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The State of Ohio is now accepting applications for four grant programs that target businesses that have suffered significant losses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Ohio Department of Development is administering the grants. To apply, visit the Investing in Ohio's Future section at [BusinessHelp.Ohio.gov](http://BusinessHelp.Ohio.gov). The site includes documents for each grant program's terms and conditions, fact sheet, and frequently asked questions.

The programs are:

- **Food and Beverage Establishment Grant:** This program provides grants between \$10,000 - \$30,000 to restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and other food and drink businesses. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business' loss of revenue in 2020.
- **Entertainment Venue Grant:** This program provides grants between \$10,000 - \$30,000 to theaters, music venues, spectator sports venues, museums, and other entertainment venues. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business' loss of revenue in 2020.
- **Lodging Grant:** This program provides grants between \$10,000, - \$30,000 to hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast operations. The



Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced that the 10th application period for **TechCred will open Aug. 1 and close on Aug. 31**.

"The TechCred program continues to help individuals earn new skills that give them more job security and greater earning potential," Lt. Governor Husted said. "Ohio businesses benefit as well. They get the talent they need to innovate, grow, and compete in a tech-infused economy."

Since the start of the program, a total of 1,310 Ohio employers have been approved for TechCred, which will fund up to 23,723 tech-focused credentials to upskill Ohio workers. The results of the June round, which closed on June 30, will be announced in the coming weeks.

"Having a workforce with advanced skills is critical to the success of Ohio businesses and the Ohio economy," said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Credentials earned through TechCred will help both employees and businesses prepare for a brighter future."

TechCred asks employers to identify the specific skills they need and the number of employees they want to upskill toward a more advanced position. Then, in partnership with a training provider, the employer can apply online at [TechCred.Ohio.Gov](http://TechCred.Ohio.Gov), and the state will

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- **New Small Business Grant:** This program provides grants of \$10,000 to small businesses that were established between Jan. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020.

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reimburse up to \$2,000 for the training upon completion of a credential.

The recently passed State Operating Budget funds an additional 40,000 technology-focused credentials through the TechCred Program, including IMAP, the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program, in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

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## Featured Property

# National Road Business Park



*Click on the photo to see an aerial photo of the National Road Business Park.*

This greenfield site is located adjacent to the Airport Business Park and provides numerous parcels ranging in size from 5 to 200 acres. It is located along State Route 40 east of Zanesville. The site is visible from Interstate 70, which averages over 50,000 vehicles a day. The site is a prime location for any business or industry looking for excellent access. All utilities are located on site, which provides for a quick turnaround for any company looking to locate their business. An access road into the site was completed in December 2020.

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