

# 2026 BUSINESS OPERATING GRANTS

Application open February 15 to March 15, 2026



## Funding for Your Business

The MCRC Business Operating Grants Program provides grant funding up to \$25,000 for eligible Middlesex County-based for-profit businesses. The grants are to provide funds for potential business expansion and growth, or support ongoing operations due to an experienced hardship. Applicants must demonstrate that the operating funds are necessary and sufficient, when combined with any other sources, to sustain and grow the business, and increase and/or retain jobs.

## Eligibility

For profit businesses that employ 50 or fewer employees, have gross revenue less than \$8 million, and have been in business for at least 24 months in a Middlesex County town are eligible to apply. Complete eligibility requirements can be found online at [mxcrc.org](http://mxcrc.org).



### Use of Funds

Grant funding may be used for the purchase of new or upgraded equipment and/or technology, leasehold improvements, and other fixed costs, including costs associated with supply chain disruption, increased employee travel time/mileage expenses, increased vendor costs, loss of income, and new marketing campaign expenses.



### Easy Application, Minimal Reporting

Streamlined application process and simplified reporting all completed online.



### 2026 Application & Funding Timeline

Applications will be accepted February 15 to March 15, 2026, and notifications sent by May 29, 2026. Please note that the total number of applications may impact the overall review period and date of notification.

## QUESTIONS?

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