

## Small Business Resources

- **[Stephen L. Tadlock Veteran Business Grant-Application Opens September 24<sup>th</sup>](#)**

Inspired by Founders First CEO, Kim Folsom's brother, U.S. Navy Veteran Stephen L. Tadlock, the \$25,000 fund will make investments of \$1,000 each to 25 veterans who are running employer-based small businesses across the country.

[National Grant for Veteran Small Business Owners - Founders First CDC](#)

- **[Veteran Business Owners Webinar-September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM](#)**

Join the [Iowa Secretary of State's Office](#) and the [Nebraska Veterans Business Outreach Center \(VBOC\)](#), which serves eligible Iowans and Nebraskans, for a free webinar on Wednesday, September 25, from 10:30-11:30 AM to learn about VBOC's programs, such as the Boots to Business (B2B) program, challenges veteran entrepreneurs face and overcome, and more!

[Complete the required registration on Eventbrite](#). The link to access the webinar will be sent out to you via email prior to the event. This webinar will be recorded; please register even if you are not able to attend live to ensure that you will still receive the recording when it's ready.

If you would like additional information about the webinar or if you have any questions, please reach out to Ashley, our Business Services Outreach Specialist, at [Ashley.Merkley@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:Ashley.Merkley@sos.iowa.gov).

- **[PepsiCo Juntos Creemos Grant Program-Application Deadline: September 27<sup>th</sup>](#)**

The program is now accepting applications from woman-owned small businesses in the food and beverage industry until September 27, 2024 at 6 p.m. ET. Grant recipients will also be awarded with acceptance into PepsiCo's Juntos Creemos Program: [Jefa-Owned Business Health Accelerator and Boost Camp](#), a digital community space which will be home to monthly business coaching workshops, mentorship, networking and more.

[PepsiCo Juntos Creemos Grant Program - Hello Alice](#)

- **[Business Builder Subaward Grant Program – Application Deadline: October 15<sup>th</sup>](#)**

The Heartland Regional Food Business Center will provide financial assistance through Business Builder (BB) Subawards of \$5,000 to \$50,000 each to support projects focused on meeting regional needs and increasing capacity among food and farm businesses working toward expansion in local and regional food markets.

Eligible to apply are small food and farm businesses or nonprofit organizations. Learn more [here](#).

- **Empower Rural Iowa Innovation Grants – Application Deadline: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Applications are now open on [IowaGrants.gov](http://IowaGrants.gov) for the revised Innovation grant program, **BOOST for Business**. This program has three different focus areas to support innovation for rural Iowa businesses:

- \* [Rural Independent Grocery Stores](#)
- \* [Small Food Producers](#)
- \* [Second Stage Growth Companies: Economic Gardening](#)

Deadline to apply for funding is October 25, 2024, at 4:00pm. For more information, please contact Robin ([robin.bostrom@iowaeda.com](mailto:robin.bostrom@iowaeda.com)) or visit the Rural Innovation Grant Program [website](#).

- **Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses-Application Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

[Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses](#) is a program for small businesses that links learning to action. Through the program, participants will gain practical skills in topics such as negotiation, marketing, and employee management that can immediately be put into action. In addition, they will receive the tools and professional support to develop a strategic and customized growth plan that will take their business to the next level.

Curriculum is delivered in person and online – all at no cost to Iowa business owners. [Applications](#) are currently open for the Spring 2025 co-hort.

- **DoorDash Disaster Relief Fund – Apply by December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

To help restaurants recover in times of critical need, DoorDash has partnered with Hello Alice to create the Restaurant Disaster Relief Fund. The fund supports restaurants impacted by natural disasters, severe weather events, or major infrastructure failures, and provides relief through \$10,000 grants.

[Applications](#) are reviewed on a quarterly cycle with applications for the current round close December 2, 2024 at 6 p.m. ET.

- **Feed The Soul Cohort-Applications Open October 5<sup>th</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Feed the Soul Foundation's mission is to provide a pathway of growth and sustainability to marginalized culinary businesses and students, through business development, education, grants, and scholarships. Cohort participants receive up to \$25,000.00 in business development and financial support.

[Apply for Cohort | Feed the Soul Foundation](#)