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## WyCo Distributes \$825,000 in Recovery Grants to 85 Small Businesses

*Helps Owners Overcome Unforeseen COVID Costs & Losses, Invest in Future*

To support local small businesses impacted by COVID-19, the Unified Government (UG) recently distributed \$825,000 in grants to more than 85 local small businesses in Wyandotte County through the *WyCo Loves Local Biz Grants* program. These grants, distributed primarily in \$10,000 and \$20,000 increments, are intended to help offset unforeseen costs or losses resulting from COVID, while encouraging continued reinvestment as the community attempts to recover.

“Local and small businesses are the backbone of Wyandotte County and critical to our economic recovery and future growth efforts,” said Mayor David Alvey. “As such, the *WyCo Loves Local Biz Grant* program provides much-needed relief to local businesses, helping them offset unforeseen hurdles caused by COVID while also allowing them to invest in their future. By helping local companies succeed and grow, the UG will simultaneously maintain and create jobs for residents throughout the entire community.”

The impact of these recovery grants on local business owners and entrepreneurs has been immediate and profound, helping restaurants, barbershops, day-care facilities, bakeries, salons, and others offset the impact of the economic downturn on their individual operations, employees, and customers. The monies have been used for personal protection equipment (PPE) purchases, rental or mortgage payments, facility remediation/sanitization requirements, vendor payments, improved technology, etc. The response has been overwhelming and emotional, with heartfelt appreciation, joy, and tears from the recipients, many who said this unexpected relief was critical to helping their business survive and recover.

Created by the UG’s Economic Development team, utilizing federal CARES Act funding, the UG Commission approved this unique program recognizing its ability to directly and immediately impact local small businesses struggling under the weight of the pandemic. Applications were due in late September, with the grants being distributed to recipients in two separate Rounds over the last several weeks.

Awardees are:

Business Name	Award Amount
AirFixture, LLC	\$10,000
Amazing Smiles of Kansas City LLC	\$10,000
Avenues Classics LLC.	\$10,000
Avis Rental Car KC, LLC	\$10,000
Backstage Barbershop Inc	\$10,000

<b>Beautiful Beginnings Early Childhood Education Center</b>	\$10,000
<b>Beautiful outdoors</b>	\$20,000
<b>Best Harvest Bakeries</b>	\$10,000
<b>Borberg Pizzeria Inc. DBA Chiusano's Brick Oven Pizzeria</b>	\$10,000
<b>Byrd's Dance &amp; Gymnastics, Inc.</b>	\$10,000
<b>Cano's Barbershop</b>	\$9,690
<b>CAPO Group LLC d/b/a Image360</b>	\$10,000
<b>Club 403 Enterprises LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Club Sparks***</b>	\$10,000
<b>colonial club llc</b>	\$10,000
<b>CONTABLE INC</b>	\$5,000
<b>Coreslab Structures Kansas Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>D Rockey Holdings, Inc dba Eagle Products</b>	\$10,000
<b>Delaware Highlands Assisted Living, LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Design Mechanical Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>Display Studios, Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>Eds Trophies &amp; Awards</b>	\$10,000
<b>El Taquito Tortilleria</b>	\$10,000
<b>El Tenedor KC LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Elevate Bar and Grill</b>	\$10,000
<b>Empire Candle Co., LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>EvapTech, Inc.</b>	\$20,000
<b>Excel Lighting &amp; Sign</b>	\$10,000
<b>Exploring Minds Academy</b>	\$10,000
<b>Fireman Transport LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Flores Ruiz Porraz LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Free Parking, LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>gimMee Oils, LLC.</b>	\$5,000
<b>GINA'S BRAIDING LOUNGE</b>	\$10,000
<b>Gunter Construction Company</b>	\$10,000
<b>HT's Barber and Beauty Salon</b>	\$6,100
<b>Hydeman Company</b>	\$10,000
<b>Infusion Designs</b>	\$10,000
<b>Italian Delight of Kansas City inc.</b>	\$10,000
<b>J. OLIVER CONSTRUCTION LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Jalisco Auto Sale LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>JOE'S KANSAS CITY BAR-B-QUE, INC.</b>	\$10,000
<b>John's Java and Jazz</b>	\$10,000
<b>KADG Performing Arts</b>	\$5,000
<b>Kansas City Catering, Inc.</b>	\$10,000
<b>Kansas City Testing and Engineering</b>	\$20,000
<b>Karen's Country Kitchen</b>	\$10,000
<b>KC Bowl, Inc.</b>	\$20,000
<b>Keyimpact studios</b>	\$10,000
<b>KS GRANITE HOUSE LLC</b>	\$6,838
<b>L &amp; B BREIT Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>LED Direct LLC</b>	\$10,000

<b>MARQUEZ BOOTS</b>	\$5,000
<b>MeMa's Bakery</b>	\$10,000
<b>Missouri Door Company, Inc.</b>	\$10,000
<b>MJ Design and Parts LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>MK HAIR &amp; NAIL</b>	\$10,000
<b>Ms R's Cafe</b>	\$8,244
<b>Ms. Lyndzs Dance &amp; Acrobats</b>	\$10,000
<b>New West Presentations, Inc.</b>	\$10,000
<b>Plastic Packaging Technologies, LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>PMC, Inc bda KC Scaffold</b>	\$10,000
<b>Project Central, LLC</b>	\$6,983
<b>Quality Litho. Inc.</b>	\$5,000
<b>rampUp Labor LLC</b>	\$10,000
<b>Rental City Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>Rosie's Dance Academy</b>	\$6,897
<b>S&amp;W Sports Enterprises LLC. DBA Varsity Sports</b>	\$10,000
<b>SCHULTZ BROS. ELECTRIC CO., INC.</b>	\$10,000
<b>SEAL OF FUN DAYCARE</b>	\$8,000
<b>Shree Madhava Management Inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>Si se puede auto sales inc</b>	\$10,000
<b>Simmons lawn company</b>	\$8,715
<b>Smallwood Lock Supply, Inc</b>	\$1,925
<b>Southern Care Day care</b>	\$2,400
<b>Sportsman Barbershop</b>	\$10,000
<b>Steven D. Pendleton DDS PA</b>	\$10,000
<b>SureShow, Inc.</b>	\$5,000
<b>The McLaughlin Law Firm</b>	\$2,100
<b>Theresa's Hair Salon</b>	\$10,000
<b>ThermaRoll Leaf, INC.</b>	\$10,000
<b>Turner Dental Group</b>	\$10,000
<b>VADA's Little Lamb</b>	\$10,000
<b>Voler Thieves of Flight</b>	\$10,000
<b>Wise Writers and Speakers</b>	\$10,000

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