



Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone (PCKIZ) Grant Guidelines 2008

The Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone (“PCKIZ”) can provide grant money to qualified KIZ clients to support a project that promotes innovation and job creation. Eligible applicants can receive grant funding on future projects up to \$25,000 in a one year calendar period.

Eligibility:

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The product or process being developed must be classified into at least one of the following industry sectors: Biomedical, Biotechnology, Material Science, Information Technology, and Technology.
- A company interested in applying for the KIZ Grant must be a start-up business less than 8 years old that is located within the physical boundaries of the Pittsburgh Central KIZ.
- Current registered students at Carlow University, Community College of Allegheny County, Duquesne University, and Point Park University are encouraged to apply.

Project examples include, but are not limited to:

- Market analysis/research performed by one of the PCKIZ partners
- Patent applications
- Product design/development
- Prototype development and testing
- Feasibility analysis performed by one of the PCKIZ partners
- Specialized consulting services
- Purchase of equipment/ software that can specifically help the business create jobs

- Partial salary to hire a graduate from one of the PCKIZ participating universities to specifically help the company with a project that can help the business create jobs.
- Marketing materials

Grant funding can NOT be used for:

- Facilities (rental payments or purchase costs/ renovation expenses)
- Insurance
- Legal fees except for Intellectual Property and Patents
- Delinquent Taxes or Debt

Grant Process

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements. Clients must complete a grant application. Grant applications will be reviewed as submitted until funding is exhausted according to the following schedule.

- Grant Application Deadline Friday, April 25, 2008; Grant Decision May 9, 2008
- Grant Application Deadline Friday, June 27, 2008; Grant Decision July 11, 2008
- Grant Application Deadline August 29, 2008; Grant Decision September 12, 2008
- Grant Application Deadline October 31, 2008; Grant Decision November 14, 2008

Grant applications submitted after the bi-monthly application due date will be reviewed during the next bi-monthly grant review cycle. A grantee cannot receive more than \$25,000 in a calendar year. An applicant that does not receive a grant can reapply or an applicant that receives a grant below \$25,000 can reapply until he or she reaches the \$25,000 cap.