

# ROCK START

Startup Grant Program

Let's get to work.

Providing you with the funding you need to start your business idea.

*Rock Island's first and only startup grant funding initiative makes \$500 investments into its early-stage entrepreneurs looking to take a great idea and turn it into action.*



## Plan

Prepare your business plan to ensure you've thought your idea out.



## Test

Throw your ideas around and test whether you're ready to start a business.



## Start

Apply for a grant and get the first step in your business journey funded.

Ready to get started?

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What types of businesses qualify?**

We like to fund all types of businesses. It doesn't matter if you're a farmer or framer, barber or baker. We don't fund any illegal activities, gambling or multi-level marketing.

#### **What are the eligibility requirements?**

New or existing businesses must be physically located in Rock Island, Illinois or in the 61201 zip code.

#### **How much will I receive?**

You will be granted up to \$500 on a reimbursement basis with verification of receipts.

#### **What can I use it for?**

To cover the cost of incorporation for your business or organization and to support the early stages of development. Additional costs can include legal services, website development fees, branding and other professional services.

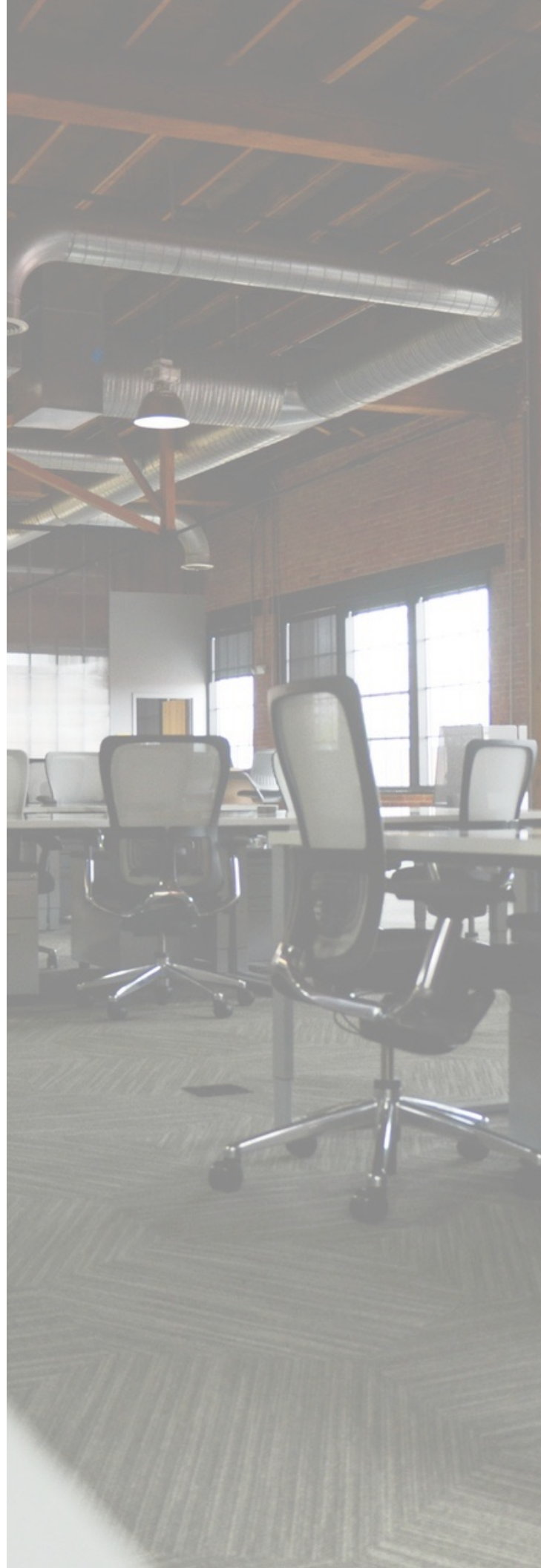
#### **When do I receive the money?**

After completing and submitting the application you will receive a response within 3 days to indicate approval of your request. It takes 15 business days for the funds to be awarded by check once you have submitted your receipts upon the completion of work. An updated W-9 will be required with funding request.

#### **Do I have to pay it back?**

No. But please think of us when your business gets so big and you become famous and have so much money you don't know what to do with - we can help start more businesses together!

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Application Form

## Contact Information

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Please confirm your grant amount and the purposes for the grant that you are requesting below. Note that there is no guarantee that you will qualify for the grant amount you request. The final grant amount that you will qualify for will be determined by the Rock Start review committee. Your application must be completed and returned with the requested documentation in order for the grant review process to begin.

## Contact

Information

Full Name

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Email

Phone

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## About

Your Business

Business Name

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Street Address

City

Zip Code

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Industry

Months In Business

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# of Employees

Annual Revenues

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## Grant

Request

What is the amount that you are requesting?

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What will the grant be used for?

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Have you prepared a business plan? *(Please attach)*

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