



## 2026 Mini Grant Guidelines

### Company Eligibility

The Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce provides eligible small businesses with matching grant funding of up to \$2,500 to engage in activities to better their facilities or internal processes.

- The company operates a licensed **FOR-PROFIT** business in Ashland County, Ohio with 25 or fewer employees.
- The company has been in business for no less than two years at time of application.
- The company must be a member in good standing with the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce for at least one year.
- The company shows its own investment in the project.

### Grant Activity Information

- Activities must be completed within one year.
- Grant funds are payable upon completion of a project.

### Eligible Grant Activities

- Capital Improvements
  - Façade improvements
  - Remodels and room additions
  - New or upgraded landscaping, irrigation, sprinkler system
  - Hardscape such as pavement, block, or retaining wall
  - Fencing
  - Storm windows, doors
  - New roof
  - Security system
  - Upgraded wiring, plumbing, duct work
  - Central heating, AC, humidifier
  - New furnace, water heater
  - New flooring or wall-to-wall carpeting
  - Upgraded insulation

- Internal Processes
  - New Point of Sale (POS) software
  - New database software
  - Additional computer hardware needs
  - New website or website upgrades
  - E-commerce platform for online payments
  - Implement a health and wellness program
  - Ergonomic or Safety equipment

## **Consultation**

If your project does not fall into any of these parameters, please contact the Chamber office for a consultation. 419-281-4584

## **Process (two rounds)**

Round #1: The Grants committee will review application and project. The committee will make recommendations to forego application or request second round interview.

Round #2: Applicants that achieve second round status may be asked to participate in an interview for additional information regarding the project. Once the committee has conferred, applicants will be notified in a timely fashion.

Applications will be accepted from January 1, 2026, to February 27, 2026. Grant award notification will be made no later than March 31, 2026. Send completed applications to:

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