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Are grants available to start up companies?

The short answer to the availability of grants is that there are none for budding entrepreneurs.

From SBA website is this:

Please Note that the U.S. Small Business Administration does not offer grants to start or expand small businesses, though it does offer a wide variety of loan programs. While the SBA does offer some grant programs, these are generally designed to expand and enhance organizations that provide small business management, technical, or financial assistance. These grants generally support non-profit organizations, intermediary lending institutions, and state and local governments. (See [Federal and State Technology Partnership Program](#))

That said, there may be a minuscule number of grants for established businesses offered by some municipalities or state governments. Some examples: locating a business in an area of poverty, high unemployment, crime etc. There may be grants for redoing brownfields. There are grants for certain educational purposes. There are never grants for startup businesses.

Sometimes there is tax credit [not a grant] given to employers for hiring people who have difficulty finding employment, e.g. ex-felons, people with disabilities, people lacking language fluency, or job skills etc.

The City of Milwaukee has a RE tax credit [not a grant] for business store façade refurbishment – it improves the look of the neighborhood. Check with your local City Hall or State to see what is available in your area.

There are no government give-aways. No foundation handouts. Grants are not in the picture for for-profit businesses.

Explore on your own, but do not pay any money for web-advertised grant search services! That is money wasted. Here are some websites as a starter:

www.grants.gov

www.grantsuniversity.com

www.freegovmoney.net

www.nonprofits.org

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