

Company Name: David Tracey Family Childcare and Hagginwood Academy

Focus: Childcare Center for children ages 2-5 and Family Childcare for children aged 3 months to 12 years

Location: Rancho, Cordova California and Sacramento, California

Focus: Grants for women, Black-owned small businesses

Website: www.hagginwoodacademy.org

Funding Needed for: \$25,000 needed to purchase more refrigerators to store food

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Child Action Inc.:** Child Action, Inc. offers support to potential and newly licensed family child care providers to help them establish quality family child care homes through the Child Care Initiative Project, or CCIP. CCIP is a grant funded by the California Department of Social Services to recruit and retain family child care providers in Sacramento County. Technical assistance and training is provided to those in Sacramento County in the process of opening a licensed family child care.

Funding Range: Not specified

Submission Dates: The website implies that they accept applications on an ongoing basis.

Website to Apply: Call them at 916-369-0191 to discuss. Their website is:

<https://wp.childaction.org/opening-a-family-child-care/>

- **The California Government:** The State of California has an enormous unmet need for early care and education, with many parts of the state considered child care deserts and a pandemic which has heightened the child care gap, causing the closure of numerous child care facilities across the state. This is an important time to mitigate closures and increase the supply and access of quality child care programs across the state through a diverse delivery system, get parents back to work, and provide economic stimulus to communities. On July 23, 2021, the Legislature enacted the Child Care and Development Infrastructure Grant Program, a \$350.5 million investment in the child care infrastructure across the State of California that is to be administered in the form of grants by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The CDSS will administer \$200.5 million in grants for minor construction, renovations, and repairs to address health and safety concerns. Additionally, the CDSS will administer \$150 million in grants for major construction of shovel-ready child care facilities. They had two grant programs (Minor Renovation and Repairs and New Construction and Major Renovation) that have both recently closed. I would highly recommend contacting the person who is in charge of this program and ask them of any future grant opportunities, which I am sure are in the works.

Funding Range: Not specified

Submission Dates: The recent application deadlines have passed.

Website to Apply: Please direct any questions to: Grant Taylor at Grant.Taylor@dss.ca.gov, or Monica Williams at Monica.Williams@dss.ca.gov Their website is:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/infrastructure-grant-program>

- **Sacramento County Office of Education - QCC Workforce Pathways Grant:** Funded by the State of California, the goals of the Sacramento County QCC Workforce Pathways Grant (WPG) are: to increase the number of qualified early learning and care (ELC) professionals; to increase the educational credentials, knowledge, and competencies of existing ELC professionals. Eligible participants who finish approved professional growth activities and submit complete documentation may receive a stipend. Professional growth activities include initial Family Child

Care Home (FCCH) licensure and/or training and/or college coursework designed to move up the Career Lattice.

Funding Range: Not specified

Submission Dates: Not specified.

Website to Apply: Contact them at wpgsac@scoe.net. Their website is:
<https://www.sacramentocountyearlylearning.org/programitem.cfm?id=187>

- **Sacramento County – Economic Development - COVID-19 Business Recovery Grant**

Programs: The Office of Economic Development is managing several economic recovery grant programs using State and Federal relief funding: **1) The Microbusiness Grant Program:** The Microbusiness Grant Program will support 669 small business and nonprofit organizations with **\$2,500 grants**. Funds may be used to reimburse small business and nonprofit organizations for negative economic impacts they have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related health and safety restrictions. Eligible applicants must have received less than \$50K in annual gross revenue in 2019 and have fewer than 5 full-time equivalent employees. **2) Small Business and Nonprofit Grant Program:** The Small Business & Nonprofit Grant Program will support 750 small business and nonprofit organizations with **\$10,000 grants**. Funds may be used to reimburse small business and nonprofit organizations for negative economic impacts they have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related health and safety restrictions. Eligible applicants must receive \$2.5M or less in annual gross revenue and have 25 or less full-time equivalent employees. [Review the full program guidelines and information regarding how to apply.](#)

Funding Range: \$2,500 - \$10,000

Submission Dates: The last application deadline was on March 30, 2023. I would contact them to find out when you can apply for these programs next.

