

Capital Access Program (CAP)

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LACK OF CAPITAL: A COMMON REASON A SMALL BUSINESS FAILS

Executive Summary

The Economic Development department has established the Capital Access Program (CAP) with the goal of filling a financing gap in the market place for entrepreneurs to either start or expand their business.



How is "CAP" different?

 Program allows assistance to broader business community with high barriers to capital access

Replicating a proven model

Consistent and predicable timeline

4 Capital Access Program Products

- Micro Grant
- Economic Development Authority Small Business Grant
- Reimbursable Grant
- Norfolk Revolving Loan Fund

Micro Grant

- Funding Source: CDBG
- Grant Amount: \$1,500 \$5,000
- Years in Business: 0-4 years
- Must have no more than 5 employees
- Business Owners are Low to Moderate income at the time of application
- Allowable Purchases include but are not limited to: marketing and advertising, inventory, materials, equipment, operating licenses, permitting and fees, etc.
- Ineligible Purchases: Real estate-based transactions to include interior and exterior build out or renovations. Payroll and/or salaries

Norfolk Economic Development Authority Small Business Grant "EDA Grant"

- Funding Source: Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk
- Amount: \$5,000
- Years in Business: 0-4 years
 - Years in business do not apply for Façade Improvement based projects
- Must have no more than 50 employees
- Allowable Purchases include but are not limited to: acquisition of real-estate, interior & exterior build-out, marketing and advertising, inventory, materials, equipment, operating licenses, permitting and fees, real estate-based transactions, etc.
- Ineligible Purchases: Payroll and/or salaries

Reimbursable Grant

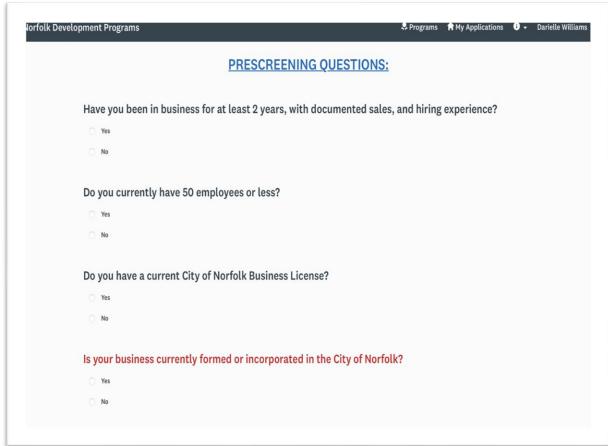
- Funding Source: CDBG
- Grant Amount: \$35,000
- Years in Business: More than 2 years of documented sales and hiring experience
- Business preferably will have current employees
- Business must hire or maintain 1 full time LMI Norfolk Resident
- Allowable Purchases include but are not limited to: marketing and advertising, inventory, materials, utilities, equipment, training, professional fees, supplies, etc.
- Ineligible Purchases: Real estate-based transactions to include interior and exterior build out or renovations. Payroll and/or salaries

Norfolk Revolving Loan Fund

- Funding Source: Federal EDA
- Administer: Virginia Community Capital
- Amount: \$5,000 \$50,000
- Years in Business: Preferably 3 or more years of business operation
- Preferably no more than 250 employees
- Allowable Purchases: Include but are not limited to: inventory, materials, equipment, working capital, debt refinancing, real estate, etc.

Is your business eligible to apply for CAP?

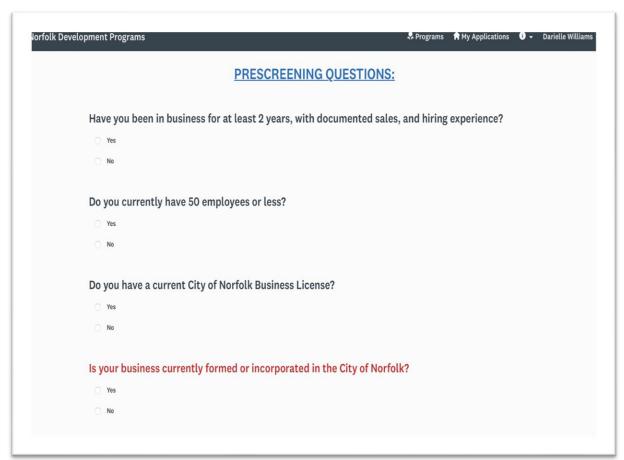
- The applicant must be applying for a City of Norfolk business.
 - Businesses must acquire a City of Norfolk Business License and/or proper City licensing/permits/zoning and/or coding.
 - Certain Grants can assist with the purchase of the City of Norfolk Business License and/or proper City licensing/permits/zoning and/or coding.





