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Helping Our Region Rise & Grow

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance is proud to offer microgrants to help small businesses grow, strengthen their operations, and create new opportunities for success. Through this program, eligible businesses across our regional footprint can access funds to support critical business needs, make strategic investments, and build a stronger future.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

$10,000. Award amounts are subject to program requirements and available funding.

WHAT EXPENSES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Business registration
- Equipment and machinery
- Insurance expenses
- Inventory and supplies
- Licensing and certification fees
- Marketing and advertising
- Professional services
- Website development and technology
- Working capital

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

The application period will open:
11/1 - 11/30
Funding is limited, so don't miss your opportunity to apply!

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a for-profit business operating in Pennsylvania
- Be owned and controlled (51% or more) by one or more Pennsylvania residents
- Have fewer than 100 full-time employees
- File a Pennsylvania tax return
- Be actively operating at the time funds are awarded
- Be in good standing with federal, state, and local taxes with no outstanding liens or judgments
- Be able to provide documentation verifying eligibility

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligibility is determined by the official NEPA guidelines. Currently accepting applications from small businesses in the following six counties:

- *Columbia*
- *Lycoming*
- *Luzerne*
- *Lackawanna*
- *Montour*
- *Pike*
- *Wayne*



Is there a time limit to spend the funds?

Yes, grant funds must be expended by February 21st, 2027.

Applications will be reviewed and scored according to the program's guidelines?

No, grant funding is limited, and submitting an application does not guarantee an award. Applications will be reviewed and scored according to the program's guidelines.

Can ready-to-launch businesses apply?

Ready-to-launch businesses must demonstrate a viable business concept, financial feasibility, and a clear plan for sustainability.
The application requires detailed business planning documents.

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What expenses are not eligible?

- *Debt repayment*
- *Payroll taxes (owner or employee)*
- *Interest or finance charges*
- *Political, lobbying, or religious activities*
- *Fines, penalties, or legal settlements*

What documents do I need to provide if approved?

- *We require documents to verify eligibility and ensure proper use of funds. Required documentation includes:*
- *EIN or Social Security Number (as applicable)*
- *Financial statements (Balance Sheet, Income Statement)*
- *A detailed business plan and projections*
- *Proof of business registration*
- *Detailed quotes or invoices for proposed use of funds*
- *Other supporting documentation as requested during review*

How will I know if my application is approved?

- *Applicants will be notified via email of the final funding decision. If approved, you will receive a grant agreement form with terms and conditions.*

Do microgrants need to be repaid?

- *No, microgrant awards are grants and do not require repayment, provided all grant conditions, reporting requirements, and project goals are met. Improper use of funds may result in a repayment request.*

Will I have to report how I use the grant funds?

- *Yes, all grant recipients must provide proof of eligible expenditures through receipts, invoices, and bank statements. Grantees must also submit final progress reports.*

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