Website to Apply: Contact them at [833-391-1919](tel:833-391-1919). For any questions related to the program please email: Covid19.BusinessAssistance@sacounty.net
<https://economic.sacounty.gov/BusinessResources/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx>

The same microgrants were also announced on the SBDC California – Small Business Development Center website as Sac4Micro Grants:

<https://www.sacramentovalleysbdc.org/sac4micro/#more>

- **EmployABILITY Business Grant (this is only relevant if you would like to hire someone for your company that has a disability!):** This grant is for California business owners who would like to hire someone with a disability; it may or may not apply to you but I am including it here just in case. Grow your business, upgrade your hiring and create job opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Part of the Demand Side Employment Initiative (DSEI) from the California Department of Rehabilitation, the EmployABILITY Business Grant offers small- and medium-sized businesses in California the opportunity to grow their businesses and upgrade their hiring.

Funding Range: The grants range from \$20,000-\$200,000. The amount rewarded depends on the availability of grant funding and the potential impact of hiring individuals with disabilities.

Submission Dates: The RFI submission deadline is 12/31/2023, depending on funding availability.

Website to Apply: <https://www.employabilityca.com>

- **Famous Amos Ingredients for Success Grant Application:** Ingredients for Success (IFS) Entrepreneurs Initiative is a national grant competition hosted by Famous Amos. The competition is exclusive to U.S. Black-owned small businesses and start-ups. Each year, or cycle, awards three Black-owned business owners with \$50,000 capital grant and a suite of entrepreneurial tools, mentorship, and resources from the program's community partner, the National Black

Chamber of Commerce. To be eligible for the Ingredients for Success Entrepreneurs Initiative, businesses must be: (1) At minimum 90% Black-owned, (2) In business for five years or less as of May 17, 2023, (3) Headquartered in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and other Commonwealths, Territories, and Possessions). Businesses must be owned by owners at least 21-years-old at time of application.

Funding Range: \$50,000 grants

Submission Dates: The application period ends on June 25, 2023.

Website to Apply:

<https://famousamos.nationalbcc.org/apply#:~:text=Ingredients%20for%20Success%20prizes%20include,in%20grant%20recipients%27%20local%20markets.>

- **Fearless Strivers Grant Contest:** Fearless Fund is deepening its commitment to the Black women-owned business community with the launch of the contest. With Mastercard prizing, they'll be awarding four lucky small businesses across the country with \$20,000 grants, digital tools to help them grow their business online, and mentorship so they can continue to bolster their business. Open to black women who are legal U.S. residents (including DC), 18+ and the principal owner of a U.S.-based small business.

Funding Range: \$20,000

Submission Dates: Applications close on August 31, 2023.

Website to Apply: <https://www.fearless.fund/strivers-grant-contest>

- **The Amber Grant:** The Amber Grant is the best small business grant for women-owned startups. Businesses should be at least 50% women-owned for consideration. The business must be based in either the U.S. or Canada. And the applicant must be a minimum of 18 years old. The Amber Grant is awarded monthly to women-owned startups in the US and Canada with an additional grant awarded to one of the 12 winners annually. Named after a young woman named Amber who died before being able to fulfill her entrepreneurial dreams, the Amber Grant awards over \$30,000 each month to different grant winners including two \$10,000 Amber Grant recipients. At the end of the year, one of the 12 monthly qualification winners wins another grant for \$25,000.

Funding Range: \$10,000-\$25,000

Submission Dates: The submission deadline is on the last day of every month; the winner is announced during the first week of the following month. Has a *\$15 application fee*.

