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The City of Lansing Announces the Second Phase of Businesses Awarded COVID-19 Rescue Fund Grants

(LANSING) – The City of Lansing today announced that 12 businesses were awarded a \$5,000 COVID-19 Rescue Fund Grant during phase two of the City of Lansing’s Small Business Recovery Program. The City of Lansing and the LEDC created the Rescue Fund as an emergency resource to provide immediate assistance to City of Lansing small businesses that were in danger of going out of business as a result of the pandemic.

Small businesses awarded include:

Center of the Plate, LLC
The Avenue Cafe
KSK Martial Arts, LLC
Bradly's Home and Garden
Odd Nodd Inc.
Absolute Gallery
Reflections Hair Design
Quality Detailing
Cleats Bar and Grille
Juice Nation
Little House Childcare II
Community Finery LLC

“I am committed to creating opportunities that support businesses around the entire City of Lansing, and the COVID-19 Rescue Fund grant awards will provide immediate help to 46 local businesses,” said Mayor Schor. “While we hope the curve has flattened, our local businesses are still struggling and need our help. Please continue to patronize local businesses as much as you can. Your support means the world to them.”

Since phase one of the COVID-19 Rescue Fund in early May of this year, collectively 46 City of Lansing businesses have been awarded grants.

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The Rescue Fund is a part of the City of Lansing's Small Business Recovery Program, designed to help support small business owners as they respond to the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional phases of the LSBRP will be developed to meet the needs of Lansing's small businesses moving forward.

Phase three will direct a portion of the City of Lansing's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allotment to further support small businesses in the City. Additional details will be released as soon as they are available.

"The LEDC recognizes that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic will be felt by Lansing's small business owners for many months to come," said Calvin Jones, LEDC Board Chair. "We are pleased that we could provide \$400,000 of Rescue Fund grants to small businesses struggling due to the pandemic. As this crisis continues to unfold, the LEDC will adapt and provide support to small businesses to ensure that Lansing maintains its vibrant and diverse small business community."

Owners of small businesses are encouraged to visit lansingmi.gov/smallbusiness for updates regarding the Lansing Small Business Recovery Program and further phases as well as additional resources and potential funding opportunities they may be eligible for.

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