



Application Window  
Feb. 17 through March 17, 2025

## **NEW BUSINESS CHAMPIONS MICRO GRANT PROGRAM**

Small businesses can apply to receive up to \$2,000  
in free Professional Advisory Services



### **Helping Chester County Entrepreneurs**

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It's challenging for new entrepreneurs to identify mentors and afford professional services like accounting, marketing, HR, and legal to name a few. Let the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) help!

Through the New Business Champions Micro Grant Program, CCEDC has organized a group of mentors and some of the region's top professional service advisors to provide up to \$2,000 in mentoring and training to business owners and entrepreneurs with these critical needs.

This program will provide grant recipients the opportunity to work one-on-one with professional service advisors to address their most pressing business needs.

### **Eligibility**

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#### Business Criteria:

- Business established within the past 5 years
- Based in Chester County with 10 employees or less
- Never received a previous New Business Champions award

#### Priority Consideration Criteria:

- SEDI borrowers and businesses located in CDFI-designated areas
- Those without a college degree
- First-generation college students or graduates
- Owners re-entering workforce after an extended absence

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All applications received during the application window will be reviewed and considered. Awards are subject to eligibility, funding availability, and a business needs assessment conducted through CCEDC's Business Resource Center.

### **TO APPLY**

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**APPLY ONLINE:** <https://ccedcpa.com/new-business-champions/>

**QUESTIONS:** Email Darlene Jenkins-Walls at [djenkinwalls@ccedcpa.com](mailto:djenkinwalls@ccedcpa.com)

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