EDA BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT FACT SHEET

Smart Start Business Development Grant

Smart Start Business Acceleration Grant

Real Property Investment Grant

Eligibility Guidelines

For-profit small businesses & nonprofit organizations in Portsmouth

- > 0-3 years in business
- ▶ 10 full-time employees or less
- Current with City taxes & fees
- Completion of Santa Clara University MOBI Course or equivalent
- Submission of a business plan

- For-profit small businesses & non-profit organizations in Portsmouth
- > 3-7 years in business
- ▶ 10 full-time employees or less
- Current with City taxes & fees
- Submission of a business plan

- Properties within the City of Portsmouth that are commercial, industrial, office or mixed-use
- Property owners who are not the tenant, creating a vanilla shell to market the property or tenant improvements from a new lease
- New or existing business owners leasing a space that are completing tenant improvements

Grant Funding

- Maximum of \$2,000
- One-time funding

- ► Maximum of \$5,000
- ▶ 80% reimbursement up to maximum amount

- ➤ Maximum of \$25,000
- Matching requirement 1:1 financial match
- > 50% reimbursement with proof of costs paid

Eligible Activities

Application Documents

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- Permanent Interior improvements
- Permanent Exterior improvements

▶ IRS Form W-9

- City of Portsmouth business license
- ► Articles of Organization
- Proof of completion of Santa Clara University MOBI Course or equivalent
- Business plan to include use of funds
- Two quotes per product or service that grant funding will be used for

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- Two quotes for each purchase or project
- Copy of chosen contractors VA DPOR license
- ► Marketing Plan*
- Required City of Portsmouth approvals & permits
- Proof of funding of complete project costs
- Signed property owner consent form