Website to Apply: <https://ambergrantsforwomen.com/get-an-amber-grant/>

- **Cartier Women's Initiative – Regional Award & The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award:** The Cartier Women's Initiative Awards is one of the largest and most prestigious women-owned business grants, but the competition is steep. Cartier offers several different grants for women-owned businesses: Currently both their Regional Awards and The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award are open for submissions. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award was created to encourage entrepreneurial solutions designed to close gaps of access, outcome or opportunity for communities that have been underrepresented or underserved. While the Cartier Women's Initiative's other regional and thematic awards focus on supporting women, this pilot award is open to all genders. Entrepreneurs across all sectors and geographies are encouraged to apply.

Funding Range: \$30,000 - \$100,000

Submission Dates: Applications are open between May 10, 2023 and June 30, 2023 (this applies to both the Regional Awards and The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award).

Website to Apply: <https://www.cartierwomensinitiative.com/diversity-equity-inclusion-award>

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce – America's Top Small Business:** The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize the very best in American small business. The America's Top

Small Business Awards (formerly Dream Big Awards) will honor the achievements of small businesses and highlight their contributions to America's economic growth. To be eligible to apply for the America's Top Small Business Awards, an applicant must: Be a legal resident of the United States; Be a for-profit business operating for at least one (1) year primarily within the United States; Have fewer than 250 employees or gross revenues of less than \$20 million for both 2021 and 2022; Agree to all of the Award Rules, including potentially attending award ceremony.

Funding Range: The winner of America's Top Small Business 2023 will receive national recognition and a \$25,000 cash prize.

Submission Dates: July 7, 2023 is the application deadline.

Website to Apply: <https://www.uschamber.com/co/good-company/americas-top-small-business>

- **SoGal Foundation Black Founder Startup Grant:** The SoGal Foundation has teamed up with businesses such as Winky Lux and Bluemercury to launch the Black Founder Startup Grant. This program is designed to provide Black women and Black nonbinary entrepreneurs with grants to start or further their businesses. This program provides grants of \$5,000 and \$10,000 to select entrants. Additionally, winners also receive lifetime access to the SoGal Foundation and SoGal Ventures teams. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and awards are given at the end of each month.

Funding Range: \$5,000-\$10,000

Submission Dates: This is a rolling grant program with grants awarded at the end of each month.

Website to Apply: <https://www.iamsogal.com/black-founder-startup-grant/>

- **PBZ Operational Grant:** The PBZ Grant is awarded in amounts ranging from \$2,500-\$5,000 and is designed to help business owners offset the cost of operational expenses such as:

- 1) Business filings (license, incorporations etc.)
- 2) Funds towards deposit of rent or other down payment
- 3) Subscriptions for service (zoom, GoDaddy, legal zoom)
- 4) Development of a website or app

PBZ's target audience is entrepreneurs who have informal businesses. These businesses could be run from your home, considered a side hustle, are done in conjunction with a full-time job etc. These entrepreneurs are BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) with a focus on women of color. These entrepreneurs currently reside in underserved areas such as lower wealth urban and rural areas. Their lives could be affected by incarceration, violence, or other types of strife.

Funding Range: \$2,500-\$5,000

Submission Dates: Submissions accepted on an ongoing basis. They review grants 2-3 times a year.

Website to Apply: <https://www.poweredbyzerret.org/program-applications>

- **Galaxy of Stars:** Apply for a \$3,750 grant for your minority or woman-owned business. This grant opportunity is brought to you by Hidden Star, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Any and all women small business owners are encouraged to apply. Applying for this grant will also get you one free entry to win a 2023 Mercedes Benz E-Class.

Funding Range: \$3,750

Submission Dates: The deadline to apply is June 30th, 2023.

Website to Apply: https://galaxyofstars.org/galaxy-grants/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhJ-alFP6gIVMwPnCh29ZwRWEAAAYAiAAEgIdY_D_BwE

- **The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA):** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) offers the best small business grant for minority-owned startups. The MBDA provides an exhaustive list of resources for minority-owned startups to find and secure grants as

well as other funding opportunities. The steps to apply for an MBDA Grant is to first register your business to apply for an MBDA Grant and obtain a DUNS number, and register with SAM. Only then will you have access to the grant announcements. They also require you to attend a pre-application teleconference to learn more about the grant and the requirements. MBDA works collaboratively with the business owners and provides a lot of guidance along the way.

