring organizations must be one of the following:

- A public or nonprofit private school food authority (including school districts)
- A public or nonprofit private residential summer camp
- A unit of a local, municipal, county or state government
- A public or nonprofit private college or university
- Other private nonprofit organizations.

KDE is inviting potential sponsoring organizations, health inspectors, company representatives, auditors and potential community partners to attend one of the free training sessions being provided across the state. Potential sponsors and other parties interested in learning more about the SFSP can provide contact information in the [Summer Food Service Program Interest Survey](#). Upon completion of the survey, you will be contacted with program and training information. USDA is an equal opportunity provider. Visit the [USDA website](#) to view USDA's nondiscrimination statement.

[2026 Kentucky Bar Foundation Grants](#)

Projects eligible for funding are limited to the following program areas and must be located and provide services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- Grants that help those in need through law-related programs
- Projects that provide information enabling the public to better understand an area of the law and/or the judicial system
- Projects that enhance the image of and build trust in the legal system
- Publishing noteworthy publications concerning the legal profession and the judicial system

- Other philanthropic endeavors in the public interest that promote and relate to the administration of justice

Grant applications should be made for no more than a 12-month budget period, and there is no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. **Deadline for applications: March 2, 2026**

[Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development Partners with Grant Ready Kentucky](#)

The Cabinet for Economic Development (CED) has partnered with nonprofit Grant Ready Kentucky (GRKY) to ensure communities have the resources needed to leverage federal grants and fund innovative projects across the commonwealth. For more information about Grant Ready Kentucky, visit grantreadyky.org/about. To request grant writing support or education, book a free office hour with an expert grant coach at grantreadyky.org/grant-professionals. To find the local Area Development District that serves your county, visit this GRKY resource: grantreadyky.org/blog-resource/kentuckys-area-development-districts.

LOCAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[AARP Grant Opportunities](#)

In 2026, the AARP Community Challenge will accept applications across three distinct grant opportunities, each evaluated using a consistent scoring approach.

[Flagship Grants](#)

AARP's flagship Community Challenge grants range from a few hundred dollars for short-term activities to \$15,000 for larger initiatives. Since 2017, the average grant has been between \$10,000 and \$12,000. AARP reserves the right to award compelling projects at any amount. Eligible projects should benefit residents — especially those age 50 and older — in at least one of the following categories:

- Creating vibrant public places (i.e., parks, open spaces, community amenities)
- Expanding transportation and mobility options (i.e., walkability, bikeability, transit access)
- Increasing housing options (i.e., accessible and affordable choices)
- Enhancing digital connections and digital literacy
- Strengthening disaster resilience (i.e., disaster preparedness and mitigation)

Application Deadline-March 4, 2026

[Capacity-Building Microgrants](#)

These \$2,500 microgrants come with added support, including webinars, cohort learning, up to two hours of coaching from national nonprofit organizations working with AARP to support the AARP Community Challenge program, and AARP resources. Eligible projects should benefit residents — especially those age 50 and older — in at least one of the following categories:

- Walk Audits: Conduct walkability assessments with support from [America Walks](#) and using the [AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit](#).
- Bike Audits: Conduct bikeability assessments with support from [The League of American Bicyclists](#) and using the [AARP Bike Audit Tool Kit](#).
- HomeFit Modifications: Implement education, simple home modifications and accessible safety solutions to create and maintain "lifelong homes," especially for people age 50-

plus, with support from the [RL Mace Universal Design Institute](#) and using the [AARP HomeFit Guide](#).

- Disaster Preparedness: Implement disaster preparedness training programs and resources for residents, especially those age 50-plus, with support from [SBP](#) and using the [AARP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit](#).

[Demonstration Grants](#)

These grants support projects that can be replicated in other communities. Awards typically range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and will not exceed \$25,000. Eligible projects should benefit residents — especially those age 50 and older — in at least one of the following categories:

- Pedestrian Safety: Improve the safety of streets and sidewalks; funding support from Toyota Motor North America.
- High-Speed Internet: Increase broadband access and adoption; funding support from Microsoft.
- Housing Design Competitions: Promote understanding and implementation of housing policies that support a variety of community needs using the [AARP Housing Design Competition Tool Kit](#).

To apply click [HERE](#).

[205 Lou Grant Program](#)

The Louisville America 250KY Committee's Grant Program, known as 250 Lou Grants, helps local organizations bring Louisville's history, culture, and community stories to life as part of the national America 250 commemoration. Proposals must advance the [mission and vision](#) of the Committee. Through this grant program, Louisville's America 250KY Committee invests in projects that inspire connection, broaden participation, and celebrate our city's unique place in the American journey — across neighborhoods, communities, and the entire year.

