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# CONNECT COLLAB CREATE

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We create a monthly listing for our  
Boss Babes Elites of Funding  
Opportunities available to women in  
business

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GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES (unless specified in the description)

100x Impact Accelerator - 100x Impact Accelerator, a leading global impact accelerator based at the London School of Economics (LSE), is calling for applications to its second cohort. 100x aims to create the next generation of "social unicorns"- organisations working to achieve positive impact on the scale of billions. Applications are welcome from eight impact areas including climate change and the environment; democracy; education; equitable economies; happiness and wellbeing; health and social care; new frontiers; refugees and cohesion. Funding of £150,000. Apply by 7/3/2023 - <https://www.100ximpact.org/resources/call-for-applications-100x-impact-accelerators-second-cohort>

Amazon App Store Small Business Accelerator - The Small Business Accelerator Program allows developers that earn less than 1 million USD in total annual revenue in the previous calendar year to access additional benefits up to or equivalent to 20% of Appstore revenue. If eligible, you'll receive a 10% increased royalty payment and AWS credits equivalent to 10% of your app revenue. - <https://developer.amazon.com/apps-and-games/small-business-program>

Antler Global Startup Program - Antler is a global early-stage VC that runs multiple programs for business startups around the world. See the website for more info about the program and application dates. - <https://www.antler.co/platform/#apply-now>

Awesome Foundation - Foundation distributes \$1,000 grants, no strings attached, to projects and their creators. At each fully autonomous chapter, the money is pooled together from the coffers of ten or so self-organizing "micro-trustees". Awarded monthly - <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en>

AWS Startup Loft Accelerator - AWS Startup Loft Accelerator equips your technical team with tech resources, guidance and a community of peers. From technical deep dives to round tables on day-to-day CTO challenges, including: recruiting, managing an engineering team, building a minimum viable product, and design principles for cloud architecture. Provides \$25,000 in AWS credits - <https://aws-startup-lofts.com/emea/program/accelerator>

Backing International Small Restaurant Grant (AmEx) - (London, Mexico City, Sydney, Tokyo, and Toronto) - In partnership with the International Downtown Association Foundation, the program will supply \$450,000 in grant funding to help independent restaurants with community significance. Apply by 7/7/2023 - <https://downtown.org/event/bisr/>

Canva Pro For Nonprofits - If you are a nonprofit, you can register now to get Canva's premium features for free. - <https://www.canva.com/canva-for-nonprofits/>



Chat For Impact - Health Accelerator - Looking for organizations with a clear business case / theory of change that leverage digital messaging to achieve health outcomes, specifically emphasizing secure and private chat services. In addition, the ideal applicants should be committed to building and expanding a chat service on WhatsApp and have the required team and time to accomplish this goal. Funding of \$25,000. Apply by 7/31/2023 - <https://turn-new-website.webflow.io/community/accelerator-23#Register>

Emergent Ventures Grant/Fellowship Application (through Mercatus Center at George Mason University) - Emergent Ventures, a fellowship and grant program from the Mercatus Center, seeks to support entrepreneurs with highly scalable, "zero to one" ideas for meaningfully improving society. Projects will either be fellowships or grants: fellowships involve time in residence at the Mercatus Center in Northern Virginia; grants are one-time or slightly staggered payments to support a project. [https://mercatuscenter.formstack.com/forms/emergent\\_ventures](https://mercatuscenter.formstack.com/forms/emergent_ventures)

Etsy Disaster Relief Fund - Sellers will be eligible for a grant if they experienced a federally declared natural disaster within the past year, have been an active seller on Etsy for at least one year, and their Etsy account is in good standing. Grants for \$2,500 - <https://advocacy.etsy.com/etsy-emergency-relief-fund-at-cerf/>

F6S List of Accelerators and Pitch Competitions - Provides a list of accelerators, contests and pitch competitions around the world. <https://www.f6s.com/programs>

Pollination Project - Grants to global non-profits. Annual budget for your group or organization must be less than \$50,000. The total cost for the immediate project for which you are requesting funding must be less than \$40,000 - <https://thepollinationproject.org/apply/>