For Profit Businesses

- Eligible Applicant Organizational Type:
 - For-profit entities:
 - Sole Proprietorships,
 - General Partnerships,
 - Limited Partnerships (LP),
 - Limited Liability Partnerships (LLP),
 - Corporations (Inc., Corp.),
 - Limited Liability Companies (LLC)





Additionally...

- Business and owner must be in good standing with the City of Norfolk, State of Virginia and Internal Revenue Service.
- No outstanding violations or citations with the City of Norfolk within one year of application.
- Business must be formed or incorporated before application is submitted.

Ineligible Applicant Organizational Type:

- Franchises
- Not-for-profit
- Faith-based organizations
- Political Organizations
- Adult bookstores, adult video shops, other adult entertainment facilities, gambling facilities, blood or plasma donor centers, or pawn shops.
- Business owners who are employees of the City of Norfolk, elected or appointed officials or officers of the City of Norfolk, employees or board members of the City of Norfolk Economic Development Authority are not eligible to apply to the Program

Questions?



How To Apply

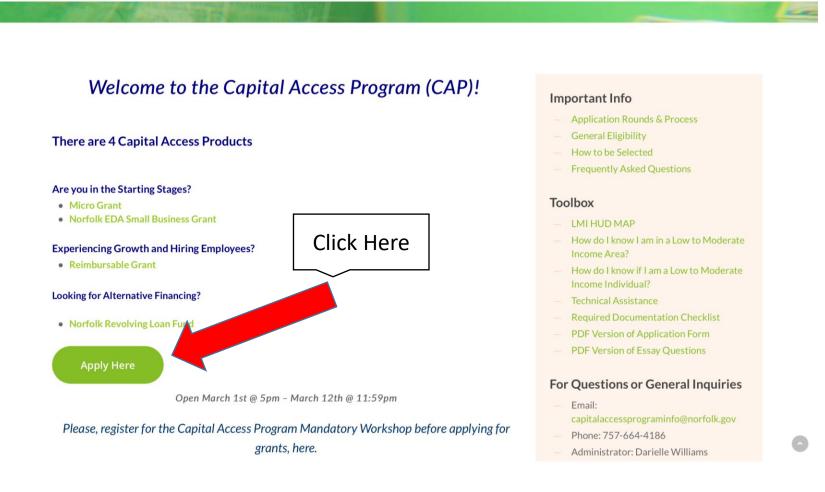
Application Runs on Bimonthly Basis:

- Round #6: March 1st 12th
- Round #7: May 3rd 14th
 - Applications Close at 11:59 PM on the last date of the abovementioned time frames.



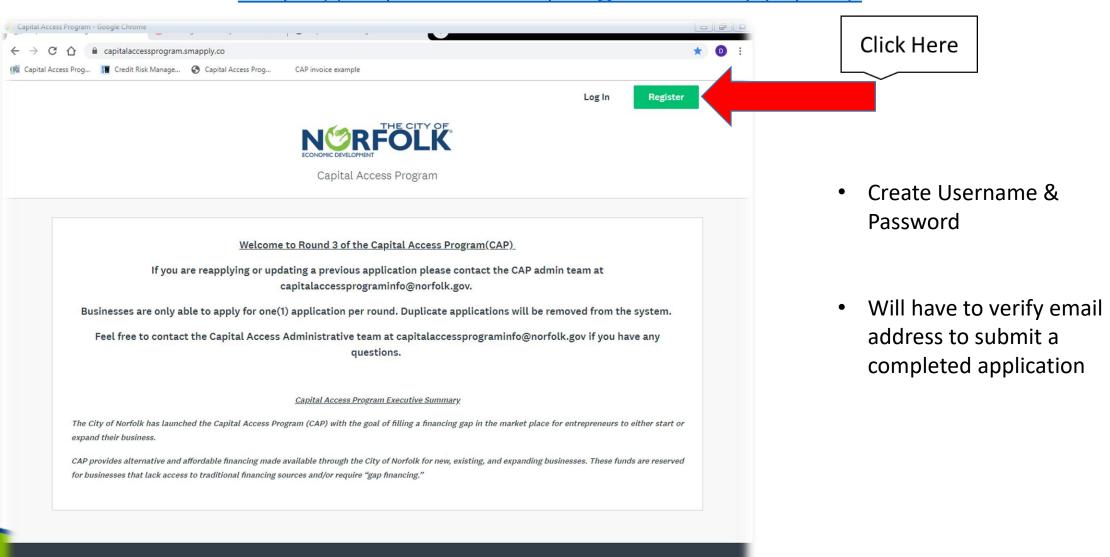
Where to find the CAP Online Application:

https://norfolkdevelopment.com/resources/capital-access-program/



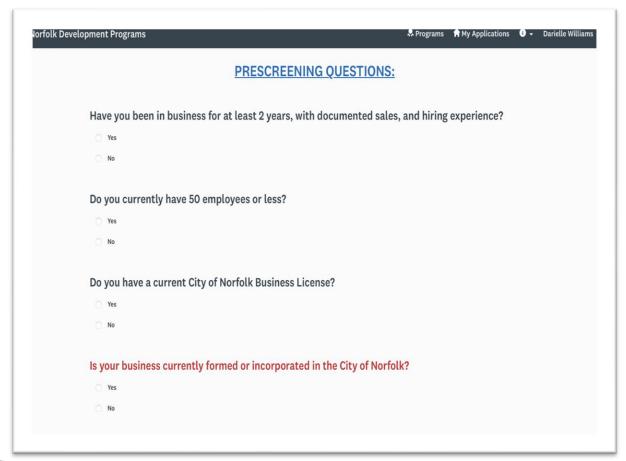
Or Follow the link here:

https://capitalaccessprogram.smapply.co/



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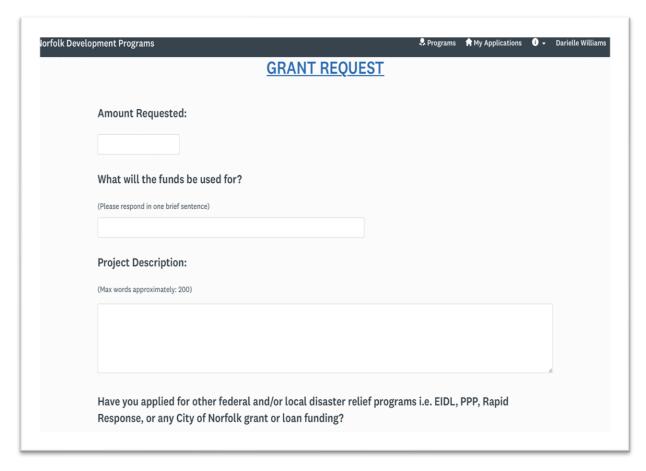
Prescreening Questions



 All 4 Programs have prescreening questions included at the beginning of the application to ensure eligibility



Application Form

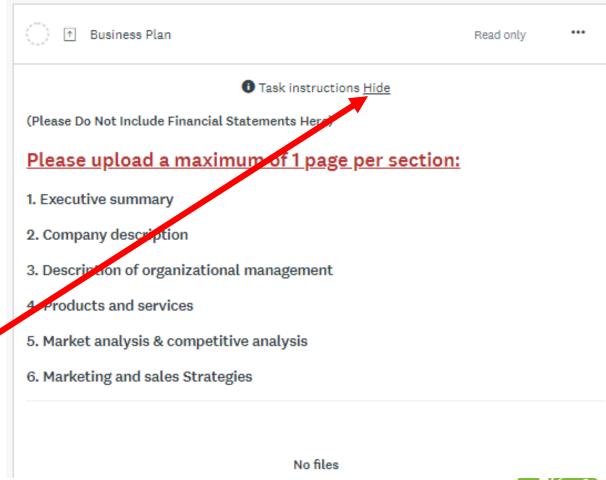


 The application form contains between 39 – 50 questions/data sets depending on which grant/loan product the business chooses to apply for.