Grants will fund events that take place in Louisville Metro (Jefferson County), Kentucky no later than June 30, 2026. Grantees must submit an activity report and a financial report in July 2026. The financial report must include expenditure and payment documents. Grants are open to 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofits. A total of \$48,000 can be granted.

Applications will open on **February 2, 2026**. Please ensure all materials are submitted in advance of the application deadline of **February 27, 2026 at 5:00 PM**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Click [here](#) to apply.

[Love Your Block Mini-Grant](#)

The Love Your Block Mini-Grants are administered through the Office of Violence Prevention and made possible through a partnership with the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins. These grants will be distributed directly to Shawnee, Chickasaw, Parkland, Russell, and/or California neighborhood residents, groups, and associated organizations to help

transform blighted, abandoned alleys and spaces into vibrant, safer spaces to accommodate community connectedness and dissuade violence.

Grant Writing Workshops

Attend this two-day grant writing workshop and you will learn how to find the funding sources and write successful grant proposals. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, K-12, colleges, and universities are encouraged to attend. **March 12-13, 2026 | 9:30-4:30 EST** Click for event [details](#).

Grant Ready Kentucky Webinar Series

Tonia Brown-Kinsel will be hosting a series of four free webinars designed to strengthen your systems, sharpen compliance practices, and bolster confidence with grant management.

- Best Practices for Internal Controls to Manage Grants: February 25 | 2-4 PM ET
- Monitoring Your Burn Rate: How to Monitor Grant Spending: March 5 | 2-4 PM ET
- Establishing Your Grants Management Process: March 12 | 2-4 PM ET
- Evaluating Your Grant Program and Sharing the Data: March 18 | 10 AM-12 PM ET

Thrive by Five Funding Opportunities

The UpLift fund is always open to assist childcare facility staff who are pursuing a credential or degree. The fund does not pay tuition for ECE related degrees because there is a state scholarship for that purpose, however, they can assist with barrier removal with things such as laptops, books, past due balances that are prohibiting enrollment and many other things. The application can be found here: <https://thriveby5louisville.org/educators/uplift-fund/>

Extreme Weather Shelters

Louisville is now accepting applications from organizations that intend to operate temporary cold weather shelters this winter. The city has instituted a more simplified permitting process for nonprofits, faith groups and businesses to open safe spaces during extreme temperatures. Learn more [here](#).

Trash for Cash Program

Trash for Cash is a state program that helps ensure roadways around Louisville are kept clean while raising money for local community-serving non-profits. If you are a 501(c)3 non-profit, the program works with you to find a roadway that needs attention and in return for each mile cleaned, the non-profit will earn \$100. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Apply online [here](#) to start the process.

Neighborhood Development Fund Applications

All NDF (Neighborhood Development Fund) Applications require sponsorship from a council member, therefore you must request an application from a council office. While a request can be made to any council member's office you may want to utilize the "[My Louisville Tool](#)" to find out what district your organization is geographically located in. Speaking with your council member regarding your request may also assist in expediting your application so that it garners the necessary support that it needs to move forward in the process.

Louisville Sports Commission Opens Applications for 2026 Sports Fun(d) Grants

Sports Fun(d) provides small financial grants* to 501(c)(3) organizations to help establish and expand affordable, recreational-level sports activities in Louisville's marginalized neighborhoods. Through these grants, the LSC partners with existing sports programs to increase participation and act as a catalyst for creating new opportunities for youth sports engagement. Please find more information [here](#).

Fund for the Arts Community Fund Mini Grant

Mini-Grants support the implementation of creative events that engage communities based on identity, neighborhood, special interest, or more. The program is part of the Arts in Neighborhoods initiative and has a rolling deadline.

SMALL BUSINESS CORNER:

Small Developer Loan Program Applications Open

Louisville Metro's Small Developer Loan Program (SDLP) provides partially forgivable loans to emerging local developers for the rehabilitation of vacant structures into affordable housing. Projects may be for homeownership or rental, but all must meet affordability requirements for households earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI). Eligibility application open **January 23 – February 23, 2026**. [Apply](#) to be approved as an Eligible Small Developer.

Louisville Breakfast with the Fed: 2026 Economic Outlook

Join the [Louisville Branch](#) of the [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#) for a Breakfast with the Fed event on **Feb. 26**, that will feature a presentation from [Carlos Garriga](#), senior vice president and director of research at the St. Louis Fed. This event is free and open to the public, but [registration](#) is required. A complimentary breakfast will be provided.

