

**Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc.**  
**Small Business Grant Application**

Dear Grant Applicant,

Through the generosity of the Duke Energy Foundation, Jacksonville Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, is pleased to make available nine (9) small business grants of \$2,500.00 each.

**Grant applications will be accepted between September 1, 2024, and October 18, 2024.**

Applicants must be a viable business (defined as having identified a business organizational structure, have a Tax ID # (EIN or Social Security # (e.g., sole proprietorship), have made a sale(s) & have business expense(s)). The business must be located & operated in Onslow County, NC. Nonprofits are not eligible to apply.

All grant applications will be considered & reviewed. Any awarded grant funds may be used based upon the following:

- Businesses can use these grant funds for renovations, equipment, technology, inventory, and other assets that will expand the business's ability to attract customers, grow revenue and better serve their community.

**A grant award celebration event will be held on November 14, 2024, in the Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. offices (known as "The Depot") located at 421 Court Street, Jacksonville, NC 28540 at 9:30 a.m. All grant recipients will be notified prior to this date & are required to attend the event.**

Employees & members of the Board of Directors (to include ex-officio members) of Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. (to include members of the Community Business Loan Fund Committee) & their immediate families are not eligible to apply.

Duke Energy Foundation, Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. & Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. do not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, creed, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, or national origin.

**Business Information:**

- Business Name:
- Business Address:
- Business Phone:
- Business Website:
- Type of Business (e.g., sole proprietorship, LLC, corporation):
- Year Business Established:
- Current Number of Employees:
- Annual Gross Revenue

**Business Ownership Information:**

- Owner Name(s):
- Owner Contact Information (phone and email):
- Percentage of Ownership:

**Verification of Employment:**

- Please provide documentation verifying that your business employs less than 50 people (e.g., payroll records, tax filings).

**Use of Grant Funds:**

- Please describe how you intend to use the grant funds. Be specific and provide details on how the funds will directly benefit your business and/or the local economy.

**Purpose of Grant Funds:**

- Explain how the use of grant funds aligns with the goals and mission of your business. How will these funds help your business grow, create jobs, or contribute to the community?

**Additional Information:**

- Please provide any additional information that you believe is relevant to your application

Please submit your completed application and photo release form to:

Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development  
Partnership, Inc. 421 Court St.  
Jacksonville, NC  
28540 Email:  
CBLF@joednc.com

**Photo/Likeness/Image Disclaimer:**

I hereby grant Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media (“photo”) in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development, Inc. and Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development Partnership, Inc. from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENTS/GUARDIANS AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW.

**Certification:**

**I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification from the grant program.**

Applicant Signature (sole proprietor):

Business Name:

By & Title:

Date: