**Confused by the Grant Programs Available?**

**Let us compare them for you!**

**How do I know what grants to apply to and which ones I am eligible for?**

**It's all so confusing!**

We have heard those comments many times and decided to try and make it clearer for you. Below is a comparison of grant opportunities and the answers to a few of your questions.

Currently there are two grants available with Federal funds being administered by [Mass Growth Capital Corporation](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001R9uV4J5l5MF3wMLldAizoTPNOy-fIdb9_14rreaIqS0eIIFfpYYOV8DEjRgmkrXMnsds746tEmHyxRsIWew94nccISRL-IuNftVSwW3EzeM6sc7aKLKNI6IWJ2bF5TtetbtGcHoc5227vBL50ovCb9YgNHU4HJu5Xl8IMAc4fKs=&c=jHeE5yPU6033jVz2T0pJkJkQ_knZq4gpBE1B9z8VTCFZsJs1TjrXPg==&ch=O-YDJ48D8iLw4eSQ9CRVBVnMGwRaYAU1RRFHATc33-muJ5G1-9oHAQ==). [Check the website for details.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001R9uV4J5l5MF3wMLldAizoTPNOy-fIdb9_14rreaIqS0eIIFfpYYOV8DEjRgmkrXMnsds746tEmHyxRsIWew94nccISRL-IuNftVSwW3EzeM6sc7aKLKNI6IWJ2bF5TtetbtGcHoc5227vBL50ovCb9YgNHU4HJu5Xl8IMAc4fKs=&c=jHeE5yPU6033jVz2T0pJkJkQ_knZq4gpBE1B9z8VTCFZsJs1TjrXPg==&ch=O-YDJ48D8iLw4eSQ9CRVBVnMGwRaYAU1RRFHATc33-muJ5G1-9oHAQ==)

A consortium of towns and cities are administering a microenterprise grant, also with Federal funds.  [Check the website for details](https://massgcc.submittable.com/submit).

Let's compare them.

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| Grant Administrator | Grant Amount  | # of Employees | Income Eligible Requirement | Business Location  | Deadline | Website |
| MGCC | $25,000 | 5 or fewer including owner | Yes | All Towns | 11/12/2020 | [MGCC](https://massgcc2.submittable.com/submit/177584/small-business-grants-for-5-or-fewer-employees) |
| MGCC | $75,000 | 50 or fewer FTE | No | All Towns | 11/12/2020 | [MGCC](https://massgcc3.submittable.com/submit/177585/small-business-grants-for-50-or-fewer-employees) |
| Consortium Community Development (CDBG) | $10,000 | 5 or fewer including owner | Yes | Ashland, Beverly, Burlington, Canton, Concord, Dedham, Essex, Lexington, Manchester by the Sea, Marlborough, Melrose, Milton, Natick, North Reading, Norwood, Randolph, Reading, Sharon, Southborough, Stoneham, Watertown, Winchester, Woburn | Ongoing | [MGCC](https://massgcc.submittable.com/submit) |

Questions

1. Can I apply to all the grants? Sure, but be sure you are eligible for each one.
2. Can I use the grant funds for similar uses? Yes, but you can't use the funds for the exact same use. For example; You can use one grant fund for rent for May, June and July and the other grant funding for July, August and September. It is the same use but a different time period and that is acceptable.
3. Does each of the grants have a minority preference? Yes, MGCC focuses on minorities and the grants administered by Valley has a set aside fund for minorities. If you are not a minority you should definitely still apply if you meet the other criteria.