Application Instructions

- Please be sure to read all instructions within the application
- Most questions have directions for clarity
- Expand all instruction tabs,
 especially those that are uploads
- We recommend you download our templates!





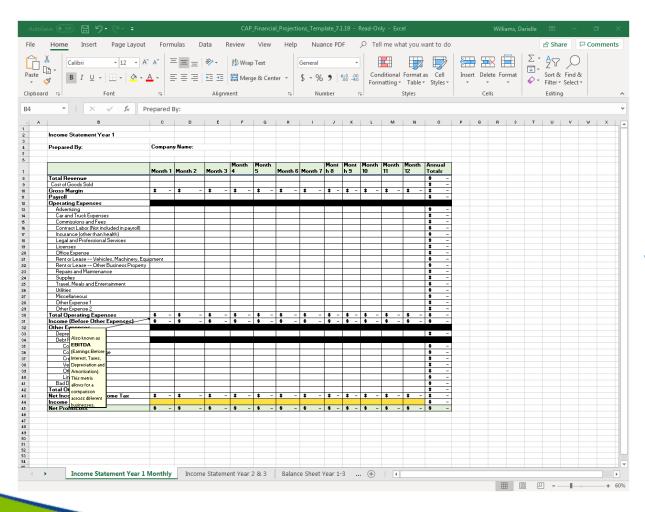
Required Documentation

- Completed Online Application.
- One year of business returns (if applicable) (or document that explains tax extensions, or tax situation)
- Organizational Business Documents
- Current City of Norfolk Business License
- Partnership Agreement- For Partnerships Only (if applicable)
- Articles of Organization for LLC along with Operating Agreement (if there are more than one member) (if applicable)
- Articles of Incorporation for Corporations along with by-laws (if applicable)

- 3 Years of Financial Projections to include:
 - Profit and Loss Projections (P&L) Year 1 (Month to Month)
 - P&L Year 2 (Annual)
 - P&L Year 3 (Annual)
- Business Plan 6 pages only to include:
 - 1. Executive summary
 - 2. Company description
 - 3. Description of organizational management
 - 4. Products and services
 - 5. Market analysis & competitive analysis
 - 6. Marketing and sales Strategies
- Other related documents (if needed)



Financial Projections

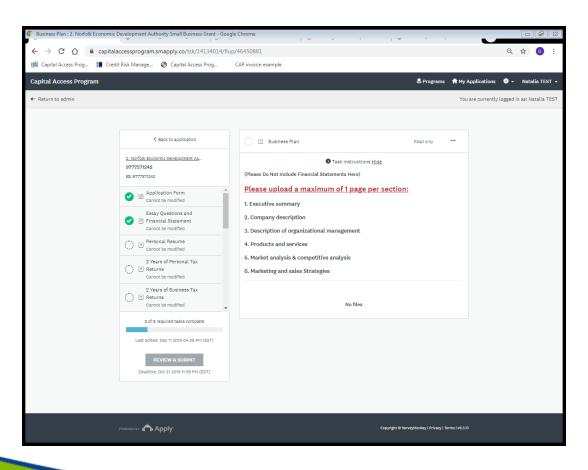


Profit and Loss Projections (P&L)

- Year 1 (Month to Month)
- P&L Year 2 (Annual)
- P&L Year 3 (Annual)
- Template Provided within online application



