

Empowered Capital

Small Business Grant Program · 2026–2027

Helping Black-owned Marion County businesses grow, stabilize, and build capacity.

GRANTS UP TO
\$5,000

VENDORS PAID
Directly

DECISION IN UP TO
45 days

Who is eligible

- ✓ For-profit business, **at least 51% Black-owned**
- ✓ Operating **12 months to 10 years**
- ✓ Located in **Marion County**, Indiana
- ✓ Projections showing a realistic path to **\$100,000 in annual revenue within 3–5 years**

Good to know

- All business owners must be listed on and sign the application.
- All funds must be used **within two weeks of your approval email**. Unused funds are reabsorbed and no longer available to the grantee.
- Professional services must begin within 14 days of referral.
- Grantees share impact testimony and photos when their project is complete.

What funds can cover

Professional services

Technology

Machinery & equipment

Facility improvement

Marketing & advertising

Trademarks

Other approved services

Not eligible: tax or debt payments, past expenses, charitable contributions, personal expenses.

What to prepare

- Business plan (if annual revenue is under \$100,000)
- 2025 taxes
- Last 60 days of bank statements
- Recent balance sheet
- Two-year growth projections
- Quotes or bids covering your full project budget

READY TO APPLY?

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