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### **Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis announces 2024 Indiana Elevate Small Business Grant recipients**

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (“FHLBank Indianapolis” or “Bank”) announced today that more than two dozen Indiana small businesses will receive the Bank’s annual Elevate Small Business Grant, totaling more than \$550,000 in awards statewide.

The Elevate program supports small businesses across the bank’s district of Indiana and Michigan with grant money to help fund growth projects such as facility expansion, equipment and technology upgrades, workforce development and other projects designed to take small businesses to the next level by fostering growth and development.

Now in its seventh year, the Elevate grant program has supported nearly 200 small businesses across Indiana and Michigan, for a total of more than \$3.8 million spent since the program’s inception.

“It’s been an honor watching this program grow over the past few years,” says Megan Coler-Hasser, VP Community Outreach Investment Partner, who was part of the team that designed the program. “We’ve been able to see some of these businesses grow by leaps and bounds. A significant piece of our core mission at FHLBank Indianapolis is supporting local communities and economic development across our district, and we’re so proud to partner with our member financial institutions to support their local business and economic needs.”

#### **Record number of grants awarded**

This year, due to increased funding allocations, FHLBank Indianapolis is proud to provide grants of up to \$20,000 each to 30 small businesses in Indiana, the most since the program’s launch in 2018.

Carmel, Ind.-based Merchants Bank of Indiana holds the 2024 record for the highest number of accepted applications in Indiana this year, coming in second across the district. Altogether, six of the top 10 institutions with successful applications are based in Indiana.

Grant applications were submitted on behalf of a diverse array of small businesses across the state, with more than 70% of awarded businesses reporting as woman, minority or veteran-owned businesses or businesses owned by a person or persons with a disability.

A full list of award recipients is available online at [fhlbi.com](http://fhlbi.com).

## **Elevate Small Business Grants**

FHLBank Indianapolis launched the Elevate Small Business grant program in 2018, and since its inception the program has provided support and funding to nearly 200 small businesses across Indiana and Michigan. Eligible recipients are small business owners whose business is headquartered in Indiana or Michigan with an annual gross revenue of less than \$1 million and has been continuously operating for at least one year. This year, businesses were able to compete for awards of up to \$20,000 each.

For more information on how the FHLBank Indianapolis Elevate program affects communities across Indiana and Michigan, see the [Elevate Small Business Grant webpage](#) on [fhlbi.com](http://fhlbi.com).

For information on other community and economic development programs offered by FHLBank Indianapolis, see the [Community Programs](#) page on [fhlbi.com](http://fhlbi.com).

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