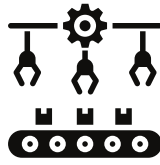


VCEDA SEED CAPITAL ROUND 2023 APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO OPEN JAN. 16, 2023



The spring round of the VCEDA Seed Capital Fund will open for applications at MECC's Small Business Development Center on January 16, 2023. This dollar-for-dollar matching grant up to \$10,000.00 for new small business less than one year old. New to the round is the criteria of qualifying industry sectors. Those sectors are:



Manufacturing

Businesses that make a product for sale, such as fabrication shops, food and beverage products, natural care products, bakeries, animal care products, wood products and furniture, musical instruments, jewelry, etc.



Information Technology

Businesses that use a computer or are computer-related, such as software development, network administration, web design, 3D Printing, mobile app development, SEO consultant, social media consultant, drone videography, cybersecurity, etc.



ENERGY

Businesses that are energy related, such as solar panel sales AND installation, wind turbine sales and installation, biofuel production, battery storage systems, energy consulting, etc.



CREATIVE TOURISM

Businesses that are tourism-related and also have a creative of value added component, often experiential for the tourist, such as arts and crafts, cooking classes, restaurants using locally-sourced agriculture products, hiking and biking guides, etc.



Mountain Empire Community College's Small Business Development Center is here to assist you with the application process, which includes a business plan, cash flow projection and supporting documentation. Contact us at infosbdc@mecc.edu or 276-523-9101.

For an appointment visit www.mecc.edu/sbdc and complete the Request for Counseling link.