



Launch Lewis County Eligibility Checklist

Must check ALL boxes in order to be eligible!

- I have a small business idea OR I want to innovate my existing small business (5 or fewer employees)
- I am considered low-to-moderate income and I will submit my 2023 Income Tax Returns to demonstrate eligibility. *See the below chart for income limits.*

| FY 2023 Income Limits - Eligibility Guidelines | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Household Size | 1 Person | 2 Person | 3 Person | 4 Person | 5 Person | 6 Person | 7 Person | 8 Person |
| Income Limit (\$) | 45,500 | 52,000 | 58,500 | 64,950 | 70,150 | 75,350 | 80,550 | 85,750 |

- I do NOT qualify based on income, but I plan to create a **NEW** full time job to be made available to low-to-moderate income individuals as part of my project. NOTE: If awarded, job must be created before funding is reimbursed.
- I will pay for at least 10% of my total project costs. Grant funds can only cover 90% of total project costs.

| Launch LC Funding (90%) | I Will Spend... (10%) | Total Project Costs (100%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
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| \$5,000 | \$1,500 | \$6,500 |

- I will only use grant funds to purchase equipment, machinery, furniture and inventory. NOTE: Grant funds can not be used on construction or renovations.
- Project must be completed by December 2025
- This project is new project that will not be started until grant funding is awarded. Funding can not be awarded for retroactive projects or projects that have already started.

Launch Lewis County prioritizes businesses in the following industries:
Food & Beverage, Tourism, Small-scale Manufacturing, or Construction Trades

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Launch Lewis County Process

Launch Lewis County is a microenterprise business competition grant program. Applicants must follow the following steps and milestones in order to be considered for Launch Lewis County funding:

1. Meet with the Naturally Lewis Staff to discuss project
2. Complete Short Form Application to verify eligibility
3. Submission of a short application for consideration to the program
4. Complete an approved Entrepreneurial Training Course
5. Meet with the Small Business Development Center to develop your business plan and financial projections
6. Complete Launch Lewis County Funding Application, which includes business plan and project budget
7. Applications are reviewed by a Grant Committee and Lewis County Development Corporation Board for approval
8. Upon approval, recipient will sign contract with Lewis County Development Corporation
9. Project may begin! Recipient must submit receipts for reimbursement by December 2025

The Awards

- Grants awards will be in increments of \$5,000 - \$30,000 in increments of \$5,000 with funding not to exceed 90% of the total project cost. During the application process, applicants will specify their desired grant amount.
- Funding will be based on alignment with program objectives, priority, need and quality of plan
- Recipients also receive ongoing Naturally Lewis assistance, professional photoshoot, grand opening promotion, and access to low-interest loan fund (must qualify)

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