



HOPKINSVILLE
SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

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Small Business Opportunity Grant Program

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Overview

The Hopkinsville Small Business Commission was established to help bridge the gap between city government and local small business owners.

The attraction, retention, and reopening of Hopkinsville's small businesses are vital to building a strong community. Therefore, the purpose of this program is to offer support to small businesses that are just starting out, expanding or may be experiencing hardships.

For the purposes of this grant program, a small business is defined as an entity with fewer than 100 employees.



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Opportunity Grant Program

1 – Program Description

The purpose of this program is to offer support to small businesses with a valid City of Hopkinsville Business License and located within the City of Hopkinsville city limits.

a – Program Overview

The Small Business Opportunity Grant Program will provide two grants in the amounts of \$2,500 and \$7,500.

The Hopkinsville Small Business Commission will manage and administer the program.

b – Geographic Eligibility

The Business must be located within the city limits of Hopkinsville and must have its Corporate Headquarters located within Christian County.

c – Timeline

The application period will begin in May 1, 2026 and the awards will be announced no later than June 30, 2026.



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2 – Program Requirements

a – Eligible Activities

- Equipment – Applicants may ask for a grant to purchase equipment if they can show how the equipment will help the business. The business must provide justification for the need of the equipment in its operations.
- Working Capital - Funds awarded can be used toward eligible working capital expenses, which are defined as the following:
 - Employee salaries/wages (owner’s salary is not an eligible expense)
 - Mortgage payments or rent/lease
 - Inventory and supplies
 - Utilities
 - Marketing

b – Award Limits

The minimum amount of potential grant assistance is \$2,500, and the maximum amount is \$7,500



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3 – Eligibility Criteria For Businesses

a – Entity Criteria

- Must be a for-profit business.
- Business must be registered on the Secretary of State’s website in “active” status.
- Must have a current City of Hopkinsville Business License.
- Must not be delinquent on any taxes owed to the City of Hopkinsville – including but not limited to licenses/payroll/property taxes.
- Must not have more than 100 employees.

b – Operations Criteria

- Must have annual gross revenue of \$25,000.
- Must have at least 1 full-time equivalent employee (this includes the owner).

c – Ownership Criteria

- Any applicant that has more than 50% ownership in more than one business may participate in a maximum of two applications per year.
- Owners who have received a grant and own a minority share in another business do not disqualify that business due to their ownership.



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