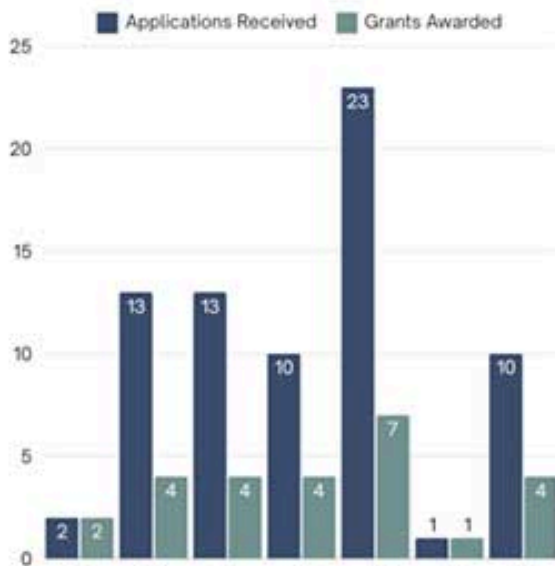


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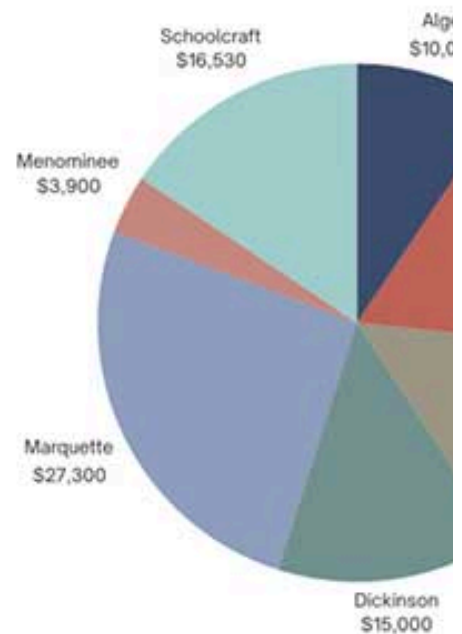
Hub grants distributed to businesses in central UP

Impact of the first HUB Direct Grant Window



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\$5,875 to small businesses across

the Upper Peninsula, completing 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 organizations that aims to empower small businesses by providing resources, guidance, and funding to foster economic growth in the U.P.

Over the course of the Hub's operations, more than \$400,000 will be available in direct grants to businesses that work with their county's designated Hub Small Business Resource Navigator and participate in at least one Hub program, event or service within six months before the award.

The first grant cycle saw a diverse range of businesses across the region benefit from this initiative. Awards distributed included:

Alger County

- Express Drain Service LLC, \$5,000;
- Mick's Mechanical LLC, \$5,000.

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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.

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;
- Honey Baked Bread Co. LLC, \$3,400;
- Little Agate*, \$5,000;
- MEGG LLC DBA Amanda’s Home Daycare, \$600;

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- Campfire Shores LLC, \$4,730;
- Of Curious Nature, \$2,000;
- The Blue Mystique Inn LLC, \$5,000;
- Yooper Fitness, \$4,800.

*Indicates a tribal-owned business.

“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. Register 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 secured 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

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