Funding Range: Not specified.

Submission Dates: N/A

Website to Apply: <https://www.mbda.gov/grants>

- **NASE Growth Grants** (for self-employed individuals): If you're a NASE member, you could receive up to \$4,000 for your small business through the NASE Growth Grants program. Grants can be used for marketing, advertising, hiring employees, expanding facilities and other specific business needs. *You will need to become a NASE member and pay a membership fee prior to applying for this grant.*

Funding Range: \$4,000

Submission Dates: No application deadline.

Website to Become a Member and Apply: <https://www.nase.org/become-a-member/member-benefits/business-resources/growth-grants>

- **The TRANSFORM Business Grant:** The grant supports entrepreneurs in systemically oppressed groups. Each grantee receives \$1,000 to invest in their business or business idea. Grantees also participate in a customized, year-long business strategy and development program.

Funding Range: \$1,000

Submission Dates: Applications may be submitted between February 20th-March 20th for March review and July 20th-August 20th for August review.

Website to Apply: <https://www.transformgrant.org/the-grant/>

- **PublishHER:** Publish Her is dedicated to providing resources to female-identifying business owners and authors. Since 2018, more than \$250,000 in grants and services have been awarded to women. In March, Publish Her also announced its Business Impact Grant (BIG) program for women of color whose businesses are making a difference in the lives of others and the world. To qualify: You must be a legal resident of the U.S., 21 years of age or older, and a woman of color business owner; Your business must be 100 percent women-owned, a legally established business entity in the U.S. (established for one year or more), and generate \$50,000 or more in annual revenue. If selected as one of 10 qualifiers, you must be willing to submit a two-minute video about your business and its impact, and encourage the public to vote for you.

Funding Range: \$20,000

Submission Dates: The applications for the grant program for women business owners will be accepted between June 1-August 31, 2023.

Website to Apply: <https://publishherpress.com/grants-for-women-business-owners/>

- **Skip Grant Program:** The Skip Grant Program gives out monthly \$1,000-\$5,000 grants to entrepreneurs and small businesses. *You will have to register on their portal and pay a subscription fee (monthly or annual) to access this grant application.*

Funding Range: \$1,000-\$5,000

Submission Dates: No deadline

Website to Apply: <https://helloskip.com/en/funding/5k>

- **The Freed Fellowship:** Every month, The Freed Fellowship gives one \$500 grant to an underrepresented founder in the US to invest in their existing business. No strings attached. No

equity required. Grant recipients are also eligible to receive an additional end-of-year grant of \$2,500.

Funding Range: \$500-\$2,500

Submission Dates: No deadline. Applications accepted each month

Website to Apply: <https://www.freedfellowship.com/grant1>

- **The HerRise Micro-Grant:** The HerRise Micro-Grant provides financial assistance, with the help of their corporate sponsors and donors, to women of color creating innovative solutions that impact their community and that are often unable to secure funding for their small business. Each month a \$1,000 micro-grant will be awarded to a small business owned by women of color. Small business grants are useful for financing a particular small business need. Past recipients used their growth grants for computers, equipment, marketing materials, software purchase, website creation and more.

Funding Range: \$1,000

Submission Dates: Applications accepted each month.

Website to Apply: <https://www.hersuitespot.com/herrise/>

- **Giving Joy:** You can use the Giving Joy grant to start a new business, or expand your existing business. You can also use the grant to start or expand a nonprofit, non-governmental organization (NGO), charity, or propose a specific activity or project you would like to implement. Open for women ages 18 and up with no geographical limitations. You can propose activities in any field, trade, occupation, or craft. However, your business/organization/idea must focus on women, girls and/or families.

