

KS small businesses to benefit through grant funds

**(KAIR)--Kansas Governor Laura Kelly on Thursday announced a new program that will help Kansas small businesses innovate, bring new products and services to market, and compete at a global level. According to a release from Kelly's office, the Small Business Research & Development Acceleration Grants, which were approved by the 2022 Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kelly, are being made available through the Kansas Department of Commerce.**

**Kelly, in the release, notes that the “grants enable small businesses to enter new markets and stay ahead in [the] rapidly changing economy.”**

**The Small Business Research & Development Acceleration Grants are designed to assist Kansas small businesses in advancing a product or service to commercialization; modifying a product or service to enter a new market; or gaining a new client by leveraging higher education facilities, equipment, and expertise.**

**Prospective grant recipients will work with a Kansas public higher education institution to conduct research and development and receive a 50/50 matching grant up to \$25,000.**

**The grant program is open to Kansas registered businesses headquartered in Kansas with 50 or fewer full-time employees with at least 60 percent of its workforce, including contracted staff, in Kansas. For every dollar received from the Small Business Research & Development Acceleration Grant, the company must contribute a dollar of its own resources. Up to 50 percent of the match may be an in-kind contribution if it is provided by a public higher education institution and approved by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Approved projects must be completed within one year.**

**The fall 2022 application window is open now through October 17 and grants will be announced in November. For more information and to complete an application, please go**

**to: <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/rdaccelerationgrants/> or click [here](#).**