Condensed 6 Page Business Plan

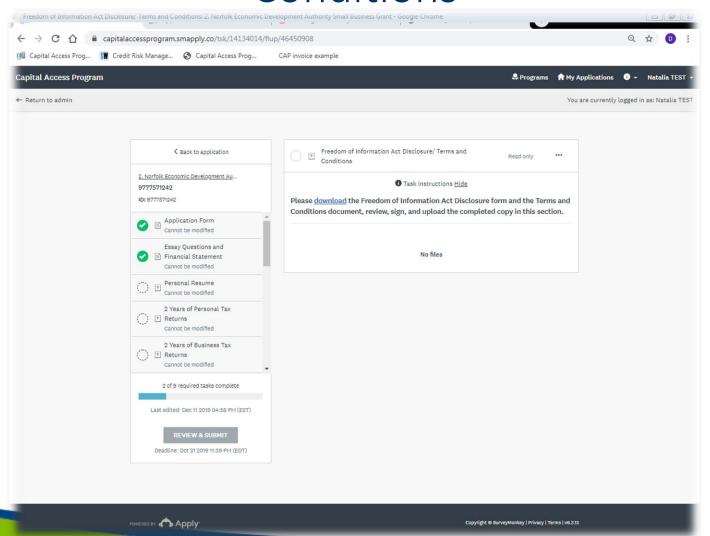


Please upload a maximum of 1 page per section

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Company Description
- 3. Description of Organizational Management
- 4. Products & Services
- 5. Market & Competitive Analysis
- 6. Marketing & Sales Strategies

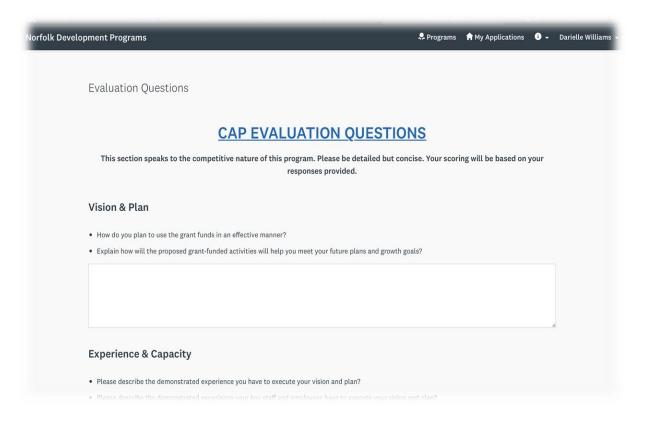
Signed Application:

Freedom of Information Act Disclosure/ Terms and Conditions





Evaluation Questions



 This section is an opportunity for the applicants to give further information and sell their business and project to the CAP Reviewers.

 Think "Shark Tank" or Pitch Competition in this section!



"CAP" Grant Scoring Matrix

Vision and Plan

Experience and Capacity

Community Impact

Innovative and Scalability

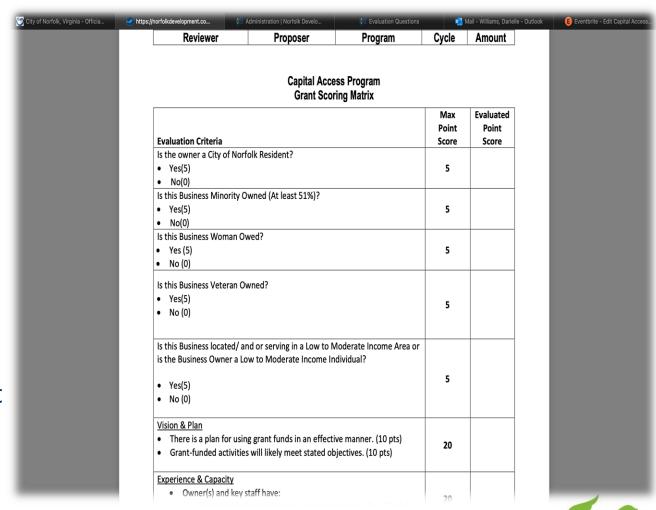
Financial Status & Leverage

Covid-19 Impact & Plan

Selection Process

https://norfolkdevelopment.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/How-To-Be-Selected-2021.pdf

- Businesses are selected based on evaluation criteria that is scored by a selection committee.
 - Competitive Process
 - Each application is reviewed and scored 4 times.
- 4 CAP Review Committee Members
 - Independent of the development department.
- Scores are Weighed and Averaged
 - The top 2-3 Winners from each product are awarded depending on budget
- If applying for the Economic Development Authority Small Business Grant or the Revolving Loan Fund, final approval is required by the board members of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Norfolk.





