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## **ARPA Funds for Small Businesses Awarded**

*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – The Greene County Commission approved 31 awards on Thursday, Apr. 25, 2024 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:

<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
4 By 4 Brewing Company	2,994.00
417 Express Delivery LLC	16,750.00
Abby & Rocky LLC	11,250.00
Altay Auto LLC	11,500.00
Archer's Bow Media and Marketing, LLC	10,000.00
Aristocrat Autosports	10,000.00
Beloved Body Massage Therapy, Inc	5,700.00
Bike Shop Chili LLC	15,750.00
Bubba's BBQ	12,500.00
Dang Partners LLC, S Corp	8,750.00
Dee's Cleaning Service	6,000.00
Downtown Trian Productions Inc	16,250.00
Dr. Morris Kille Jr. DC	12,750.00
Frankenstein Trucking LLC	5,000.00
Garage Door Guy, LLC	12,250.00

Jake's Vegetarian Foods, LLC	10,500.00
Josh Beecher Studios LLC	5,000.00
Mpark LLC	28,000.00
Newlube Mobile Oil Change, LLC	8,000.00
Opfer Communications, Inc.	12,750.00
Premier Choice Agency, LLC	11,250.00
Pretty Becky Inc	12,250.00
Round Eye LLC	13,000.00
SK Food Company, LLC	11,000.00
Smart Choice Auto Sales LLC	10,000.00
Springfield Taekwondo Academy, LLC	10,000.00
Stressed Out Humans LLC	5,000.00
Tie & Timber Beer Co, LLC	13,750.00
Town & County Inc	13,250.00
Twilight Horizons LLC	5,000.00
Wedgewood Barber Shop	10,500.00

A total of \$336,694 was awarded to businesses in this group of funding. It is anticipated that there will be only one more funding announcement for the Greene County Small Business ARPA Program. The application period was open for three weeks from Sept. 13 to Oct. 4, 2023.

Since Oct. 26, 2023, the Commission has awarded a total of \$2,661,999.60 in ARPA grants to businesses in this round of funding. In 2022, the Commission approved \$3,657,893.46 in ARPA grants to 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 6 and average award amount was \$10,861.

“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 businesses. 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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