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First group of ARPA funds for small businesses awarded

Award Amount

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission approved 57 awards on Tuesday to small businesses that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 relief funds.

The following is a list of those businesses and awards in their dollar amount:

Business Name

	Business Name	Award Amount
1	A Point Performing Arts	12,250.00
2	Acis IT Solutions	15,750.00
3	Allure Flea Market	11,250.00
4	Ball Architects PC	11,250.00
5	Beautiful Photo Props	5,000.00
6	Behavioral Learning Center LLC	11,500.00
7	Bookmarx	10,000.00
8	Bub's Distillery	11,750.00
9	Cart32	11,250.00
10	Chill-Pak	24,250.00
11	Clark Family Medicine LLLC	11,250.00
12	Classic Rock Coffee Downtown	10,750.00
13	Complete Weddings And Events	18,250.00
14	Culture Flock Clothing LLC	11,000.00
15	Dami LLC	10,000.00
16	Dental 32 LLC	13,250.00
17	Druff's	13,250.00
18	Executive Data Control	15,250.00
19	Farmers Gastropub	20,000.00

20	Farrar Trucking LLC	5,000.00
21	Finnegans Wake	17,000.00
22	Getaway Golf	12,000.00
23	Great Escape Beer Works LLC	11,750.00
24	Greek Belly LLC	17,500.00
25	I Am Wireless LLC	13,500.00
26	In Home Solutions LLC	31,500.00
27	Indie Blue Salon	13,500.00
28	Jamaican Patty Co	10,000.00
29	Jump Mania	11,250.00
30	Lucent Digital LLC	11,500.00
31	MLP Accting & Consulting LLC	10,500.00
32	Neighbor's Mill Bakery-Cafe #1	26,250.00
33	Neighbor's Mill Bakery-Cafe #2	19,250.00
34	Nelco Painting	5,000.00
35	Nimmo Roofing & Contstruction	12,000.00
36	Old Town European Market LLC	12,250.00
37	OMC Outdoor Products LLC	11,750.00
38	Pearson-Kelly Office Products	28,750.00

40	Premier Pawn	10,825.00
41	Radio Comms Specialists	9,809.75
42	Recovery Outreach Svcs LLC	13,000.00
43	Repo Handling	10,000.00
44	Rockafellow Photography Inc	10,000.00
45	Rod Enterprises LLC	5,000.00
46	Roundtable Legal LLC	10,000.00
47	ShoMe Tint	15,500.00
48	Springfield Parking Company	15,000.00
49	Springfield Pottery	10,000.00
50	Springhill Stables LLC	7,400.00
51	Tinga Tacos	16,000.00
52	Trees By Rodney	8,500.00
53	Triad Lodging, LLC	23,000.00
54	Wells Tire And Auto	13,500.00
55	Whalesong Games, LLC	11,500.00
56	White Plumbing Company Inc	19,750.00
57	White Stag Barber Co LLC	11,000.00

A total of \$760,034.75 was awarded to businesses in this first group of funding. More applications that were submitted are still being reviewed and will be awarded in the future. The first-round application period was open for six weeks from April 20 to May 31, 2022.

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 nine-person Advisory Committee established on Jan. 19, 2022.

The Greene County Commission and ARPA team focused on small businesses with 50 employees or less for this group of awards in the first round of funding. The average number of employees was 10.

"The Commission believes that our small businesses are the foundation of our community's economy," said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon. "They employ our citizens and pay taxes which fund vital services. It made sense to make small business relief a cornerstone of our recovery efforts."

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

Due to the large number of applications this cycle, the County Commission is currently reevaluating how many future rounds of funding will be needed. Approximately \$8 million dollars has been allocated for small business ARPA applications.

For more information on ARPA small business applications and any future updates, please visit this website: <u>arp.greenecountymo.gov</u>.

Nonprofit ARPA applications are still being developed and will open soon.

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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