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ARPA Funds for Small Businesses Awarded

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission approved 29 awards on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 to 29 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:

Business Name	Award Amount
5 Star Fence and Sales LLC	9,000.00
Apucenter	11,000.00
Bearcat Holdings, LLC	5,000.00
Bottleneck Virtual Assistants, LLC	5,000.00
Burn Bros LLC	18,000.00
Compass Counseling Services LLC	16,500.00
Eddies Headies LLC	11,500.00
Elite Pain Management and Recovery Center	20,000.00
Fast and Forever Foods, LLC	10,000.00
G S Restaurant Inc	17,500.00
Healing Oriental Massage	4,000.00
Hickory Lane Plants	8,750.00
Jack Ball and Associates Architects PC	12,500.00
JaCoLa LLC	10,619.00
La Luna Hair Academy	10,750.00
Lil Owls Child Care	5,000.00
Next Level Fitness Academy LLC	12,750.00

NSL Enterprises LLC S Corp	10,000.00
RLB Financial LLC	11,250.00
Spring Massage & Wellness	10,250.00
Springfield Property LLC	10,750.00
St. Johns Medical Transit LLC	5,000.00
Stubblefield Home Solutions LLC	5,000.00
The Acoustic Shoppe, LLC	14,500.00
The Dress Bridal Bout	300.00
The Laser Studio LLC	11,250.00
Valeria L Boss	20,250.00
Westgate Industrial, LLC	5,000.00
Zenith Climbing Center	15,750.00

A total of \$307,169 was awarded to businesses in this group of funding. This is the final 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 \$2,969,168.60 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. In total, \$6,644,062.06 has been awarded to 455 Greene County small businesses with ARPA 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 7 and average award amount was \$10,592.

“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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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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