

U.P. businesses get grants

MARQUETTE — The Central Upper Peninsula Small Business Support Hub, known as the Hub, has awarded \$105,875 to small businesses across the Upper Peninsula, marking the successful completion of its first direct grant cycle and laying the groundwork for the remaining three cycles to support local entrepreneurs.

The Hub is a collaboration of regional economic development

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l businesses by providing
r economic growth in the U.P.

more than \$400,000 will be
at work with their county's
Navigator and participate in at

least one Hub program, event or service within six months prior to the award.

The first grant cycle saw a diverse range of businesses across the region benefit from this initiative, with awards distributed as follows:

*Indicates a tribal-owned business

Delta County

- LeverEdge Chiropractic PLLC, \$2,500
- Maria’s Taxes & More Inc, \$2,495
- Rock Electric Service, \$5,000
- TBIM Mngmnt: Youngs Menswear, \$5,000

Menominee County

- Believe to Succeed, \$3,900

Schoolcraft County

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– Yooper Fitness, \$4,800

Alger County

– Express Drain Service LLC, \$5,000

– Mick’s Mechanical LLC, \$5,000

Baraga County

– Beartown Beauty LLC*, \$5,000

– Ihana Jewelry*, \$4,950

– Smith Holistic Care, LLC, \$3,200

Dickinson County

– Eureka Tire Company, \$3,200

– LifeFit BrainFit, LLC, \$4,000

– Open Door Counsel & Life Coaching, LLC, \$3,700

– Superior Genomics Inc., \$4,100

Marquette County

– Caught Dreamin’ Therapy, LLC*, \$5,000

– Codd Farms LLC DBA Shirley’s Suds, \$5,000

– Elevate Athletic Training, \$3,500

– Fleur de Lis Therapeutic Massage, LLC, \$5,000

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“We are very proud to announce this first round of grant awardees,” said Erica Huss, small business Support Hub Project manager. *“We’re just getting started with this program. Our goal is to assist as many small businesses as possible through grants and connecting them with local resources.”*

The next grant cycle will be open from Jan. 17 through Feb. 14. In preparation for this cycle, interested participants are encouraged to join Erica Huss’ Winter 2025 Direct Grant Overview Webinar on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to learn more about the grant and application process. Register for the webinar at bit.ly/Direct-Grant.

About the Hub

In November 2023, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation announced \$73 million in grant awards to establish small business support hubs across the state.

A group of local economic development organizations collaborated to apply for funds and were awarded a total of \$3,426,015 over three years to set up and operate the Central Upper Peninsula Small Business Support Hub, covering Alger, Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee and Schoolcraft counties.

The Hub is made possible through collaboration with many partners including the Lake Superior Community Partnership, Accelerate U.P., Innovate Marquette SmartZone, Northern Michigan University, Small Business Development Center Upper Peninsula Region, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Sault Tribe Thrive.

To learn more about the Hub, visit marquette.org/thehub

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