

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

\$5,000-\$35,000



PROGRAM CRITERIA:

- Must be a private for-profit business entity in Lewis County consisting of five or fewer employees, including the owners
- Owner must meet low-to-moderate income guidelines or business will be creating at least one job to be filled by or made available to someone from a low-to-moderate income household
- A minimum amount of 10% owner equity contribution to the project is required in the form of cash
- Grants may not exceed 90% of the total project cost
- Must take the SBDC Entrepreneurial Training Course before funds can be dispersed

ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

- Inventory
- Machinery/Equipment
- Furniture or Fixtures
- Operating Capital

INELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

- Repayment of Existing Debt
- Construction or Building Improvements
- Reimbursement of costs incurred prior to grant
- Political, lobbying or religious activities

PRIORITY PROJECTS INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

Dairy/Value-Added Processing



Tourism Based Businesses



Downtown/Relocation to Downtown



APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND AT
NATURALLYLEWIS.COM/BUSINESS-SUPPORT/MICROENTERPRISE

First round of applications are due:
Friday, September 6, 2019

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATIONS AND ALL
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:

BRITTANY DAVIS
**LEWIS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CENTER FOR BUSINESS**
7840 STATE ROUTE 26
LOWVILLE, NY 13367

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