



New Small Business Grant – Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

What is considered a physical location? Are mobile units, business incubators, etc., eligible?

As long as the applicant business otherwise meets the Terms and Conditions of the program, a physical location can include places such as mobile units, business incubators, and home offices.

Am I eligible if I received assistance from other COVID-19 business grants?

Yes, a business is eligible to apply even if it has received other forms of assistance except if the business received a grant under the Small Business Relief Program. Note, however, costs incurred for which the business has or will receive reimbursement from another source, including any other federal, state, or local government loan or grant program and insurance proceeds, are ineligible uses of grant funds.

Am I eligible if I applied for assistance from the Small Business Relief Grant but did not receive assistance?

Yes, a business could be eligible to apply if it did not receive assistance under the Small Business Relief Grant. However, the business must satisfy the Terms and Conditions of the New Small Business Grant, including the requirement that the business was established in 2020.

My business has multiple locations, can I apply for separate assistance for each location?

Applicant businesses will be able to submit only one application per Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), so if multiple locations are covered by the same FEIN, each unique location will need to be included on the same application. If the applicant business has multiple locations covered by different FEINs, a separate application will need to be submitted for each FEIN and location.

I had more than 25 employees pre-COVID-19, but now I have less. Am I eligible for assistance?

The Terms and Conditions require an applicant to have at least two and no more than 25 employees as of Jan. 1, 2021. This can be calculated based on a headcount as of Jan. 1, 2021, or a full-time equivalent employee calculation. Please see the Terms and Conditions for more details on counting employees.

I'm a state of Ohio employee. Is my business eligible for assistance?

We would encourage anyone in this situation to contact the Ohio Ethics Commission to determine eligibility to receive funding under the program.



My business has 1099 employees. Am I eligible for assistance?

Businesses with only 1099 workers are not eligible for the New Small Business Grant. We suggest reaching out to your local Small Business Development Center (<https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/>) or Minority Business Assistance Center (https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_mbac.htm) for assistance finding eligible relief opportunities.

I am sole proprietor and thus don't have a Federal Tax ID#. When trying to start an application, the toggle field for applying for a grant using a SS# is not available. What should I do?

Businesses must have at least two employees and no more than 25 to be eligible. Sole proprietors that do not have a Federal Tax ID# and employees are not eligible for the program. Please see the Terms and Conditions for participation in the New Small Business Grant section for further details.

I have a registered LLC in Ohio but do not have W2s. I have not drawn a salary yet as I have a young business I invest in with my own funds. Am I eligible for assistance?

Only businesses with at least two and no more than 25 W2 employees as of Jan. 1, 2021, determined either by a headcount or full-time equivalent employee calculation, qualify for the New Small Business Grant. We suggest reaching out to your local Small Business Development Center (<https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/>) or Minority Business Assistance Center (https://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_mbac.htm) for assistance finding eligible relief opportunities.

There are four new grant programs. Can I apply for more than one?

No, you can apply for only one. You will choose which program to apply for after you launch the application.

Application Process

How do I create an OH|ID?

Go to OHID.Ohio.Gov and click on Create OH|ID Account. You will enter information and create a password on the following page. For help in creating an account, [click here](#).

I forgot my OH|ID username and/or password. Now what?

Go to OHID.Ohio.Gov and click on the "Forgot" links under User ID and Password.

What if my business has multiple owners? Do we create more than one OH|ID?

No, only one OH|ID is required to create an application.

I'm a state of Ohio employee with an OH|ID. Do I need to create a new OH|ID for my business?

Yes, an OH|ID used by state employees cannot be used to submit an application.



I had to stop in the middle of my application. Will my information save?

Yes, just click save before exiting.

How long will it take to process my application?

Staff will begin reviewing applications shortly after the program is launched. The amount of time it will take to process your application will be determined by the volume of applications received.

Can I check my application status?

Yes, following the same steps you followed to create the application, you will be able to see previously submitted application(s) and their current status.

Once I submit an application, do I have the ability to edit the application or provide additional documents?

After the application has been submitted, it will be locked so that it cannot be modified or supplemented. However, you can contact newbusinessgrant@development.ohio.gov to request the application be unlocked so it can be modified and resubmitted. Note, once an application is unlocked, it will lose its place in the review order and will be reviewed based upon its resubmission date.

Awarding Funds

Are the awards always \$10,000, or will some be more or less?

All grants awarded in the New Small Business Grant program will be \$10,000.

How long will it take to receive assistance?

Upon completion of the Award Acceptance and Acknowledgement, it will take 10 to 12 days for payment to be received.

Are there any other resources available to my business and/or employees?

If you have already sent an email to BusinessHelp@Development.ohio.gov, you have been added to our contact list and will receive updated information as it becomes available. To be added to our contact list, please send an email to BusinessHelp@Development.ohio.gov from your preferred email address.