



Office of Economic Policy

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Opens May 1, 2025

The Office of Economic Policy is proud to announce the launch of the **Blended Capital Grant Program**, opening for applications on **May 1, 2025**. This funding opportunity is designed to support entrepreneurs, small businesses, and community-focused ventures within the Lummi Nation and Whatcom County.

Application Deadline:

All applications must be submitted by **June 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM** (close of business day) or until funds are fully expended.

Who Should Apply?

The program is intended to assist:

- **Primary Beneficiaries:**
 - Emerging entrepreneurs
 - Individuals impacted by systemic barriers or the war on drugs
 - Must have a valid **LIBC Business License (2024)** or **WA State Business License**
- **Secondary Beneficiaries:**
 - Community-oriented businesses addressing cultural preservation, youth engagement, environmental stewardship, or wellness services
 - Underrepresented groups in entrepreneurship, including women, youth (18–35), and elders

Eligible Locations:

Businesses must be located **on the Lummi Reservation** or **within Whatcom County**.

Program Goal:

To foster sustainable economic development, empower tribal members through entrepreneurship, and expand equitable access to capital for those historically excluded from mainstream funding opportunities.

Act Quickly:

Funding must be spent by **June 30, 2025**, so early application is strongly encouraged.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Policy.

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Applications can be found on the Lummi page at [Lummi-nsn.gov](https://lummi-nsn.gov)

“The mission of the Office of Economic Policy is to analyze, plan, implement, and administer government economic policies and actions necessary for increasing the standard of living of Lummi Tribal members, advancing self-determination, and improving the sustainable economic health and prosperity of Lummi Nation’s public and private sector to empower our tribal members and entities to do more, now and in the future in order to preserve, promote and protect our ScheLangen.”