South End Business Grants and Loans Still Available

Applications are still being accepted for the South End Loan and Incentive Fund — a \$2 million investment to support local business development, commercial property improvements, and the attraction of new restaurants along the Dixie Highway corridor. Learn more [here](#).

[Greater Louisville Community Mental Health Resources](#)

GLI has compiled a list of mental health resources to help Louisville's business community grieve the victims from the UPS plane crash and process the impact on our city. You can access the list [here](#).

[SBA Loan Program for Small Manufacturers](#)

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently [launched its first-ever loan program dedicated to supporting America's small manufacturers](#). The 7(a) Manufacturer's Access to Revolving Credit (MARC) Loan Program will offer working capital for small businesses engaged in manufacturing.

[Resources from the U.S. Commercial Service](#)

Here are the many options from which you can choose to find your best match:

- [International Partner Search](#) provides a list of pre-screened potential partners and offers a virtual option to assist with making initial contact with prospects.
- [Gold Key Service](#) is a customized, in-person, face-to-face matchmaking service that schedules U.S. companies traveling to a foreign market with up to five pre-screened potential partner meetings, held at the U.S. embassy and supported by local staff.
- At major [trade shows](#), U.S. exhibitors and event participants can be connected with potential foreign buyers and partners.
- [Trade missions](#) maximize contact with prospective distributors, sales representatives, or partners through face-to-face meetings in-country, facilitated by local staff.
- To ensure the suitability of potential partners, [International Company Profile](#) provides an in-depth or basic background check on a specific foreign company.

[Learn How to Get Certified for Federal Contracting](#)

[Federal government contracting](#) represents a big opportunity for small business growth! Certification programs help small business owners compete for and win federal contracts. Through [MySBA Certifications](#), small business owners can apply for multiple federal contracting certifications with one login and one application. Additional assistance may also be found by visiting the [Kentucky APEX Accelerator](#).

[SBA Offers Free Business Training for Veterans](#)

Veterans: Is your next mission entrepreneurship? SBA has free training that can help you take the first steps! SBA's [Boots to Business](#) training course provides an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals. Active Duty Service members (including

National Guard and Reserve), Veterans of all eras, and spouses are eligible to participate. [Register for in-person or online training.](#)

[Kentucky Speed to Market Initiative](#)

Gov. Beshear announced a new tool that builds on Team Kentucky's commitment to speed to market for businesses of any size with speedtomarket.ky.gov, a one stop shop for anyone looking to start a business, expand or relocate in Kentucky. The site includes information on financial incentives, resources by industry, guidance on tax information, licenses and permits, insurance needs and more.

[KY SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program](#)

KY Innovation offers comprehensive programs to help companies apply for, win and match federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants and contracts. Kentucky offers two Matching Funds application windows per year. The Spring round is usually open March through April, while the Fall round is usually open September through October. Application windows are open for eight weeks. Interested applicants can find more information [here](#).

[Kentucky Small Business Loan Program](#)

The [Small Business Loan Program](#) is designed to help small businesses acquire funding needed to start or grow their small business. A small business must be engaged in manufacturing, agribusiness, or service and technology. Loan funds may be used to acquire land and buildings, purchase and install equipment, or for working capital. Learn more information [here](#).

[Kentucky Small Businesses Can Apply for STEP Grant Funding](#)

Since 2011, the Kentucky Export Initiative (KEI) has provided financial assistance to over 235 Kentucky companies through the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP). The grant is available to reimburse for allowable development expenses for Kentucky small businesses seeking international export assistance. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For questions, please contact mnecamp@ky.gov or call 502-782-1961.

[Louisville Financial Empowerment Center \(FEC\) Small Business Boost Initiative](#)

Through the Small Business Boost initiative, Louisville FEC counselors will support business owners and entrepreneurs in addressing personal financial challenges that present barriers to success in building wealth through business ownership. Louisville FEC counselors will receive training on how to navigate entrepreneurial ecosystems and drive business outcomes through improving personal finances. Entrepreneurs and small business owners can email fec@louisvilleky.gov or call 502-574-5789 to make a FEC financial counseling appointment.

Small Business Resources from Louisville Metro

Resources to help aspiring and current entrepreneurs plan, start, and grow their business ideas. Click [HERE](#) to get help on developing your business idea. Click [HERE](#) to get pre-screened for a local loan. [Local Loan Programs](#): [Bosnian](#) | [Burmese](#) | [French](#) | [Karen](#) | [Kinyarwanda](#) | [Korean](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Nepali](#) | [Swahili](#) | [Vietnamese](#) | [Chinese](#)

As always, thank you for your service to Kentucky's Third Congressional District. Please do not hesitate to reach out if my office can be of assistance.

With gratitude,



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