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From the desk of Julie Clayton/Executive Director

Happy Friday!

The two words of the day are: STAY COOL! Which brings to mind, summer marketing promotions. OTR is a walking community, which means hundreds of people walk by your business on any given day. Outdoor signs are the first point of contact that many customers will have with your business. Clear, simple messaging is the key to grabbing attention and driving people inside. Window signage is also very useful when trying to grab the attention of someone who is strolling by. Think bright and big! It doesn't matter if you are a restaurant, retail shop or service business, you want them to walk in, not just walk by.

Happy Summer!

Cheers!

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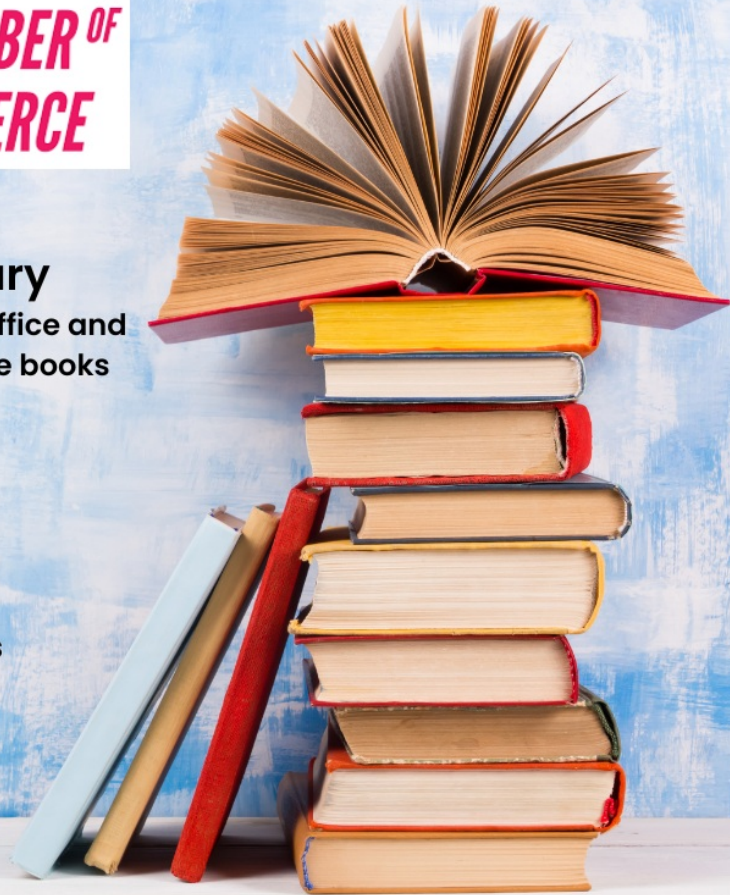
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GRANT OPPORTUNITY BELOW



JobsOhio® Small Business Grant

REDI Cincinnati is pleased to offer the JobsOhio Small Business Grant which provides financial support for eligible projects across southwest Ohio in distressed communities and/or for businesses owned by underrepresented populations like minorities, women, veterans, and people with disabilities across the state.

JobsOhio Small Business Grant decisions are based on several project factors, including but not limited to company location, company ownership, jobs created and/or retained, and project fixed asset investment. Support is intended for small- to medium-sized companies in southwest Ohio with annual revenues of up to \$25 million.



IS YOUR BUSINESS ELIGIBLE?

Eligible southwest Ohio companies must have been **in operation for at least one (1) year** and be able to demonstrate **\$100,000 in annual revenues**.

Companies must be engaged in the following REDI Cincinnati and JobsOhio targeted industries and business functions: **Advanced Manufacturing, Additive Manufacturing, Aerospace & Aviation, Automotive, Autonomous Mobility, Energy & Chemicals, Financial Services, Insurtech, Food & Agribusiness, Healthcare & Biomedical, Gene Therapy, Logistics & Distribution, Military & Federal, Technology, and Cybersecurity.**

Ineligible projects and companies include retail or operations that include point-of-final-purchase transactions at a facility open to the public or other population-driven businesses that derive most of their sales from in-person delivery of services or products.

