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Third group of ARPA funds for small businesses awarded

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission approved 69 awards on Friday to small businesses that applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 relief funds.

Award Amount

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

Business Name

1	Albers Real Estate Grp LLC	10,000.00
2	AR Workshop	12,500.00
3	Battlefield Pharmacy	12,750.00
4	Bells Marketing	6,500.00
5	Beyond Creative Health LLC	10,000.00
6	BMC Security Services	5,000.00
7	Brigittes Elite Wig Boutique	8,480.00
8	Campaignium LLC	21,750.00
9	Dental Practice Professionals	11,750.00
10	Ed Pace & Lemaster, Furniture Refinishing	11,250.00
11	Enrichment Alternatives	11,000.00
12	Event Services Group LLC	23,500.00
13	Finders Keepers	10,000.00
14	Friga Construction Co Inc	11,500.00
15	Fusion Link Communications LLC	5,500.00
16	Galleria Dental	14,000.00
17	General Rental Center	31,250.00
18	Gilardis Ristorante	13,500.00
19	J&K Soccer LLC	15,000.00
20	Jamerson Millworks & Mfg Inc	12,250.00

21	Meraki Salon And Co LLC	10,500.00
22	Millwood Golf & Racquet Club	34,250.00
23	Monroe House LLC	11,500.00
24	Mudhouse Inc	16,750.00
25	Nicolas Ristorante	16,250.00
26	One Of A Kind Inc	11,000.00
27	Photo Taker Pro	5,500.00
28	Renegade Chemicals	13,250.00
29	Riad Burgers And Gyros	12,000.00
30	Rooted Soul Boutique	6,500.00
31	Sac River Stables, LLC	2,843.00
32	Sounds Of The Harp	5,000.00
33	Springfield PC Pros	10,750.00
34	Studio VIE LLC	12,500.00
35	Suited Notary	6,000.00
36	The App Pros	13,500.00
37	The Body Studio LLC	11,000.00
38	The Mystery Hour, LLC	10,000.00
39	The Tin Ceiling Event, Venue & Mercantile LLC	10,250.00
40	Walnut Valley Farms	5,250.00

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41	Where Families Grow LLC	12,000.00
42	White Orthodontic Lab Inc	6,625.00
43	Apt Crowd LLC	5,000.00
44	As You Like It Catering Inc	15,500.00
45	Barnes, Kingsley	5,000.00
46	Big Pixl LLC	25,500.00
47	Clinvest Research LLC	19,000.00
48	Conservatory Of The Ozarks	6,200.00
49	Dewater LLC	5,000.00
50	Drain Pro Plumbing	11,500.00
51	Factory Outlet & Elec Service	6,757.00
52	Hargrove Counseling LLC	10,500.00
53	Haseltine Estate Events LLC	10,000.00
54	House Of Vacuums Inc	9,619.00
55	Little Grins Dental LLC	13,500.00
56	Master's Touch Color & Design	5,000.00
57	Michelle Porter Healing	4,350.00
58	Multiprinting	11,000.00
59	Net Source LLC	5,000.00
60	Paragon Architecture LLC	18,500.00

61	Pepe Production LLC	11,000.00
62	Phillips Engraving Co	3,643.00
63	Platos Closet	15,750.00
64	Quick Cash	10,500.00
65	Screamin Eagle Investigations	5,000.00
66	The Habit Coffee Company LLC	11,750.00
67	The Travel Group LLC	11,750.00
68	Theta Float Spa	11,500.00
69	Uptown Pizza House	16,500.00

A total of \$785,017 was awarded to businesses in this third group of funding. Since July 26, 2022, the Commission has approved a total of \$1,944,101.75 in ARPA grants to 155 small businesses in Greene County.

Additional 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 Citizen Advisory Committee established on Jan. 19, 2022.

The Greene County Commission and ARPA team focused on small businesses with 50 employees or less for awards in the first round of funding. The average number of employees was 7.7.

"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.

The ARPA application period for nonprofits is now open until September 14. Organizations can begin the process at <u>arp.greenecountymo.gov</u>.

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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