

October 2026 Grant Opportunities

Outta Excuses Grant

Application Deadline: [October 7, 2026](#)

No more waiting for the "right time." Fill out the application and put your business in the running for the \$10,000 Outta Excuses Grant. Eligible applicants must be small business owners or nonprofit organizations, and all applicants are required to attend the live Zoom grant announcement

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America's Startup Contest Competition

Application Deadline: [October 8, 2026](#)

If you're an undergraduate student with an idea you're ready to build, America's Startup wants to hear from you. Compete for a share of more than \$1 million in prizes, receive mentorship from leading names in tech and business, and pitch your idea live in Washington, D.C.

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The Kenneth B and Stephen L. Tadlock Veteran Business Grant

Application Deadline: [October 15, 2026](#)

This grant was created in honor of U.S. Navy Veteran Stephen L. Tadlock, brother of Founders First CEO Kim Folsom. It celebrates his service by supporting veteran-led or military spouse owned small businesses with both funding and resources to grow stronger, sustainable companies. \$1,000 award + program access to 25 finalists.

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Disruptor Award

Application Deadline: [October 16, 2026](#)

For U.S.-based women – in any field and in any role – who have a project or idea that credibly qualifies as a form of "public benefit" for other women and girls. Up to \$90,000. Mentorship and cohort experience required. Network access available.

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Visa Foundation U.S. Small Business Growth and Innovation Program

Application Deadline: [October 21, 2026](#)

The program anticipates making grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000, with the grant amount determined by organizational budget size. Any U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charity organization that has at least two years of audited financial statements and/or IRS Form 990s, has an annual operating budget between \$1 million and \$10 million, and that provides direct services to small and micro businesses (SMBs) is eligible to apply.

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Women Founders Grant

Application Deadline: [October 31, 2026](#)

Two Simple Questions: How are you translating your passion into a business? How will this grant make your dream a reality? We award \$5,000 merit based grants to women founders and business owners. Winners get a business Yoda as the Yang to your Yin. Our mentors have walked the startup path and are here to support you. Nonrefundable \$25 application fee

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Hey Helen Grant

Application Deadline: [October 31, 2026](#)

Each month, one founder will receive a \$10,000 unrestricted cash award — designed to fuel whatever moves your business forward, whether that's operations, growth, marketing, hiring, or infrastructure. This grant is open to businesses that are at least 50% women-owned, generate less than \$1M in annual revenue, and are legally registered in the United States. Please note that pre-revenue applications are welcome as well!

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Breva Thrive Grant Program

Application Deadline: [October 31, 2026](#)

Small businesses keep our communities alive and vibrant. Successful small businesses and healthy communities go hand in hand. The Thrive Grant exists to recognize, support, and amplify the businesses making a real difference where they operate. \$5,000 awarded quarterly to boost business growth and community impact.

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