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IDA Awards COVID-19 Grants to 38 Local Businesses

DINWIDDIE, VA – The Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority (IDA) allocated \$100,000 to support local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program was designed to help reduce unemployment, support job retention, and support operational needs essential to sustaining small businesses through the pandemic. On May 18, 2020, the IDA voted to award COVID-19 Small Business Disaster grants to 38 Dinwiddie businesses. Awards were in the amount of \$5,000 or \$2,500, depending on the size of the business and number of employees.

\$5,000 awards are as follows:

William B. Bain Farms	Sebastiano Produce, Inc.
Angels at Play, LLC	Kaisa USA, Inc.
Brown Brothers Roofing, Inc.	Wayne Cook Electric, Inc.
The Pamplin Foundation	Joes Steak & Seafood, LLC
Dinwiddie Diner, LLC	Guiseppe's Pizza Italian Restaurant, LLC
Ragsdale Building Supply, Inc.	VA Motorsports Park, LLC
AFW Enterprises, LLC	Dhanya Grocery, LLC
Stepping Stone Academy, LLC	

\$2,500 awards are as follows:

Dewitt Tire, Inc.	Old Hickory Lawn & Landscapes, LLC
Southside Auger & Pole Svc, Inc.	Jennifer Traylor Photography
Deborah School of Dance	Starlight Studios
Hair Design by Debra	Preferred Digital Systems, Inc.
Tee's Beauty Boutique/Salon, LLC	Dinwiddie Barber Shop
Mason's Construction Company	Moody's Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC
Dinwiddie Beauty Shop	Khamrada's Hope, LLC
Cockade Stables, LLC	Pamela Whitt

Nicole Claiborne Hair and Makeup L&L Services, LLC
Turner Family Farms, LLC Old Hickory Candle Company, LLC
Be Amazing, LLC HCH Professional Insurance Services, LLC
Ellis Boy Hauling, LLC

Regarding the awards, IDA Chairman Jim Van Landingham stated “I am pleased with how the grant program worked out. We were able to help 38 small businesses in the County and award the maximum grant award of \$2,500 for businesses with 1-5 employees, and \$5,000 to businesses with 6-25 employees. Economic development is not all about attracting new businesses; it is imperative to keep the businesses we have.”

Morgan Ingram, Director of Economic Development echoed this sentiment by sharing “Small businesses are the heart of our community and that has certainly shown through during this pandemic. Our businesses have grown and evolved during this time, all while giving back to their community. We hope these grants will help them sustain operations and pay for the increased cost of doing business during these times.”

A total of \$132,500 was awarded to local businesses. Dinwiddie County’s Industrial Development Authority allocated \$100,000 for these awards, and the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors agreed to fund the additional \$32,500. Board Chairman, Dan Lee stated “Local businesses are the heart and soul of Dinwiddie County. We appreciate this opportunity to participate in a program that provides support when it is needed the most.”

To learn more about Dinwiddie County, the Industrial Development Authority, Economic Development, and resources available to local businesses, visit: www.Dinwiddieva.us.

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