



**Ottawa County RISE Small Business Innovation Grant Application
Small Business Grants to Promote Adaptation & Growth**

Prior to completing the application, please see the [RISE Small Business Innovation Grant Overview](#) sheet which provides a detailed program description and eligibility. Please be clear and concise in your responses below. Your answers should plainly describe your business, how and why you will use these funds, include how these funds will support entrepreneurship efforts. You may be contacted to answer clarifying questions if necessary. Application deadline is November 6.

Business Information

1. Business Name
2. Applicant/Business Owner Name & % Ownership
3. Address
4. Phone
5. E-mail
6. Have you worked with RISE or OCIC in the past? Yes No

Application Questions

7. Briefly describe your business

8. Indicate the financial impact the COVID-19 Pandemic had on your business

9. What "innovation or strategic investment" are you planning for sustainability and growth during and beyond these challenging times, and what are the intended objectives? (describe or attach, 250-word limit).


9a. If applicable, identify the program of study, coursework, or training in which you will enroll.


Please note: industry recognized/accredited providers for education and training are encouraged, and may be required.


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10. What is your plan to ensure intended objectives are met? (describe or attach, 250-word limit)

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11. What grant amount are you requesting? (\$3,500 maximum) \$ 

12. Indicate the direct uses of grant funding, or beginning and ending of coursework.


13. Any other information you would like to provide?


Checklist

Please check the following boxes to indicate that you have attached or included elsewhere in your application proof of the following.

- Articles of incorporation
- Prior year's financial statements
- Intended uses of the grant funds
- Explanation of your innovation or strategic pivot
- Plan to accomplish intended objective

Disclosures

Applicant agrees to release enclosed and attached information to RISE and its review committee. The information contained in this application will remain confidential, following policies adopted by all host organizations, and will be used for the sole purposes of determining receipt of the RISE Small Business Innovation Grant. Applicant attests that application does indicate eligibility nor guarantee receipt of the award. Applicant attests that all information submitted to RISE is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Applicant understands that they may be required to answer clarifying questions prior to final notification of receipt of the grant.

Signature

X  Date 

To apply, e-mail completed form and any attachments to info@ocic.biz or call (419) 898-6242 with questions. Application deadline is November 6, 2020.