Southwest Ohio companies must also **meet at least one of the following criteria** for consideration:

- ▶ **The company is owned by an underrepresented population, including:**
 - Minority-owned (African American, Hispanic, Asian-Pacific and Native American)
 - Women-owned
 - Veteran-owned
 - Owned by an individual with a disability
- ▶ **The business must either be certified by a recognized state or national organization or otherwise able to verify that at least 51% of the business is owned, managed, and controlled by the underrepresented population.**
- ▶ **The business is located in a qualified distressed community as defined by an index score of 50 or greater by the Economic Innovation Group.**

“REDI has helped ROInsights tremendously with scaling our business and attracting the right talent. We are appreciative of the support offered by JobsOhio, REDI Cincinnati, and the City of Cincinnati to help secure funding to take our business to the next level.”

- Patrick Koman & Nathan Bauer
ROInsights

PROJECT DEFINITION

Projects require a commitment over time and will be defined by an appropriate combination of the following metrics: fixed asset investment, job and payroll creation, job and payroll retention, employees trained, and training costs. Eligible projects that improve operational efficiency along with job retention will be considered for support.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The JobsOhio Small Business Grant targets fixed asset investment in machinery and equipment, real estate investments, including redevelopment, and training costs.

These may include:

- Land
- Building
- Leasehold improvements
- Machinery and equipment
- Moving and relocation costs of machinery and equipment related to the project
- Infrastructure
- Site development
- Revitalization costs including demolition, renovation, and environmental remediation
- Fees and material costs related to planning and feasibility studies
- Engineering services
- Employee training costs
- Information technology including hardware and industry-specific software

INELIGIBLE COSTS

- Bonds or other debt instruments issued by the grantee to finance completion of the site improvement project shall not be retired or otherwise serviced with grant funds
- Administrative costs (including salaries and travel expenses)
- Rolling stock (defined as anything that must be registered with a government entity and/or travels on a public right of way)
- Contributions and donations by the grantee to individuals or to other organizations
- Costs (fines, penalties, assessments) resulting from violation of or failure to comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations
- Food, drinks, and entertainment
- Goods and services for personal use by the grantee's employees
- Long-term housing and personal living expenses
- Interest on borrowed money
- Organized fundraising
- Travel expenses
- Taxes from which the grantee is normally exempt

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The JobsOhio Small Business Grant is reimbursement based and requires supporting documentation including proof of payment. JobsOhio may consider alternatives to proof of payment at time of reimbursement request under special circumstances and as approved by leadership.

CONNECT WITH US TODAY

To see if your business is eligible for funding consideration, please contact REDI Cincinnati's **Cierra Clymer, Director of Business Development**, at CClymer@REDICincinnati.com or (419) 705-1773.

You may also visit our website and submit your company online at REDICincinnati.com/jobsOhio-small-business-grant/



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For more info, email here.

AROUND OTR...



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The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati's Artistic Director Receives Tony Award Nod

Roderick Justice received the recognition of Honorable Mention in this year's Excellence in Theatre Education Award, presented by the Tony Awards

CINCINNATI: The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati (TCT), the Nation's oldest theater for young audiences, is excited to announce Artistic Director Roderick Justice has received an honorable mention for Excellence in Theatre Education from the Tony Awards and Carnegie Mellon University. TCT, the only professional theater in the region that devotes its entire MainStage season to children, is a beacon of arts education and entertainment. This recognition further solidifies TCT's position as a leader in the field.

The winner and honorable mentions for the Excellence in Theatre Education Award are selected through a rigorous process. A panel of judges, including the American Theatre Wing, The Broadway League, Carnegie Mellon University, and other leaders from the theater industry, carefully review the candidates submitted by members of the public. These are teachers who play a crucial role in shaping the next generation of theater artists. They identify talented students, nurture them, inspire them, and set them off on a lifelong journey as theater supporters and professionals.

The 2024 Award was presented to CJay Philip, a Baltimore-based actor, educator, choreographer, and Broadway veteran who has created arts opportunities for everyone from kindergartners to senior citizens. The founder and artistic director of the multidisciplinary ensemble Dance & Bmore received the 2024 Excellence in Theatre Education Award on June 16 at the Tony Awards in New York City, which was telecast on CBS.

