



Local and National Grants for Seattle's Black Businesses

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On the cusp of a new business quarter, Black businesses are being targeted by local and national grants to help build back better.

While for some the pandemic has offered the opportunity [to start a new entrepreneurial venture](#), overall, Black business ownership experienced the largest drop of any ethnic group with the onset of COVID, while Black owners received less than 2% of federal recovery funding.

If you're a Black business owner in the Seattle area, put pen to paper and take advantage of these loan-free opportunities to boost your sustainability.

Local initiative, [Pillar](#), is targeting and Rainier Valley area businesses (located anywhere between the Central District and Rainier Beach) with grants of \$25,000 - \$100,000 to help restart or continue operations. Businesses outside of Rainier Valley can register to be notified about [future expanded opportunities](#). The application is available online now.

[The Coalition to Back Black Businesses](#), sponsored by American Express and other major corporate donors, plans to boost 400 businesses with \$5,000 grants and the possibility of additional \$25,000 in future support. Complete the preliminary application by September 22, .

[Comcast RISE Investment Fund](#) will award 100 small businesses with \$10,000 grants in addition to marketing and media consultation. Applications open on October 1.

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