Roddenberry Catalyst Fund - The Catalyst Fund is offering grants to Nonprofits & Social Enterprises to fund ideas or early-stage projects that have a high potential for large-scale impact and sustainable change. You can be a seasoned social entrepreneur or a first-time changemaker. Eligible candidates for the Catalyst Fund may be individuals, teams of individuals, non-profit organizations, or social enterprises. Funding up to \$15,000 - <https://roddenberryfoundation.org/our-work/catalyst-fund/>

Savvy Fellowship - Savvy is a 12-week virtual Fellowship program for young professionals seeking to be part of the new generation of impact entrepreneurs. Applicants should be 40 or younger - <https://savvyfellows.com/team/>



SheTrades Accelerator - SheTrades Accelerator Programme for women entrepreneurs and business support organizations in the Apparel, Accessories and Home Décor sectors is targeting women-led businesses (WLBs) and Business Support Organizations (BSO) in the Apparel, Accessories, and Home Decor sector from Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Senegal, and South Africa. - <https://shetrades-accelerator.converve.io/>

Social Shifters Global Innovation - The Challenge is a thrilling opportunity for young trailblazers (aged 18-30) to unleash your creativity and drive. It's all about exploring, nurturing, and bringing to life ideas that tackle the social or environmental issues that ignite a fire within you. Funding of \$10,000. Apply by 8/20/2023 - <https://challenge.socialshifters.co/>

Techstars Accelerators - Techstars accelerators have one goal: to help entrepreneurs succeed. During each three-month program, they surround companies with the best mentors and an unrivaled network of corporate partners, investors, and alumni. Companies can receive \$20K for 6% of company. Various locations and due dates - <https://www.techstars.com/accelerators/>

We Make Change - Global initiative that matches small businesses (mainly not for profits) with volunteers who are professional individuals or are from companies (including blue chip) that have an interest in supporting not for profits. Helps impact startups build a remote volunteer team for free volunteer help - <https://www.wemakechange.org/>

Amazon's Black Business Accelerator - Dedicated to helping build sustainable equity and growth for Black entrepreneurs by enabling their success as sellers. Grow your business with access to financial support, strategic business guidance and mentorship, and marketing and promotional support. - <https://sell.amazon.com/programs/black-business-accelerator>

America's Top Small Business Awards - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize the very best in American small business. Applicants must be a for-profit business operating for at least one year within the United States and have less than 250 employees. Awards of \$25,000. Apply by 7/7/2023 - <https://www.uschamber.com/co/good-company/americas-top-small-business/americas-top-small-business-guide>

Black Girl Ventures Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program - (NYC, Austin, Houston) - The Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program is a fully unique 12-week leadership intensive development program created specifically to expand the capacity of early to mid-stage entrepreneurs. Must be a resident AND have a business registered in one of the following cities: NYC, Austin and Houston. Funding of \$5,000. Apply by 7/11/2023 - <https://blackgirlventures.submittable.com/submit/264212/fall-2023-emerging-leaders-fellowship-program>





Fearless Strivers Grant - Open to black women who are legal U.S. residents (including DC), 18+ and the principal owner of a U.S.-based small business. Grants for \$20,000. Apply by 8/31/2023 - <https://www.fearless.fund/strivers-grant-contest>

Freed Fellowship - Every month, one \$500 grant is awarded to an underrepresented founder in the US to invest in their existing business. No strings attached. No equity required. Grant recipients are also eligible to receive an additional end-of-year grant of \$2,500. <https://www.freedfellowship.com/grant1>

HerRise Micro-Grant (\$10 fee to apply) - Each month a \$500 micro-grant will be awarded to a for-profit small business owned by women of color. Past recipients used their growth grants for computers, equipment, marketing materials, software purchase, website creation and more. - <https://www.hersuitespot.com/herrise/>

Juntos Crecemos Hispanic Digital & Delivery Program (PepsiCo) - PepsiCo is inviting Latina entrepreneurs who work in food service to apply for eight weeks of personalized expert consultation, including best practices across operations, technology, marketing and digital presence. <https://pepsicojuntoscrecemos.com/jefaowned/>

