

## Introduction

Thanks for your interest in this special report.

Our goal was to locate the most reputable sources where women business owners like you can apply for grants. To the best of our knowledge, the grants we discovered are completely legitimate. Of course, we still encourage you to do your own due diligence. *It's especially vital that you note key deadlines and eligibility requirements.*

Below, we've listed these opportunities for you alphabetically. Best of luck in your pursuit.

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### 1. Amber Grant for Women Business Owners

[www.womensnet.net](http://www.womensnet.net)

Amber Grants began in 1998 to honor the memory of a young entrepreneurial woman – Amber Wigdahl – who died in 1981 at the age of 19. The purpose of the Amber Grant is to help other women achieve the dreams that Amber could not in her short time with us.

Each month, we award a \$2,000 Amber Grant. At the end of each year, we award a larger Amber Grant to one of the monthly recipients. Currently, that year-end amount is **\$25,000**. In addition, grant finalists/recipients are featured on our website, Facebook and email list.

It's our hope that those who receive funding pass on kindness and knowledge by helping other women along the way.

### 2. American Association of University Women

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>

Around since 1881, AAUW is one of the largest sources of funding for graduate woman in the world. AAUW currently offers six different fellowships and grants for woman. Their funding

ranges from \$2,000- \$30,000.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide. AAUW seeks a diverse applicant pool.

### 3. Cartier Women's Initiative Awards

<https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/application-selection-process>

The Cartier Women's Initiative Awards is looking for committed female entrepreneurs heading initiatives with the potential to grow significantly.

To be considered, your project must be a for-profit early-stage business (1 to 3 years old). Their grants are available to women entrepreneurs all around the world. Grant amounts can reach 6 figures.

You'll find a video detailing "7 easy steps to apply" at the link.

### 4. Dare to Dream Grant

<http://zli.umich.edu/programs-funds/dare-dream-grants>

The Eugene Applebaum Dare to Dream grant program moves University of Michigan students through the business creation process by offering business development seminars and awarding \$500-\$5,000 in grants to individuals and/or student teams.

The program requires students to submit deliverables as they are guided through the business development path from a nascent idea to formulating and assessing potential businesses to planning and launching these businesses. The grants program has three phases and students may enter their business into the program at any phase.

### 5. Eileen Fisher Women's Business Grant

<https://www.eileenfisher.com/grants/women-owned-business/grant-program-guidelines>

The Eileen Fisher Women-Owned Business Grant launched in 2004. It supports innovative, women-owned companies that are beyond the start-up phase and ready to expand their business and their potential for positive social and environmental impact.

### 6. FedEx Small Business Grant Contest

<https://smallbusinessgrant.fedex.com>

Each year, FedEx awards small business grants to entrepreneurs all over the country who have a deep passion for their businesses. Winners become part of a community of entrepreneurs that gain and share insights from peers and enjoy great exposure for their business.

The FedEx Small Business Grant Contest awards ten (10) U.S. based small businesses with grants up to \$50,000 and up to \$7,500 in FedEx Office print and business services. Check their FAQ for additional info.



## 7. Girlboss Foundation

<https://www.girlboss.com/foundation/apply>

Girlboss Foundation grants are exclusive to female creatives in the worlds of design, fashion, music, and the arts. To be eligible, applicants must identify as female, be US residents, and be 18 years or older.

Grants are awarded on a biannual basis to individuals pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors. Each grant beneficiary receives project funding for \$15,000, plus exposure through the Girlboss platform and community, as well as local and regional press.

## 8. Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation

<https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/what-we-offer/small-business-technical-assistance-grant-program> (Mass only)

The MGCC Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program builds operational capacity and skills of organizations that are providing technical assistance, education, and access to capital to small businesses, including many owned by women, minorities and veterans. The grant program strengthens ongoing business-development activities in low-and moderate-income and underserved communities, and in Gateway Cities across the state.

## 9. New Voices Fund

<https://newvoicesfund.com/capital/>

New Voices Fund is a \$100 Million Fund created to empower women of color entrepreneurs to reach their full potential. This groundbreaking initiative, designed to level the playing field, provides women of color entrepreneurs with unprecedented access, capital, and expertise they need to excel. This fund supports start-ups, established businesses, and community-based enterprises. The goal is to deliver unprecedented impact to communities by ensuring New Voices of entrepreneurship learn, grow, and thrive for generations to come.

New Voices Fund was founded by family-run conglomerate Sundial Brands, owner of best-selling brands SheaMoisture and Nubian Heritage.

## 10. Open Meadows Award

<https://sites.google.com/site/openmeadowsfoundation/>

Open Meadows is specifically looking to direct its resources towards changing the world. They're looking for projects focused on activism, political change, and empowerment directed by, and benefiting women and girls. Examples include projects focused on: Standing Rock, boycotts, marches, creation of new activist organizations, labor rights, community organizing, voting rights, environmental activism, economic rights, and other forms of political action encouraging participation by women and girls for women and girls.

They offer grants under \$2000 to projects that:

- Are designed and implemented by women and girls.
- Reflect the diversity of the community served by the project in its leadership and organization.
- Promote building community power.
- Have limited financial access.

### 11. Patrina Foundation Grant

<https://www.patrinafoundation.org/funding-guidelines/>

Grantees are primarily educational, cultural, and social service organizations which promote academic, artistic, athletic, job skills, life skills, and/or leadership abilities of girls and women.

The Foundation makes three types of grants: 1) seed money for start-up organizations or start-up programs, 2) one-time grants to solve a problem or build capacity, or 3) renewable ongoing support.

In certain situations, they will entertain a multi-year request to follow a cohort of participants through a program. Organizations may only apply for funding once a year, except through a Board request.

### 12. Startup Runway

<https://startuprunway.co/how-to-apply-f6s/>

Their mission is to showcase the top 10% of women- and minority-led startups across the Southeast and connect them with investors who understand early stage companies.

Startup Runway awards grants of \$5,000 and \$10,000 at different points in the year.

### 13. The Zach Grant

<https://www.fundera.com/resources/zach-grant>

The Zach Grant helps budding entrepreneurs grow their business. Zach, the founder of the restaurant chain Fusian, is the reason Fundera exists. When Zach couldn't get a bank loan, Fundera's co-founder (and Zach's cousin) Jared Hecht wanted to know why. His journey led to the formation of Fundera—and the rest is history.

The Zach Grant (funded by Fundera) is awarding \$2,500 for the best video entry every year. The grant will be awarded in check form, made payable directly to the business. How to apply and judging criteria are found at the link.

### 14. Tory Burch Foundation

<https://fellows.toryburchfoundation.org/>

Up to 50 Fellows will receive benefits beyond the foundation's \$5,000 grant for business education.

Per the website, they'll also enjoy a 4-day workshop series at the Tory Burch offices

and access to their online peer-to-peer network of women entrepreneurs and resources. A smaller group of selected Fellows will have the opportunity to pitch their business to industry influencers.

## 15. Walmart Foundation

<http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/>

The focus here is on non-profits. Walmart's signature programs include the National Giving Program, the Community Grant Program and the Northwest Arkansas Giving Program.

In addition, they offer funding to support promising Canadian programs that have the potential to significantly reduce food waste and loss – with the ultimate goals of preventing loss, maximizing donations of usable food, and minimizing food waste that ends up in landfills.

## 16. Women's Foundation of Greater Kansas City

<http://www.womens-foundation.org/philanthropy/>

The Women's Foundation of Kansas City, founded in 1991, has made hundreds of grants to non-profit organizations benefiting women of all ages in Kansas and Missouri.