"I am blessed to work with a dynamite group of collaborators at TCT and am incredibly honored to receive this honorable mention from the selection committee. I would also like to send a huge congratulations to CJay Philip, who is doing tremendous work in Baltimore. It is my belief that theatre educators are vital to the development of young minds. We exercise the imagination in ways that grow empathy, foster creative expression, and build confidence. I hope everyone can join in a celebration of all arts educators around the globe who are passionate about inspiring creativity and are working diligently to provide the next generation with the artistic tools needed to change the world."

This year, Roderick celebrates 19 seasons with The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. Since assuming the role of Artistic Director in 2015, he's launched over 20 world-premiere original works and adaptations of theatre for young audiences (TYA). Roderick's work is a testament to his unwavering dedication and passion for storytelling, childhood development through arts, and the transformative power of live theatre in fostering empathy and making our world a better place.

Roderick is an award-winning director, choreographer, actor, designer, educator, Broadway producer (*How to Dance in Ohio*), and mentor to hundreds of young performers. Recognized by Cincinnati Business Courier's Forty Under 40 and as the Arts Educator of the Decade by BroadwayWorld in 2021 for his work at TCT and his

CORNHOLE COMPETITION

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THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

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Reportable payroll & *True up*



Reportable payroll

In defining payroll, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) generally follows the guidelines of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, as well as the Federal Unemployment Tax Authority (FUTA) in the businesses section.

Examples of reportable payroll

The more common types of reportable payroll include sick pay, vacation pay, bonus payments including stock given as a bonus, sales commission, tips, and all gross hourly wages and salaries less qualifying deductions for section 125 cafeteria plan benefits. Contact BWC or go to www.bwc.ohio.gov, select For Employers/ Compliance/Reporting Payroll for a complete list of reportable payroll. You may also contact Sedgwick's Rate Department at (800) 825-6755 with any questions.

True-up process

BWC provides workers' compensation coverage based on estimated payroll. Therefore at the end of the policy year, BWC asks employers to report their actual payroll for the prior policy year and pay any shortage (or receive a refund for any overage) in premium. This process is called a true-up. If the true-up is not completed timely, the following may occur:

- Employer will not be eligible for prior year rebates and incentives
- Employer will be removed from current year programs
- Employer will become ineligible for programs the following year and will continue to remain ineligible for all future years until all past true-ups are completed.

How to report payroll and complete the true-up

Although employers may contact BWC at (800) OHIO-BWC (800.644.6292) and complete their true-up report over the phone, BWC anticipates high call volumes and long wait times. They strongly encourage employers to complete their true-up report online through their BWC e-account at www.bwc.ohio.gov. If you do not have an e-account, simply select the Create E-Account Link to begin. You will need your BWC policy number and/or Federal Tax Identification Number.

Deadlines

PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

- True-up report must be completed and payment received no later than **August 15, 2024**.

PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

- True-up report must be completed and payment received no later than **February 15, 2024**.

UPCOMING EVENTS...



July Networking Event at CoHatch Findlay Market

7/10/24

4pm-6pm

[Register for our July Networking Event Here!](#)



SAFETY CONCERNS

District One CPD

By Captain Hammer

District 1 is divided into three uniformed patrol shifts, the Downtown Services Unit, the Event Planning Unit, and the Investigative Unit. A lieutenant manages each of the three shifts and the three specialized units.

- **Patrol Shifts:** Three primary shifts provide uniform patrol and policing for the district. Various patrol methods are used, including patrol cars, motorcycles, bicycles and walking.
- **Investigative Unit:** The unit is divided into two areas; Detectives and Violent Crimes Squad. Detectives in the unit are assigned misdemeanor and felony cases for follow-up investigations.

* The Violent Crimes Squad conducts felony warrant service, responds to and investigates violent crimes, and conducts investigations into district level vice complaints.

- **Neighborhood Liaison Officer:** This officer assists the community with special needs and long-term problem solving. These officers work on various projects to address crime, disorder, and quality-of-life issues in the community. A mental health caseworker from University Hospital is also assigned to the unit to assist officers in dealing with mental health consumers.

Thank you,

CAPTAIN HAMMER

“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.”

-Milton Berle



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