Grants for Growth: Microbusiness Grant

Application — Spring 2026

Instructions for Applicants

Thank you for your interest in Grants for Growth: Microbusiness Grant, Verity Credit Union's funding program for community-rooted small businesses in Washington State. This application is designed to be simple, flexible, and built on trust. We invite you to share your story and describe how your business contributes to your community.

What to Know Before You Begin

Who should apply?

This opportunity is for businesses that:

- Are based in Washington State
- Operate as a DBA, sole proprietorship, or 1–2 person LLC/partnership
- Have fewer than 10 employees
- Generate less than $1 million in annual revenue
- Are led by individuals from communities historically excluded from accessible funding opportunities (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, immigrant, low-income, disabled, or veteran entrepreneurs)

What documentation will I need?

We keep it simple. Most applicants only need:

- A copy of your city, county, or state-level business license
- Basic documentation of annual revenue — a bank statement, tax form, or self-prepared summary is fine

If your business is less than one year old or you have questions about documentation, email CommunityImpact@veritycu.com before you apply.

What is the funding amount?

- Five grants of $5,000 — all flexible funding. You decide how to use it.

How are decisions made?

A diverse panel reads every application. We do not use a formula or a credit score. We are looking for your connection to community, a real business need, and alignment with Verity's mission — not perfect writing or formal business language.

How do I apply?

Applications must be submitted through the online form. This ensures all information is received and reviewed consistently. If you need support completing the form, email us at CommunityImpact@veritycu.com and we'll work with you.

Apply now

Application Deadline: May 31, 2026, 11:59 pm
Decision Notifications: Early July 2026
Awards Disbursement: Late July 2026

Application Questions

Tell us about your business. (*175–200 words)*
What do you do, who do you serve, and what inspired you to start this business?

How is your business shaped by your community? *(175–200 words)*
Tell us how your leadership, decision-making, products, or services reflect the voices and experiences of your community.

What community need, gap, or opportunity are you addressing? *(175–200 words)*
Describe the issue you are working on and why it matters to your customers, neighborhood, or community.

How does your business support economic well-being or opportunity? *(175–200 words)*
This could include creating jobs, generating income, offering essential goods or services, supporting other local businesses, or contributing to financial stability in your community.

What would this grant help your business grow or strengthen? *(175–200 words)*
Growth could mean expanding services, increasing staff capacity, stabilizing operations, upgrading equipment, or deepening community reach. Tell us what's possible if you receive this funding.

In what ways does your business challenge barriers or support equity? *(175–200 words)*
How do you work to create more equitable outcomes in your community or reduce systemic harm?

Is there anything else you want to share with us? *(Optional)*
This could include your business story, values, or your vision for the future.

Would you like to learn more about Verity's financial tools or coaching for small businesses? (Optional — will not affect your eligibility.)

- Yes
- No

How did you hear about Grants for Growth?

- Verity staff or partner organization
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Verity website or newsletter
- Other (please specify)

Eligibility Reminder

Before submitting, please confirm your business meets the following criteria:

- Business structure is a DBA, sole proprietorship, or 1–2 person LLC/partnership
- Annual revenue is under $1 million and you have fewer than 10 employees
- Business is based in Washington State
- Business is led by an individual from a historically excluded community (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, immigrant, low-income, disabled, veteran, etc.)

You do not need to be a Verity member to apply. Priority will be given to businesses with strong community relationships and a mission-aligned vision for growth.

Verification Attestations

Please confirm the following before submitting your application:

- ☐ My business has a current city, county, or state business license.
- ☐ My business generates less than $1 million in annual revenue.
- ☐ I can provide documentation (such as a license or revenue statement) if requested for verification.
- ☐ The information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

By submitting this application, you attest that all information provided is true, accurate, and complete.

Thank you for applying to Grants for Growth: Microbusiness Grant! We'll review all applications after the May 31 deadline. You can expect to hear from us in early June 2026.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to CommunityImpact@veritycu.com.

Your work matters — and we're honored to learn more about it.