Administrative Timeline

- Application Round 6: March 1st 12th
- Scoring Round: March 15th 26th
- EDA Approval: **April 7th**
- Contract Execution: **April 12th 16**th
- Invoice Collection: April 12th 16th
- Check Processing: April 19th 30th

- Application Round 7: May 3rd- 14th
- Scoring Round: May 17th 28th
- EDA Approval: June 2nd
- Contract Execution: June 7th 18th
- Invoice Collection: June 7th 18th
- Check Processing: June 21st 30th



Contract Term

- Grant Terms: 6 Months
 - Micro
 - EDA
 - Reimbursable

- Loan Terms: 3 20 Years
 - Flexible Loan Terms
 - Based on Loan amount & potential collateral
 - Fixed Interest Rate



Reporting

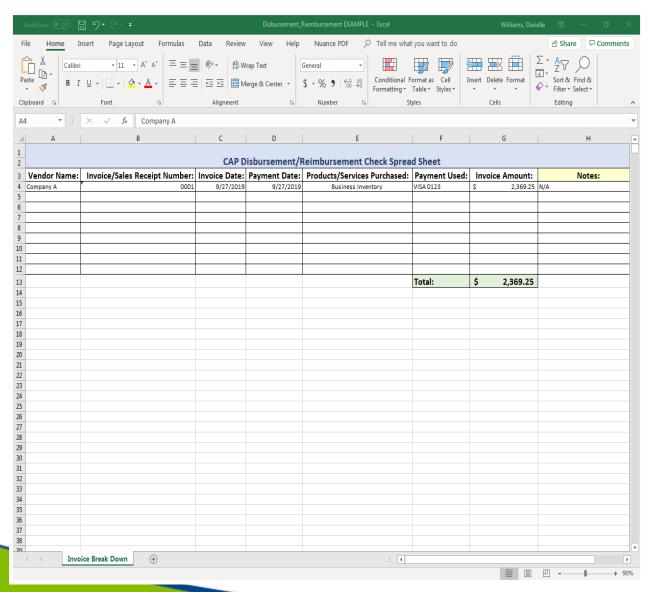
CAP Administrators will contact each business when reports are due and assists with directions to fill out the reports.

Micro Grant

- W-9 Form
- CDBG Economic Development Self-Certification Declaration of Income
- Norfolk Economic Development Authority Small Business Grant
 - W-9 Form
 - Close-out Report
- Reimbursable Grant
 - W-9 Form
 - Job Creation and Retention Report
 - CDBG Economic Development Self-Certification Declaration of Income
- Norfolk Revolving Loan Fund
 - W-9 Form
 - Annual/Close-out Report



Invoice/Check Request



- 1. Acquire and collect all your business invoices in an electronic document form
- 2. Acquire and collect proof of payment to support each invoice (if applicable)
- 3. Attach all invoices and proof of payments to an email.
- 4. Obtain, fill out, and review the "CAP Reimbursement/Disbursement Check Spread Sheet"
- 5. Attach the Excel sheet to an email in its updated Excel form along with each invoice.
- 6. Include a total amount requested within the email based off the sum of the invoices submitted.

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Welcome to the Capital Access Program (CAP)!

There are 4 Capital Access Products

Are you in the Starting Stages?

- Micro Grant
- Norfolk EDA Small Business Grant

Experiencing Growth and Hiring Employees?

Reimbursable Grant

Looking for Alternative Financing?

• Norfolk Revolving Loan Fund

Apply Here

Open March 1st @ 5pm - March 12th @ 11:59pm

Please, register for the Capital Access Program Mandatory Workshop before applying for grants, here.

- Micro Grant
- Funding Source: CDBG
- Grant Amount: \$1,500 \$5,000
- Vears in Business: Annroximately 0-2 years

Important Info

- Application Rounds & Process
- General Eligibility
- How to be Selected
- Frequently Asked Questions

Toolbox

- LMI HUD MAP
- How do I know I am in a Low to Moderate Income Area?
- How do I know if I am a Low to Moderate Income Individual?
- Technical Assistance
- Required Documentation Checklist
- PDF Version of Application Form
- PDF Version of Essay Questions

For Questions or General Inquiries

- Email:
- capitalaccessprograminfo@norfolk.gov
- Phone: 757-664-4186
- Alministrator: Darielle William



Be sure to

check out

toolbox if

you have

questions!

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the CAP

Questions?

