



# Ready to get started?



*Muscatine's first and only startup grant funding initiative makes \$1,000 investments into its early-stage entrepreneurs looking to take a great idea and turn it into action.*



## PLAN

Prepare your business plan to ensure you've thought your idea out.



## TEST

Test your ideas and see whether you're ready to start a business.



## START

Apply for a grant and get to work with funding to take your first steps.

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### **What types of businesses qualify?**

We like to fund a variety of businesses. It doesn't matter if you're a florist or a framer, barber or baker. However, we don't fund any illegal activities, gambling or multi-level marketing. Nonprofit organizations do not qualify.

### **What are the eligibility requirements?**

New or existing businesses that have been open for less than two years and must be physically located in Muscatine, Iowa or in the 52761 zip code. You will be required to provide a business plan and establish a profile on the SmartStart Dashboard.

### **When do I receive the money?**

After completing and submitting the application you will receive a response within 3 days to indicate approval of your request. It takes 15 business days for the funds to be awarded by check once you have submitted your receipts upon the completion of work. An updated W-9 will be required with every funding request.

### **How much will I receive?**

You will be granted up to \$1,000 maximum. The processing of funding will be on a reimbursement basis pending the verification of receipts for eligible purposes.

### **What can I use it for?**

To cover the cost of incorporation for your business or organization and to support the early stages of development. Additional costs can include accounting services, website development fees, branding and other professional services.

### **Do I have to pay it back?**

No. But please think of us when your business gets so big and you become famous and have so much money you don't know what to do with - we can help start and grow more businesses together!



# #MAKEITMUSCATINE STARTUP GRANT

## Application Form

Please confirm your grant amount and the purposes for the grant that you are requesting below. Note that there is no guarantee that you will qualify for the grant amount you request. The final grant amount that you will qualify for will be determined by the startup grant review committee. Your application must be completed and returned with the requested documentation in order for the grant review process to begin.

### Contact Information

**Full Name**

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**Email**

**Phone**

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### About Your Business

**Business Name**

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**Street Address**

**City**

**Zip**

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**Industry**

**Months In Business**

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**# of Employees**

**Annual Revenues**

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### Grant Request

**What is the amount that you are requesting?**

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**What will the grant be used for?**

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**Have you prepared a business plan? (\*Required - Please attach)**