Small Business Grant 2023

Opens: August 15, 2023
Deadline: September 15, 2023

The City of Dubuque has established the $5,000 Low and Moderate Income Owned Business Assistance Grant to assist low and moderate income owned businesses. Businesses must have conducted business for at least 12 months and have filed 2022 taxes.

Find your household income at this link to see if you qualify. (Some exceptions permitted based on business income.)


Applications will be accepted beginning August 15, 2023. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility in the order of submission. Previous grant recipients are not eligible for award.

Additional grants expected to be awarded in 2024.

Grant participants MUST participate in 8 personal development sessions with Fountain of Youth staff and 2 professional development sessions with a business mentor between September - November 2023.

**Any questions about the application and its attachments may be directed to Economic Development Director, Jill Connors, at 563-564-5686 or jilconno@cityofdubuque.org

1. Applicant Name
   Provide your legal name

2. Business proof of existence
   Use this URL to locate your business, and copy/paste the link to your "Business Entity Summary" into the answer line. https://sos.iowa.gov/search/business/search.aspx

3. Business Name

4. Why did you start your business?

5. What products or services do you provide?

6. Who are your customers?

7. How many employees do you have?

8. Date your business began sales

9. Home Address - Street/City/State/Zip
10. Business Address - Street/City/State/Zip
11. Email address
   Provide the best email address to reach you
12. Phone number
   Provide the best number to call or text
13. The best way to reach me is by...
14. Household size
   How many people live in your household (including yourself)
15. 2022 Household Income
   Provide the total income of ALL household members, including your business income as well as from any job(s) you have with an employer
16. Age of applicant
17. Gender identification
   Please select the gender with which you identify
18. Race/ethnic origin
19. I am a female head of household
20. I am a military veteran
21. Please list what you plan to pay for with the grant funds.
   Please consult the Eligible Expenses document found at https://www.cityofdubuque.org/DocumentCenter/View/52272/Eligible-Expenses. Only eligible expenses can be reimbursed by the grant due to federal requirements.
22. How will your business be better thanks to this grant?
   For instance, will you be able to provide new products or services, add employee(s), etc.
23. What’s your sustainability plan?
   How you will keep the business going successfully after the grant funds are expended
24. Business Tax Return
   Provide your 2022 business tax return (i.e., Form 1120, 1120S, or 1065). If no separate business tax form, please upload your Schedule C.
25. Personal Tax Return
   Provide your 2022 personal tax return (including Schedule C, if applicable)
26. W-2
   Provide your 2022 W-2s - if more than one, please combine into one pdf for upload
27. Photo ID
   Provide a copy of your driver’s license or other photo ID
28. How did you learn about this grant program?