

Girlboss Updates Roundup of Grant Programs Open to Women-Owned Businesses

The women's career media brand refreshes its guide to small business grants: the hard part of free funding should be winning it, not finding out it exists.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Here is something every woman in business deserves to hear more often. There is real money out there for you, the kind you never have to pay back, and there is far more of it than most founders ever realize. [Grants for women-owned businesses](#) run from steady monthly cash awards to six-figure prizes built specifically to help women grow the thing they have poured themselves into. The catch has never been ambition, and it has never been talent. It is access, because so many of the women who could win these grants never find out they exist in the first place.

That is the gap Girlboss is setting out to close. This week, Girlboss refreshed its guide to small business grants for women, a warm, plain-English roundup of the programs that are genuinely open, genuinely fund women, and genuinely worth the effort of applying. It is written for the small-business founder who has already turned a side hustle into something real, and who is ready for the capital to take it further—on her own terms—without piling on debt to get there.

Anyone who has gone looking already knows that the search for funding is half the battle. Grants are scarcer than loans, the applications ask a lot of you, and the opportunities sit scattered across clunky databases, dead links, and programs that quietly disappear, which rewards whoever happens to have the most time and insider knowledge to dig. Girlboss has done the work for you. Finding the money should not be the privilege. Winning it should be the challenge, and every woman deserves a fair shot at it.

The refreshed guide gives readers a head start. It points them toward established programs like the Amber Grant, which awards funding to a woman every single month, the Cartier Women's Initiative for founders in their earliest years, and the Small Business Development Centers that help first-timers work out what is already accessible to them in their own communities. It reads less like a boring ol' directory and more like a trusted resource you'd get from that slightly older, slightly wiser entrepreneur friend who's already been there.

"Every week, we hear from women who are basically one grant away from their next big move, and they have no idea that money is even sitting there," a Girlboss spokesperson said. "That is the part that gets me, because these founders are not short on talent or hustle. They are short

on a map. So we made one. We pulled the real [funding resources for women founders](#) into a single place and wrote it the way you would actually want a friend to explain it, so that going after the money finally feels doable instead of daunting."

None of this is a departure for Girlboss. Helping ambitious women succeed on their own terms has been the mission from day one, and today, the community consists of over 100,000 ambitious women who turn up for real, honest career and business intel (with a welcome dose of pop culture). Funding, as it happens, is one of the things the Girlboss community asks about most, and that's why Girlboss wants to close that gap for good.

The message underneath all of it is a genuinely hopeful one. The money is real, the odds are far better than they look, and the first move is not a flawless pitch or a perfect network. It is simply knowing where to look, and now women have a place to start.

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