

KIZ SouthSide Connect Newsletter

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KIZ SouthSide Connect is a newsletter sharing updates, trainings, and resources for companies, entrepreneurs, researchers, and organizations in Bethlehem's Keystone Innovation Zone (KIZ). From funding opportunities and startup updates to workforce development and upcoming events, it keeps the SouthSide KIZ innovation community informed and connected.

Upcoming Trainings

- June 23: U.S. Small Business Administration webinar, "Q&A with SBA," 12-1 p.m. Register [here](#)
- June 24: PA SBDC webinar, "Navigating AI: A Small Business Focus Group," 11-12 p.m. Register [here](#)
- June 25: SCORE webinar, "Developing Financial Projections for Your New Small Business," 12 p.m. Register [here](#)
- July 14: U.S. Small Business Administration webinar, "Creating an Emergency Action Plan for Your Business," 10-11 a.m. Register [here](#)
- July 15: PA SBDC, "Get Your Website Reviewed," 10-12 p.m. Register [here](#)

Grants Awarded YTD

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Technology Transfer Grants

\$45,000 to support activities related to technology commercialization.

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Student Internship Grants

\$13,750 to support KIZ companies in providing internship opportunities for local students.

KIZ Updates

The SouthSide Bethlehem KIZ welcomes Chastity Haxton as the new KIZ Coordinator. For questions about KIZ programs and resources, contact her at Chaxton@bethlehem-pa.gov.

We are currently updating the Technology Transfer and Internship Grant applications. Please be aware that changes to these applications will take effect by August.

Student internship grant applications will reopen in August for the fall semester. Funding is limited, and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with priority given to companies that have not yet received an internship grant this year.

Company Highlights

- Recent Technology Transfer Award recipient, **VectorScribe LLC**, received funding to commercialize its proof-of-concept laser microprinter as an accessible benchtop device for researchers and manufacturers.
- **Hyrding** and **LiveLink** received a portion of \$1.8 million in early-stage investment from Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
- **ImmuNovX Biotech** and **Lord & Lilly LLC** received a summer internship grant.
- 2025 Tax Credit Awardees: **Flex Solutions, Inc.**; **Almas Food International**; and **With Meraki Co.**

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