

Thomaston Small Business Micro-Grant Application 2024

The Town of Thomaston's Community & Economic Development Committee is excited to announce the second round of the Small Business Micro-Grant Program, an initiative designed to support local businesses and enhance the economic vitality of our community. This program is open to all Thomaston-based small businesses with a physical, customer-facing location. Applications open on November 1st and will be accepted until 5:00 pm on December 2nd, 2024.

Key Program Details:

- **Grant Amount:** Small businesses can request grants of up to \$3,000 to support eligible projects, with a total of \$15,000 available for distribution.
- **Matching Funds:** Applicants are required to contribute a match of 10% of their project budget (e.g., a \$3,000 grant requires a total project budget of at least \$3,300).

Eligible Use of Funds:

This year's priorities for funding are:

1. **Exterior Improvements:** Projects along the Route 1 corridor that enhance the visual appeal of business exteriors, contributing to the town's overall attractiveness.
2. **Accessibility Improvements:** Physical upgrades to any customer-facing, brick-and-mortar business in Thomaston that improves accessibility for handicapped patrons.

Ineligible Use of Funds:

Grant funds cannot be used for:

- Paying down debt
- Wages or salaries
- Rent or lease payments
- Training or educational expenses
- Technology upgrades
- Marketing efforts
- Purchasing new products or inventory

Application Process:

Applications for the Small Business Micro-Grant Program can be accessed online (you're here!) or obtained in person at the Town Office **by appointment only**. For questions or additional information, please contact Kendray Rodriguez, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, at krodriguez@thomastonmaine.gov. Completed applications can be submitted via this online form or dropped

off in person at the Town Office, located at 13 Valley Street, Thomaston, addressed to the attention of Kendray Rodriguez.

The Small Business Micro-Grant Program is funded through the Dragon Cement Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, supporting Thomaston's commitment to a vibrant and accessible community.

* Required

1. **Your name:** *

Enter your answer

2. **Business name:** *

Enter your answer

3. **Phone number:** *

Enter your answer

4. **Email address:** *

Enter your answer

5. **Physical address of business:** *

Enter your answer

6. **Eligibility Confirmation:** *Please confirm your business meets the eligibility criteria by selecting the following statement:* *

- My business has a physical, customer-facing location in Thomaston, Maine.

7. Grant Priority Selection: *Please indicate which of the following priorities your project addresses: **

- Exterior Improvements: Enhancing the visual appeal of a business located along the Route 1 corridor in Thomaston.
- Accessibility Improvements: Improving accessibility for handicapped patrons at a customer-facing business location in Thomaston.

8. Total project budget: *

Enter your answer

9. Grant request amount (up to \$3,000): *

Enter your answer

10. Project Description: *Describe your project in detail. Include what specific improvements you plan to make and how these improvements will benefit your business and the community. **

Enter your answer

11. How does your project meet the selected grant priority?

- *If you selected Exterior Improvements, explain how this project will make your business more visually appealing and contribute to the overall attractiveness of*

Thomaston's Route 1 corridor.

- *If you selected Accessibility Improvements, describe how this project will make your business more accessible for handicapped patrons and benefit your customer experience.*

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Enter your answer

12. **Budget Breakdown:** *Provide a simple breakdown of how you intend to allocate the grant funds. This should include estimated costs for each activity or expense. **

Enter your answer

13. **Project Timeline:** *Include key milestones and expected completion dates for your project. Projects should aim to begin promptly after notification of award in February 2025. **

Enter your answer

14. **By checking this box, I hereby declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. ***

Yes