

Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunity

## “Seeds to Engage”

# Small Business Seed Grant Program



### ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

- Rent/lease, mortgage expenses
- Utilities
- Inventory
- Operation costs/expenses



### INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- Franchises/chains
- Hotels/motels
- Financial lending institutions
- Private membership businesses
- Adult-oriented businesses
- Owned in part or fully by RC staff, administration or leadership

## \$10,000 GRANTS

Grants are competitive and will be scored based on specific criteria.

**Applications open in January 2022**

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Business located in Richland County, SC
- Have a Richland County business license
- For-profit business
- Small business with 10 or fewer employees
- Business has been in operation for at least six months as of January 2022

### HUD ELIGIBILITY

- Business owner's current household income is at or below 80 percent median income
- Business intends to retain or create at least one full-time equivalent, permanent low- to moderate-income job
- Must complete at least one Technical Assistance Training by the USSBA

Register for the OSBO's online "Seeds to Engage" Seed Grant Overview:

<https://osbograntoverviewdec1.eventbrite.com>

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