



SMALL BUSINESS START-UP GRANT

The Small Business Start-Up Grant is designed to support and encourage small businesses in Creston and Union County to invest in their communities through business ventures. The program provides up to \$1,000.00 in operating grant funds.

Criteria for Participation:

1. Show Proof of residency in Union County.
2. Small business must be within the first year of operation in a store front – please see #4 below.
3. The business must be open at least 60 hours a month and have an online presence.
4. The business must be a storefront (proof of ownership or lease) located in a Commercial District, a Business District, or a Light Industrial District and in business there for at least three months.
5. Qualified small business applicants must have gross revenues that did not exceed \$30,000 for any month since the business began operating or employ less than the equivalent of 3 full-time employees.
6. Attend and complete the Just Start Workshop offered by UCDA (if #7 below is not completed).
7. Applicant has completed a business plan with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or has completed a similar business plan. Please include the business plan with your application.
8. The business must be in conformance with all regulations, codes or licensing standards.
9. Other reasonable conditions may be created by the Review Committee at its discretion.
10. The Committee may request additional information.
11. Previous Small Business Grant recipients are not eligible for the award.
12. Once the applicant has fulfilled all requirements and provided proof of business-related expenditures a decision will be made on funding the request.

The Review Committee will consist of the following individuals:

- **A representative from the Creston Chamber of Commerce**
- **A representative from Union County Development Association (UCDA)**
- **A representative from Southern Iowa Council of Governments (SICOG)**
- **A representative from Southern Iowa Resource Conservation and Development**