

# Working Washington Grants: Round 5



## Help where it is needed most

Washington's small businesses took a devastating hit from the COVID-19 pandemic. **The Working Washington Grants gets funding into the hands of businesses and nonprofits so they can return to what they do best—**creating jobs, enriching communities, and making Washington one of the world's best places to call home.

## Smart investment through targeted funding

\$70 million was appropriated by the legislature for the next round of Working Washington Grants: Round 5. In this round of grants, portions of the available funds are set aside for specific targeted groups or sectors:

- **60% is identified for the arts, heritage, and science sectors,** including those that operate live entertainment venues
- **40% is identified for most other sectors,** including hospitality, fitness, and personal services

## Powering Washington's creative economy

Arts, heritage, and science are key to the creative economy. **The creative economy is a critical engine of Washington's workforce, contributing \$53.2 billion to the state in 2019 and representing 1 of every 12 dollars in state revenue.**<sup>†</sup> But by July 2020, the pandemic's devastation had erased \$5.2 billion in revenue from the most vulnerable parts of the creative sector.<sup>‡</sup> Washington needs a thriving creative sector. From podcasters to software developers, craft breweries to children's museums, these jobs and spaces form the fabric of our daily lives and drive our state economy.

## Who is eligible for Working Washington Grants: Round 5?

Eligible businesses need to have earned at least \$10,000 in revenue in 2019 or 2020 and no more than \$5,000,000 in 2019. They will need to demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. **The full list of eligibility requirements are online at [commercegrants.com](https://commercegrants.com).**

<sup>†</sup> Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (2019)

<sup>‡</sup> Source: Lost art: Measuring COVID-19's devastating impact on America's creative economy (2020)

## Grant timeline

**August 17, 2022**

Applications open

**September 9, 2022**

Applications close

Submit your application by 5:00 p.m. PST on September 9, 2022.



Learn more and apply at [commercegrants.com](https://commercegrants.com)



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