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## ARPA funds for small businesses awarded

*SPRINGFIELD*, *Mo*. – The Greene County Commission approved 51 awards on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 to small businesses that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 relief funds.

**Award Amount** 

**Business Name** 

The following is a list of the businesses and their grant awards:

| 1  | 5 Spice China Grill, Inc         | \$15,000.00 |
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| 2  | Advanced Restorations LLC        | \$16,000.00 |
| 3  | Ashton, LLC                      | \$8,000.00  |
| 4  | Aurora Canvas                    | \$15,000.00 |
| 5  | B J'S Trophy Shop Inc            | \$18,500.00 |
| 6  | Bambinos Café and Bake Shop, LLC | \$23,250.00 |
| 7  | Best of Luck Beer Hall           | \$11,250.00 |
| 8  | Beyond Healing Center LLC        | \$12,000.00 |
| 9  | Boettcher Service & Supply Inc.  | \$10,500.00 |
| 10 | Contender eSports Springfield    | \$11,750.00 |
| 11 | Crossfit Republic LLC            | \$5,000.00  |
| 12 | Crosstown Barbeque, Inc.         | \$2,000.00  |
| 13 | Crystalline Velvet               | \$10,000.00 |
| 14 | Culture Flock Clothing LLC       | \$10,750.00 |
| 15 | Dancing Soundman LLC             | \$5,750.00  |
| 16 | Drain Pro Plumbing               | \$11,500.00 |
| 17 | Five Pound Apparel               | \$11,500.00 |
| 18 | Galloway Grill LLC               | \$26,500.00 |
| 19 | Hines Street Pharmacy LLC        | \$17,250.00 |
| 20 | House Counsel LLC                | \$10,000.00 |

| 21 | Howliday Inn Pet Resort                | \$14,750.00 |
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| 22 | Inviktus Salon                         | \$15,250.00 |
| 23 | Jamerson Millworks & Mfg               | \$13,000.00 |
| 24 | Jessica Yahn, Jessica Yahn Photography | \$5,750.00  |
| 25 | JJJ Development LLC                    | \$10,000.00 |
| 26 | John's Suit Shop                       | \$6,950.00  |
| 27 | Limelight Salon                        | \$12,000.00 |
| 28 | Limo Land Inc                          | \$29,500.00 |
| 29 | Marsh, Deziree                         | \$10,250.00 |
| 30 | Monroe House LLC                       | \$10,000.00 |
| 31 | Mostly Serious LLC                     | \$14,250.00 |
| 32 | Mudhouse Inc.                          | \$18,500.00 |
| 33 | Multiprinting inc                      | \$11,500.00 |
| 34 | Net Source, LLC                        | \$5,000.00  |
| 35 | Ozark Refuse Inc                       | \$18,000.00 |
| 36 | Paragon Architecture, LLC              | \$23,250.00 |
| 37 | Protocol Call Specialist LLC           | \$5,250.00  |
| 38 | RMS Automotive                         | \$10,750.00 |
| 39 | RoundTable Legal, LLC                  | \$10,250.00 |
| 40 | Salyers Transcription                  | \$5,000.00  |
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| 41 | Skullys Ramen                          | \$13,250.00 |
| 42 | Skyline Capital LLC                    | \$11,500.00 |
| 43 | Solar Energy Services, LLC             | \$10,500.00 |
| 44 | Stick it in Your Ear LLC               | \$12,000.00 |
| 45 | Strafford Sports Center LLC            | \$29,000.00 |
| 46 | The 7th on Walnut                      | \$11,000.00 |
| 47 | The Mystery Hour                       | \$10,000.00 |
| 48 | The Wax Bar                            | \$6,649.00  |
| 49 | Three D Properties, Inc                | \$10,000.00 |
| 50 | Walnut Street Inn Operations LLC       | \$12,250.00 |
| 51 | Walnut Valley Farms                    | \$7,250.00  |
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A total of \$634,099.00 was awarded to businesses in this group of funding. **Applications that were submitted are still being reviewed and will be awarded in the future.** The application period was open for three weeks from Sept. 13 to Oct. 4, 2023.

A total of \$1,144,521.02 was awarded to businesses on Oct. 26, 2023. In 2022, the Commission approved \$3,657,893.46 in ARPA grants to 314 Greene County small businesses in a separate round of funding.

The County used federal ARPA guidelines to determine award eligibility. Additionally, the County set up an online application process where businesses had to demonstrate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide supporting documentation.

Awards were also adjusted considering the size of the business and if it received additional pandemic funds. Finally, applications were reviewed by a Greene County internal ARPA team.

For this round of funding, the Greene County Commission and ARPA team focused on small businesses with 100 employees or less. The average number of employees for this group's funding was 12.98 and the average award amount was \$13,577.25

"Small businesses and their employees are vital to our local economy and way of life and have been a top priority of the Commission," said Commissioner John Russell. "They provide good jobs, services and products to our community, and a sense of connection that only comes from small business. We are excited to continue to get these funds out into our community where they are needed."

Federal ARPA funds are designed to support local economic recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Greene County received a total of \$56.9 million in ARPA funds.

All Greene County ARPA funds must be allocated by Dec. 31, 2024. All projects funded by the County must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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