



# SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

In Philadelphia

## Resource Directory

### City of Philadelphia

#### Commerce Dept. Grants

<https://business.phila.gov/financing-incentive-options/>

**Instore Forgivable Loan** - helps eligible retail, food, and creative for-profit and non-profit businesses purchase equipment and materials associated with establishing a new location or expanding at an existing one. The loan amount is \$15,000 – \$50,000 for a project. The forgivable loan does not require payments and is forgiven if the recipient meets program guidelines for five (5) years.

**Storefront Improvement Project** - reimburses owners of commercial buildings and businesses within designated commercial corridors who make storefront improvements. The program can reimburse up to 50% of the cost of eligible improvements to a maximum of \$10,000 for a single commercial property, or up to \$15,000 for a multiple-address or corner business property. To find out whether you qualify, contact Giana Lawrence at 215-683-2017 or email [SIP@Phila.gov](mailto:SIP@Phila.gov)

**SafeCam** - reimburses commercial property owners and business owners for the installation of surveillance cameras, to make their location safer for shoppers and the community. The program provides a 50% reimbursement (of up to \$3,000) for the total cost of eligible safety camera installations for a single commercial property.

### The Merchants Fund Grants

<http://www.merchantsfund.org/grants/>

**Stabilization Grant** - Business Stabilization grants of up to \$10,000 are available to help small businesses remain stable and viable in the face of economic challenges, changes, opportunities, and crisis.

**Loan Match Grant** - Loan Matching Grants are available to help business expanding its product or services, between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

### Empowerment Zone Grants

<http://www.phila.gov/commerce/neighborhoods/Pages/EmpowermentZones.aspx>

**American Street EX Scholarship Program** - assists ASEZ residents to support their pursuit of higher education or vocational training, & assist individuals and families with the costs of higher education or postsecondary training. The scholarship will cover expenses related to educational endeavors.

**Business Expansion up to 50K** - to assist expansion efforts of commercial and industrial business located in the American Street EZ. This grant can be used by existing businesses locating into the EZ or businesses already located within the zone who are expanding their operations and/or services. The program reimburses businesses up to 50% of the total cost of eligible improvements for a maximum reimbursement of \$25,000.

## How We Can Help

**FINANTA**, or **FIN**ancing **AN**d **TE**chnical **AS**sistance, is a nonprofit lending institution providing access to capital and technical assistance in the Philadelphia Region. We provide programs which can help strengthen your business and access grants.

### Bridge Loans

Bridge loans are specifically designed to assist business owners access the City of Philadelphia Commerce Department's grant programs, including the Storefront Improvement Program, the American Street Empowerment Zone Business Expansion Grant and the InStore forgivable loan by covering the required upfront costs.

### TMF Applications

We are proud to announce that we have helped over 20 of our small business clients access \$10,000+ grants from the Merchants Fund for a total of over \$200,000.

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