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Nearly 2 dozen Genesee Co. small businesses awarded grant funding

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Flint, Mich (WNEM) – Grants from the Flint & Genesee Small Business Hub Grant Program are set to be awarded to nearly two dozen small business in Genesee County.

The program is designed to support businesses of all stages of growth and give them resources to allow them to thrive.

The grant program will award 20 start-up businesses \$5,000 grants.

“Financial barriers often keep businesses from achieving the growth they need to be successful,” said Karena Hamlet, director of business services at the Flint & Genesee Economic Alliance. “With direct support, these businesses will be able to reach the next step – which is huge, especially for our startups.”

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Start-up businesses qualify as businesses open for less than a year. Micro businesses must be open for more than a year with fewer than 10 full-time employees. Small businesses must be open for more than one-year with 10 or more full-time employees.

Start-up grantees include:

- Lauren Jones: Elevated Solez
- Bryce Keels: Bilingual Buddies
- Chynel Williams-Bergeron: BILY LLC
- Dustin Ondovcsik: Federal Facility Solutions, LLC
- Adrienna Earnest: Luxe Layers Cakery LLC
- Toi Edwards: Yoga with Toi LaNique

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Micro grantees include:

- Stephanie Fenner: Fenner's Floral and Design Co.
- Luther Brown: John L Financial Services
- Craig Kelley: Prestige Promotions, LLC
- Kara Dahlberg: 810hm Massage & Co.
- Milton Straham: Lil Milton and Company
- Kurt Newiswender: Urban Colab Architecture, L.3.C.
- La'Asia Johnson: Elle Jae Essentials
- Taylor McClain: TC McClain Enterprises
- Jonathan Blanchard: STEMLETICS LLC
- Melanie Smith: Helping Hands Computer Support, LLC
- Jessica Allen: KĀLON Apothecary

Small business grantees include:

- Jerome Adams: Adams Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, LLC
- Lisa Blondell: Blondie's Food & Spirits
- Jody Blackburn: The Furlough Dog Daycare and Pet Resort, LLC

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The program continues the work of the Flint and Genesee Small Business Support Hub. The hub is also supported by its partners Doxa Development, Metro Community Development, and the Michigan Small Business Development Center (MI-SBDC).

Both the hub and its program are supported by funding from the U.S Department of Treasury and is administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

If you would like to learn more about the Flint & Genesee Small Business Support hub, you can visit DevelopFlintandGenesee.org/Small-Business-Hub.

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