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ARPA funds for small businesses awarded

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission approved 80 awards on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023 to small businesses that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 relief funds.

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

1	1906 LLC	\$5,000.00
2	ACIS IT Solutions	\$19,000.00
3	Adam Wade Construction LLC	\$5,250.00
4	Advanced Car Care Center LLC	\$15,500.00
5	Bambinos Cafe LLC	\$21,750.00
6	Basilico Italian Cafe	\$13,250.00
7	Battlefield Pharmacy	\$12,500.00
8	BCV Systems LLC	\$11,000.00
9	Behavioral Learning Center LLC	\$11,750.00
10	Big Pixl LLC	\$20,750.00
11	Bookmarx	\$10,000.00
12	Cafe Cusco LLC	\$36,000.00
13	Campaignium LLC	\$2,476.82
14	Cart32	\$7,340.00
15	Castle Advisors Inc	\$14,000.00
16	Central Home Systems LLC	\$12,500.00
17	Civil Kitchen	\$23,249.99
18	Contender Esports LLC	\$13,750.00
19	Cooper's Clippers Barbershop	\$800.00
20	Culver's	\$27,000.00

Business Name

Award Amount

21	Daniel Gross	\$6,000.00
22	Database Systems of Springfield Inc	\$12,500.00
23	Dellas Beauty Plus LLC	\$10,250.00
24	Designs by Mindy	\$6,000.00
25	Double Tree Hotel - Springfield	\$49,999.99
26	Druff's	\$5,051.26
27	Esterly, Schneider & Assoc Inc	\$18,750.00
28	Faithful Hair Braiding LLC	\$6,000.00
29	Finnegans Wake	\$16,750.00
30	First Impressions Printing	\$11,750.00
31	Friga Construction Co Inc	\$9,500.00
32	Fusion Link Communications LLC	\$5,500.00
33	Harter House	\$33,000.00
34	Healthy Weight Supermarket	\$10,000.00
35	Hilton Garden Inn - Springfield	\$36,750.00
36	Hold Fast Brewing	\$15,250.00
37	Houlihan's South - Springfield	\$32,500.00
38	Investigative Products & Svcs	\$5,000.00
39	Jamaican Patty Co	\$11,500.00
40	John's Heating and Air	\$12,500.00

41	Jump Mania	\$12,750.00
42	Kinney Billiard Sales	\$15,500.00
43	L&B Services LLC	\$20,250.00
44	Labryon Williams Counseling	\$14,000.00
45	Midnight Rodeo	\$14,500.00
46	MLP Accounting & Consulting LLC	\$10,500.00
47	MMC Fencing & Railing LLC	\$15,750.00
48	Mother's Brewing Co LLC	\$20,250.00
49	Neighbor's Mill Bakery-Cafe #1	\$23,749.99
50	Next Level Games Inc	\$11,500.00
51	Nicholas R. Hein DDS LLC	\$14,250.00
52	Obelisk Home	\$14,750.00
53	O'Reilly Hospitality Mgmt LLC	\$17,999.99
54	Park East Market LLC	\$11,750.00
55	Pearson-Kelly Office Products	\$21,249.99
56	Platos Closet	\$20,500.00
57	Prairie Pie LLC	\$13,000.00
58	Public Safety Solutions Mo LLC	\$14,000.00
59	Raczdesign.Com	\$1,103.00
60	Recovery Outreach Svcs LLC	\$14,000.00

61	Red's Giant Hamburg Inc	\$18,000.00
62	Rockafellow Photography Inc	\$10,000.00
63	Savoy Ballroom	\$12,500.00
64	Shome Tint	\$18,000.00
65	Simplee Brows LLC	\$10,000.00
66	Spring Branch Kombucha	\$10,750.00
67	St. Michael's	\$12,250.00
68	Stewart Farms Co-Op	\$7,000.00
69	Sumits Hot Yoga	\$14,750.00
70	Teaching Solutions LLC	\$5,250.00
71	Telechoice	\$13,000.00
72	Terry's Deluxe Stump Grinding	\$5,000.00
73	The Barbershop	\$10,000.00
74	The Coffee Ethic LLC	\$15,250.00
75	The Royal	\$11,250.00
76	Tinga Tacos	\$16,750.00
77	Towne Place Suites	\$23,749.99
78	Urban Wellness LLC	\$10,750.00
79	Vic's Pastries	\$10,000.00
80	Wyatt Law and Associates LLC	\$11,500.00

A total of \$1,144,521.02 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.

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 15 and the average award amount was \$14,306.51.

"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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