Funding Range: \$250-\$500

Submission Dates: June 1 – September 30, 2023

Website to Apply: <https://givingjoygrants.org/grant-application>

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES WHOSE DEADLINES HAVE PASSED

- **Third Love – TL Effect:** The TL Effect is an in-house mentorship program geared towards women-of-color entrepreneurs looking to take their consumer-focused early-stage start-up* to the next level. ThirdLove created this 3-month program as a launching pad for building brand awareness and elevating start-ups through grant access, office space, and invaluable mentorship and fundraising advice from their own DTC thought-leaders. The program includes a \$20,000 cash grant.

Funding Range: \$20,000

Submission Dates: Applications for the 6th cohort will open in 2024.

Website to Apply: <https://blog.thirdlove.com/the-tl-effect/>

- **The FedEx Small Business Grant Contest:** This grant offers the best corporate small business grant for startup growth. FedEx offers one of the best-known small business grants with cash prizes and FedEx services awarded to the winners. Typically, any eligible *for-profit* small business with a FedEx 9-digit shipping account number that has been in continuous operation selling a product in market for at least six (6) months by the time the contest starts, has fewer than 99 employees, and has a shipping need for their business is eligible to enter the contest.

Funding Range: \$30,000

Submission Dates: Applications have closed in early 2023. Check back again later this year.

Website to Apply: <https://www.fedex.com/en-us/small-business/grant-contest.html>

- **Fast Break for Small Businesses:** LegalZoom, the NBA, WNBA, and NBA G League are committed to helping small business owners everywhere, especially those who face obstacles because of who they are, who they love, or how they identify. \$10,000 grants and \$500 in LegalZoom services to 50 small businesses. Eligible small businesses must: Be based in the United States; must be a Black-owned business; have been in business for at least 6 months [since August 1, 2022] and currently in operation; have an annual revenue of less than \$1 million; have a business bank account.

Funding Range: \$10,000 grants and a free LegalZoom product of their choosing, valued at up to \$500, to 50 small businesses.

Submission Dates: Applications closed in early 2023. Check back again later this year.

Website to Apply:

https://aofund.org/program/fastbreak/?utm_campaign=fastbreak&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

Recommendations:

Hi,

Here are the grants that I have identified for your businesses. Thankfully, there were some grants for family child care providers that are made available by the Government of California. I would highly recommend that you get in touch with Child Action Inc., The California Government, Sacramento County Office of Education, and the Sacramento County – Economic Development to talk to them about your needs and let them guide you on how you should apply for current and future funding opportunities. These are the first four entities that are included at the top of the list; I have also listed their websites and contact information. If you have any questions please let me know. Again, you will need to contact them to discuss your business needs because the information they are providing on their websites is not sufficient for us to figure out the next steps or how to apply for funding. Once you receive the application guidelines from them and if there are any forms to fill out please do not hesitate to contact me.

Other than those four, I also included other small business grants for Black and women-owned businesses. Some of these grants are currently open and some will open for submissions later in the year. Please keep checking the websites for the grants of your choice periodically so you can catch the application windows when they become available.

I would recommend that you apply for any of the following grants/programs now since the application windows are open:

- 1) Famous Amos Ingredients for Success Grant Application
- 2) Fearless Strivers Grant Contest
- 3) The Amber Grant
- 4) PBZ Operational Grant
- 5) SoGal Foundation Black Founder Startup Grant
- 6) Galaxy of Stars
- 7) PublishHER – *only if you qualify based on the revenue threshold!*

Also, the Sacramento Office of the Small Business Administration could be a great resource for you. Their office provides help with SBA services including funding programs, counseling, federal contracting certifications, and disaster recovery. You can contact them at 6501 Sylvan Avenue, Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Phone: [916-735-1700](tel:916-735-1700). [Schedule an in-person appointment](#). Hours of operation: Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on all federal holidays.

Please let me know if you would like to book me to prepare any of the applications I listed above.

Thank you! ☺
Ruya