

ELEVATE

2019 PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

ANCHOR FILMS

- Fort Wayne, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** 1st Source Bank
- **Business:** Anchor Films is a story-driven video production agency based out of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They offer their clients a full range of services, including filmmaking, animation, motion graphics, copywriting, and commercial photography.
- **Use of Funds:** Anchor Films will use the grant to purchase high-end camera/video lens kits, which will enable them to do more projects for larger clients and expand their business in the process.

LITTLE COFFEE SHOP ON 231

- Rensselaer, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$22,400
- **Member:** Alliance Bank
- **Business:** Little Coffee Shop on 231 offers espresso-based coffee drinks, natural baked goods, and small meals sourced from a local farm to the Rensselaer, Indiana community.
- **Use of Funds:** Little Coffee Shop on 231 will use the grant to purchase a food truck and equipment to expand their business and better serve their community.

RAYSON INDUSTRIES

- Boswell, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Alliance Bank
- **Business:** Rayson Industries is a full service supplier for concessions and events in Boswell, Indiana. The company provides concession support through on-site delivery, inventory control, equipment repair, and consultation. Rayson Industries also provides food, beverage, clothing, signs, and promotional items.
- **Use of Funds:** Rayson Industries will use the grant to purchase equipment enhancements, which include an engraver, a van, a printer, and a screen printer.

EPIQ ESCAPES

- Jackson, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** CP Federal Credit Union
- **Business:** epiQ Escapes is an entertainment company providing four escape rooms of varying theme and difficulty to the Jackson, MI area.
- **Use of Funds:** The grant will help epiQ Escapes make a down payment to purchase the building they currently occupy. Purchasing their space will give them the freedom to enhance the facility as business dictates.

BROCK SAFETY CONSULTANTS, LLC

- Martinsville, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$11,921
- **Member:** Home Bank
- **Business:** Brock Safety Consultants, LLC is family-owned training and safety company based in Martinsville, Indiana. The company is run by experienced paramedics, EMTs, police officers, and other safety specialists. They offer training in: first aid and CPR, school safety, OSHA, HAZMAT and more.
- **Use of Funds:** Brock Safety Consultants, LLC will use the grant to provide training and certifications for staff, training manikins for demonstrations, and computers and projectors to be used in training applications with clients.

HOLY SMOKES HOG ROAST CO.

- Martinsville, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$15,000
- **Member:** Home Bank
- **Business:** Holy Smokes Hog Roast Co. is a family-owned and operated restaurant and full-service catering company based in Martinsville, Indiana.
- **Use of Funds:** Holy Smokes Hog Roast Co. will use the grant to purchase a removable patio enclosure for cold weather seating at their restaurant.

U ME PAINT EXPERIENCE, LLC

- Saginaw, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Isabella Bank
- **Business:** U Me Paint Experience, LLC is an art studio located in Old Town Saginaw, Michigan. They offer a social painting experience that caters towards first-time painters.
- **Use of Funds:** U Me Paint Experience, LLC will use the grant to purchase signage, a sound system, lighting, a security system, a van for mobile classes, and a computer.

AJ&A RENOVATIONS

- Saginaw, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$24,500
- **Member:** Isabella Bank
- **Business:** AJ&A Renovations is a commercial and residential contracting company that looks to assist minorities wanting to learn a trade in Saginaw, Michigan.
- **Use of Funds:** AJ&A Renovations will use the grant to provide certifications for staff, purchase tools and equipment instead of paying for rental tools, purchase a company vehicle, make a down payment on a new office location, and improve marketing.

BACK ROAD ORGANIC SUPPLY

- Baraga, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Lake Superior Comm. Dev. Corp
- **Business:** Back Road Organic Supply specializes in organic garden supplies and organic retail items. The company is owned and operated by tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, Michigan.
- **Use of Funds:** Back Road Organic Supply will use the grant to install a new greenhouse for year-round operation to meet the demand for healthy food in their community.

TRADITIONAL TREASURES

- L'Anse, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Lake Superior Comm. Dev. Corp
- **Business:** Traditional Treasures provides traditional Ojibwe food and products for the local community on a small scale in L'Anse, Michigan. The business is owned and operated by tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, a federally recognized Native American community.
- **Use of Funds:** Traditional Treasures will use the grant to purchase an evaporator to expand their maple sugaring business and increase production tenfold.

CAFÉ TEATRO

- Brighton, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Lake Trust Credit Union
- **Business:** This Brighton, Michigan coffee shop and theatre provides the Livingston County community with artisan coffees, teas, sodas, juices, and baked goods. In addition to the retail coffee service, Café Teatro also has space for events and live performances.
- **Use of Funds:** Café Teatro will use the grant to build an outdoor patio for new outdoor seating.

LIVE CYCLE DELIGHT

- Detroit, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Level One Bank
- **Business:** Live Cycle Delight is a boutique fitness studio that offers group fitness classes in Detroit, Michigan. They support and encourage a healthy lifestyle through exercise in an inclusive space.
- **Use of Funds:** Live Cycle Delight will use the grant to purchase bikes, expand their facility, make improvements such as flooring, and conduct a targeted marketing campaign.

MUTUAL ADORATION

- Detroit, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$19,722
- **Member:** Level One Bank
- **Business:** Mutual Adoration is a craft woodworking business in Detroit, Michigan. The woman-led team creates furniture, frames, and home goods using reclaimed wood.
- **Use of Funds:** Mutual Adoration will use the grant to purchase woodworking tools with better safety features, which will allow them to offer more entry-level classes.

8TH DAY DISTILLERY

- Indianapolis, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Merchants Bank of Indiana
- **Business:** 8th Day Distillery is an Indianapolis, Indiana-based distillery that offers small batch whiskeys, rums, and gins.
- **Use of Funds:** 8th Day Distillery will use the grant to expand their facility and purchase a chiller for year-round operation to meet an increased demand for their products.

INDY ARTSY

- Indianapolis, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$24,723
- **Member:** Merchants Bank of Indiana
- **Business:** Indy Artsy is an owner-operated pottery studio and retail arts and gift shop. Indy Artsy produces unique pottery, offers classes, hosts events, and showcases other local artists.
- **Use of Funds:** Indy Artsy will use the grant to purchase equipment and renovate a new expansion space to meet an increased demand of their services.

SUPER MICRO GREENS

- Indianapolis, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Merchants Bank of Indiana
- **Business:** Super Micro Greens is a full-scale production and research farm in Indianapolis, Indiana. They are a supplier of healthy, local, organic food to many local restaurants and chefs, and they provide educational opportunities to the community on the benefits and uses of micro greens.
- **Use of Funds:** Super Micro Greens will use the grant to purchase new growing systems, expand their facility, and upgrade their business technology.

MANUEL MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.

- Gary, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$23,485
- **Member:** Peoples Bank
- **Business:** Manuel Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. is a funeral home in Gary, Indiana. The business is located in an Enterprise Zone where many of their customers are economically deprived.
- **Use of Funds:** Manuel Memorial Funeral Home will use the grant funds to replace outdated equipment and technology upgrades.