Justice 40 Accelerator - The Justice40 Accelerator is a community of peer organizations from across the U.S. that are driving community-led solutions to benefit those who are at the frontlines of climate, environmental, and social injustices. Once the 12-month active programming concludes, organizations are encouraged to stay engaged in the relational network to support, mentor, partner, and advocate for each other. Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status, fiscally sponsored projects, and cooperatives based in the U.S., including sovereign lands located within the U.S. and its territories, are eligible to apply. Apply by 7/31/2023 - <https://www.justice40accelerator.org/accelerator-application-landing-page>

Kinetic Black Business Support Fund - Must be a black-owned small business in the state of GA, Charlotte, NC or Lexington, KY and receiving broadband internet Services from Windstream. Grants for \$2,500 - <https://business.windstream.com/bbsf#>

McBride Sisters SHE CAN Fund in Food and Wine - SHE CAN Fund invests in the professional advancement and career growth of high-potential, professional women, with a particular focus on women of color. Our mission is to close the gender and race gap in leadership positions in wine & spirits, hospitality, and finance industries by providing professional development - <https://www.mcbridesistersfund.org/>



Microsoft TechSpark Community Engagement Fellowship Grant - Community organizations focused on creating inclusive economic opportunities will have the opportunity to apply to receive a mix of funding and contextual technical assistance through in-person and virtual support. Awarded organizations will select a member of their team to represent their organization as a TechSpark Fellow. Applicant must be US-based non-profit. Funding up to \$50,000 - <https://customervoice.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v4j5cvGGr0GRqy180BHbRzqG-8hAJq1BsU8sgfjznelUQUpCUkJVOTgyTThESk1RTURRR1JUSldUWSQLQCN0PWcu>

MIT Solve: Truist Foundation Inspire Awards - This challenge is seeking nonprofit organizations with innovative, tech-enabled solutions that address challenges faced by small business owners. Funding for \$10,000. Apply by 8/4/2023 - <https://solve.mit.edu/challenges/truist-foundation-inspire-awards-year-2>

Nasdaq Foundation: Quarterly Grant Program to Empower Diverse Entrepreneurs - Only open to non-profits. Grants will be given in this area to organizations and programs that impact women and under-represented communities in one or more of the following ways: Enhance financial engagement and Improve access to knowledge and tools. Funding up to \$75,000. Apply by 8/11/23 and 11/10/23 - <https://www.nasdaq.com/nasdaq-foundation/grant-program>

Novae Grants Database - Novae Grants database are intended for small businesses with 6-100 employees, though some are also intended for larger businesses and sole proprietor startups - <https://grants.novaegrants.com/>

PublishHer Grant - Business Impact Grant (BIG) program for women of color whose businesses are making a difference in the lives of others and the world. Apply by August 31, 2023. Grants for \$5,000 - <https://publishherpress.com/grants-for-women-business-owners/>

She's Connected Grant - AT&T - Apply or nominate your favorite woman-owned small business to become a part of the She's Connected by AT&T community and for a chance to win \$20,000 for a women-owned small business, a free year of AT&T service and devices, along with the full support of the She's Connected by AT&T platform. Apply by 8/31/2023 - <https://about.att.com/story/2023/shes-connected-contest.html>





SPUR (Shared Purpose, Unlimited Reach) Pathways - Through an integrated and collaborative approach, Macy's, Inc. and Momentus will provide access to a range of capital options from microloans to growth capital to equity investments. This represents a commitment to underrepresented businesses and aims to galvanize the retail industry to invest in the next generation of entrepreneurs - <https://www.macysinc.com/purpose/spurpathways>

Start Path Small Business (Mastercard) - During the 4-month program, startups will have the opportunity to leverage Mastercard's network and subject matter expertise to uncover product partnerships, scale their companies and power solutions that drive safe, secure and simple experiences. Companies should be in one of following industries: Customer Service, Banking, Security, E-commerce, Artificial Intelligence, Payment Processing, Digital Lending, FinTech - <https://developer.mastercard.com/programs/start-path-small-business/>

Start Small Think Big is a nonprofit that helps small businesses with high potential and limited access to the resources needed to create thriving businesses. They partner with small business owners, providing personalized business support and building connections with local communities. If you are interested in being considered as a "client" for free services, you can fill out this form <https://partner.startsmallthinkbig.org/bofainstitute> (for English) or <https://partner.startsmallthinkbig.org/bofainstitute-esp> (for Spanish) They also offer free webinars (in Eng and Span). See this link for their upcoming events: <https://www.startsmallthinkbig.org/events-for-small-businesses>

