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ARPA funds for small businesses awarded

SPRINGFIELD, *Mo*. – The Greene County Commission approved 50 awards on Monday, Feb. 26, 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:

	Business Name	Award Amoun
1	37 North Expeditions LLC	\$6,500.00
2	Affordable Autos LLC	\$10,000.00
3	ALLChecks Inc	\$5,000.00
4	Ally Heating And Cooling	\$14,750.00
5	Alpha Social Media LLC	\$12,500.00
6	Altec Solutions Group Inc	\$13,500.00
7	Anvil Customs LLC	\$10,500.00
8	Arkifex Studios LLC	\$12,750.00
9	Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders	\$18,250.00
10	Bishop Motors LLC	\$11,000.00
11	Black Lab LLC	\$6,551.96
12	Bottom Line Financial Services	\$5,257.00
13	BRB Services LLC	\$7,000.00
14	Buckingham Smokehouse Bbq LLC	\$18,000.00
15	Camm LLC	\$6,330.63
16	Dapper Barber	\$11,750.00
17	Dr Anna Hertel	\$5,000.00
18	Evans Investments LLC	\$12,500.00
19	G Cole B LLC	\$15,803.00
20	General Rental Center, Eventful Rental	\$18,749.99

21	Getaway Golf	\$13,250.00
22	Gig Salad	\$14,000.00
23	Godzchld Daycare	\$1,500.00
24	Headline Productions LLC	\$13,500.00
25	Hearts Of Fire Tattoo	\$6,000.00
26	Independent Printing Inc	\$12,500.00
27	Jason C Gaynor Investment Svcs	\$10,000.00
28	JRP Custom Knives LLC	\$5,000.00
29	K & S Electric LLC	\$5,750.00
30	Kinny Amusement & Vending	\$16,500.00
31	Lae's Authentic Egg Rolls	\$6,000.00
32	Law Office Of Amanda K Brown	\$11,000.00
33	Locke And Stache Media	\$12,000.00
34	Massage Haven 417	\$4,153.00
35	Mudlounge	\$13,500.00
36	Nonnas Italian Cafe	\$17,250.00
37	Revel Advertising	\$12,250.00
38	Ring The Bell Fitness LLC	\$13,500.00
39	Rooted Soul Boutique	\$9,340.00
40	Scrambler's Inc	\$20,250.00
41	Sensory Integration Inc	\$13,500.00
42	Signs Now	\$7,250.00
43	Springfield Mortuary Service	\$12,000.00
44	Sssence Solutions LLC	\$8,500.00
45	Staxx LLC	\$13,250.00
46	Tags Inc	\$11,000.00
47	Team Taco LLC	\$13,500.00
48	Techtree Partners LLC	\$12,750.00
49	Truth And Counsel LLC	\$6,000.00
50	Your Choice Lawn Care LLC	\$10,000.00

A total of \$546,685.58 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.

Since Oct. 26, 2023, the Commission has awarded a total of \$2,325,305.60 to businesses in this round of funding. 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 8 and the average award amount was \$10,933.

"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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