

FOR-PROFIT & SMALL BUSINESS MICRO-GRANTS

Maryland Department of Commerce – Small Business Grants & Resources

Focus: Maryland-based for-profits (priority to minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses).

Amount: \$2,500–\$10,000 typical.

Status: Rolling; varies by county (check <https://commerce.maryland.gov>).

Prince George's County EDC Microenterprise Loan & Grant Program

Amount: \$5,000–\$10,000.

Focus: PG County businesses with <10 employees and < \$500K in annual revenue.

Status: Rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

Link: <https://www.pgcedc.com>

**DC Department of Small and Local Business
Development (DSLBD) – Robust Retail & Dream
Grants**

Amount: \$2,500–\$7,500.

Focus: Retail, food, and creative businesses in DC.

Status: Open year-round with cycles announced
quarterly.

Link: <https://dslbd.dc.gov/page/grants>

**Virginia Department of Small Business & Supplier
Diversity (SBSD) – Microloan & Grant Partners**

Amount: \$2,500–\$10,000 via local partners.

Focus: Micro-businesses in underserved areas.

Partners: LISC Virginia, Community Business
Partnership (Springfield), or the Virginia Community
Capital network.

Link: <https://sbsd.virginia.gov>

Amber Grant for Women (Open Nationwide)

Amount: \$10,000 monthly; \$25,000 annual award.

Focus: Women-owned for-profits and nonprofits.

Deadline: Monthly rolling deadline.

Link: <https://ambergrantsforwomen.com>

The Halstead Grant (Creative & Makers Focus)

Amount: \$7,500 cash + \$1,000 in materials.

Focus: Jewelry, design, and maker entrepreneurs.

Deadline: Annually but accepts rolling interest forms.

Link: <https://www.halsteadbead.com/halsteadgrant>

NONPROFIT MICRO-GRANTS

Greater Washington Community Foundation – Microgrants

Amount: \$1,000–\$5,000.

Focus: Grassroots nonprofits and emerging community-based projects in DC, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties.

Status: Rolling microgrant opportunities through their local funds.

Link: <https://www.thecommunityfoundation.org/grants>

Cafritz Foundation – Special Project Grants

Amount: \$5,000–\$20,000.

Focus: Nonprofits in education, arts, community service in DC Metro area.

Deadline: Rolling for small/emergency requests under \$20K.

Link: <https://www.cafritzfoundation.org>

Meyer Foundation – DMV Focused Equity & Leadership Microgrants

Amount: \$5,000–\$10,000.

Focus: Nonprofits advancing racial equity or community impact in DC/MD/VA.

Deadline: Rolling LOI.

Link: <https://meyerfoundation.org>

Greater Baltimore Urban League – Small Nonprofit & Business Microgrants

Amount: \$2,500–\$5,000.

Focus: Black-owned businesses and community-based nonprofits in Baltimore region.

Status: Rolling as funds permit.

Link: <https://www.gbulo.org>

The Awesome Foundation (DC & Baltimore Chapters)

Amount: \$1,000 microgrants, no strings attached.

Focus: “Awesome” community or business ideas with local impact.

Deadline: Monthly rolling.

Link:

DC: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/dc>

Baltimore:

<https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/baltimore>

Private/Corporate Microgrant Programs

Verizon Small Business Digital Ready Grants \$10,000 For-profit
Rolling quarterly after course completion

Honeycomb Credit Small Business Grants \$2,500–\$10,000 For-profit
Rolling (must crowdfund partial)

Hello Alice / Global Entrepreneurship Network \$5,000 For-profit/nonprofit
Rolling – new rounds monthly