Richland County Office of Small Business Opportunity

“Seeds to Engage”
Small Business Seed Grant Program

ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS
- Rent/lease, mortgage expenses
- Utilities
- Inventory
- Operation costs/expenses

$10,000 GRANTS
Grants are competitive and will be scored based on specific criteria.

Applications open in January 2022

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- Business located in Richland County, SC
- Have a Richland County business license
- For-profit business
- Small business with 10 or fewer employees
- Business has been in operation for at least six months as of January 2022

HUD ELIGIBILITY
- Business owner’s current household income is at or below 80 percent median income
- Business intends to retain or create at least one full-time equivalent, permanent low- to moderate-income job
- Must complete at least one Technical Assistance Training by the USSBA

Register for the OSBO’s online “Seeds to Engage” Seed Grant Overview:
https://osbograntoverviewdec1.eventbrite.com

INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES
- Franchises/chains
- Hotels/motels
- Financial lending institutions
- Private membership businesses
- Adult-oriented businesses
- Owned in part or fully by RC staff, administration or leadership

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