

DREAM BIGGER

With a JobsOhio Small Business Grant



Ready to grow your business? We're here to help.

Qualified businesses can receive up to \$50,000 for business expansions, including facility investments, machinery and equipment, training, and more.

Who Should Apply?

To be eligible, your business must be:

- At least 51% minority-owned, woman-owned, veteran-owned, or owned by an individual with a disability.

And/Or:

- Located in an eligible zip code. Eligible zip codes can be found on the JobsOhio website.

Additional Eligibility Criteria:

- Annual revenues are between \$100,000 and \$25 million.
- Receive a portion of sales from B2B transactions.
- Operate within one of JobsOhio's 10 target industries.
- At least one year of operating history.
- Retail operations and most professional services are not eligible.



Every dollar matters for us, and every piece of equipment we work with is very expensive. It takes a while for people to notice you and believe in you enough to want to invest and help you grow. For us, a lot of things happened quickly, and one of the things that happened quickly was the JobsOhio Small Business Grant.



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SUCCESS STORIES

JobsOhio Small Business Grant



Since 2020, the JobsOhio Small Business Grant has helped over 500 businesses across Ohio grow, fueling new jobs and opportunity in their communities.



The AKA Team: **Building Opportunities in Cleveland**

Just a few years ago, Cleveland construction company The AKA Team was bursting at the seams in their small office. The company needed more space, but expansion capital was hard to come by. The AKA Team secured \$50,000 through a JobsOhio Small Business Grant to move into a larger historic building on 55th and St. Clair. The funds allowed AKA to fully renovate its new space and buy much-needed equipment.

Almost overnight, The AKA Team was able to hire 20 new employees. The new office space gave the company's rapidly growing team room to collaborate and drive results. It also provided the critical framework AKA needed to compete for major contracts. The JobsOhio Small Business Grant assisted The AKA Team with capital the company couldn't find anywhere else. It empowered the company to expand quickly and start transforming the lives of new employees through skilled trades positions.



Bake Me Happy: **Grant Helps Bakery Build B2B Business**

Bake Me Happy is a popular gluten-free bakery in Central Ohio. As word spread about Bake Me Happy's delicious items, the demand for the company's unique, high-quality, gluten-free baked goods increased, and the business expanded into online sales and wholesale to other local establishments. To keep up with the rise in sales, Bake Me Happy found a new, larger location that could house both the business and a production facility, but it needed a little TLC before it would be ready for business.

To help fund some of the necessary updates to the bakery's new 4,000-square-foot facility, Bake Me Happy's owners applied for a JobsOhio Small Business Grant. Through the support of JobsOhio, Bake Me Happy was able to update the new facility and continue its growth into the B2B space while keeping customers happy at its two retail locations in Columbus.

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