Startup Collective by Aveeno - The Startup Collective by Aveeno is an initiative designed to empower Black female-identifying entrepreneurs with a product, brand, or technology that meets the skin or hair care needs of Black consumers. They will be enabled to achieve business growth by providing them with access to grants, education, and resources. Funding up to \$100,000. Apply by 8/13/2023 - <https://www.aveeno.com/startup-collective>

TL Effect Mentorship Program - The TL Effect is an in-house mentorship program geared towards women-of-color entrepreneurs looking to take their consumer-focused early-stage start-up to the next level. One recipient will receive a \$20,000 grant - <https://blog.thirdlove.com/the-tl-effect/>

TRANSFORM Business Grant - The TRANSFORM Business Grant is designed to support individuals in systemically oppressed groups who demonstrate financial need. This includes, but is not limited to, BIPOC individuals, individuals who have a disability, formerly incarcerated individuals, and queer, trans, and nonbinary folks. Grants for \$1,000. Apply by 8/20/2023 - <https://www.transformgrant.org/>



Truist NonProfit Grant - The Truist Foundation supports nonprofits with grants that target leadership development, economic mobility, thriving communities and educational equity. Quarterly deadlines - <https://www.truist.com/purpose/truist-foundation/grant-application>

Uber Eats and Visa Sustainable Packaging Grant - If your business is based in Los Angeles or New York City and meets the eligibility criteria, you can apply for a chance to be awarded a \$10,000 credit to transition to more sustainable packaging. Apply by 7/7/2023 - <https://merchants.ubereats.com/us/en/resources/community/grants-for-growth/>

Vela Educaion Fund Grants - ELA supports thousands of independent operators who facilitate learning outside the traditional bounds of 'school.' Must be US based and serve K-12 learners or programs outside of traditional public, private, or charter schools. Funding up to \$10,000. Apply by 8/11/23, 10/6/23 - <https://velaedfund.org/microgrants/>

Veterans Business Outreach Center - The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program offers resources to veterans who are interested in starting or growing a small business. There are 22 locations (soon expanding to 35) and they offer workshops, training, counseling, and mentorship opportunities. - <https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc-program>

Warrior Rising Grant - Warrior Rising strives to accept and assist veterans at any point in the process of starting their own business, whether it is only a concept or if they have actual operations. Funding of \$20,000 - <https://www.warriorrising.org/apply/>

Wish Local Empowerment Program - You must be a Black-owned business with a brick-and-mortar shop within the United States and less than 20 employees. If selected for the program, you must join Wish Local (which is free). Grants for up to \$2000 - <https://www.wish.com/local/empowerment>

Women and Minority Business Owner Down Payment Grant (Bank of America) - Non-repayable grant is for up to \$25,000 on SBA owner occupied commercial estate loans for business locations within select opportunity zones (Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles) Program may expand based on pilot. - <https://promotions.bankofamerica.com/smallbusiness/downpaymentgrant>





## Florida Specific

Mom and Pop Small Business Grant (Miami/Dade) - Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program offers funding opportunities for small owned and operated businesses to purchase equipment, supplies, advertising/marketing, inventory, building liability insurance, security systems and to make minor renovations. Applications are filed by District and all have different due dates. See website for details - [https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1471548035447835](https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1471548035447835).

Orlando Business Funding Availability - Website with links to several funding options for businesses based in Orlando, FL- <https://www.orlando.gov/Community-Programs-Events/Grant-Funding-Availability>.

Osceola Microenterprise Assistance Program - The program will provide a one time \$5,000 grant to qualified, for-profit businesses located within unincorporated Osceola County (Tax District 300) by using CDBG-CV funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus. This program will operate on a first-come, first-ready basis. Grants for \$5,000- <https://www.osceola.org/news/microenterprise-assistance-program-to-provide-financial-aid-to-qualifying-small-businesses.stml>

Thank you! We hope this information was helpful. If you are awarded any opportunity, please let us know. We'd love the opportunity to celebrate with you! Email Dr. Karine Melissa at [iamkarinemelissa@gmail.com](mailto:iamkarinemelissa@gmail.com).