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Central U.P. Small Business Support Hub Awards \$113,100 to Local Businesses in Second Grant Cycle

The Central Upper Peninsula Small Business Support Hub (the HUB) has awarded \$113,100 to 16 small businesses across the Upper Peninsula, marking the successful completion of its second Direct Grant cycle. Combined with \$105,875 awarded during the first cycle, the HUB has now distributed \$218,975 in grant funds to support 42 small businesses across the region.

The HUB is a collaboration of regional economic development organizations dedicated to empowering small businesses by providing resources, guidance, and funding to foster economic growth in the Upper Peninsula. Throughout the program, more than \$400,000 will be awarded in direct grants to eligible businesses that work with their county's designated Small Business Resource Navigator and participate in at least one HUB program, event, or service within six months prior to the award.

The second grant cycle supported a diverse range of competitive small businesses. Awards were distributed as follows:

Baraga County

Gypsy Dude Coffee Co.

Main Street Entertainment, LLC

Delta County

Peninsula Concrete LLC

Dickinson County

Lake State Land Surveying, Inc.

Open Healing Space LLC

Marquette County

Barrel and Beam, LLC

Becky's Roadside Refreshment, LLC

Forest Flyers Ninja Academy

Marquette Medical PLLC

Meister's Farm

Niik Creative Co.

Samara Floral Co

Menominee County

Purple Lavender Farm

Schoolcraft County



Camp & Coastal Design
Pioneer Tribune
Scoops A Daisy LLC

“As word spread between the first and second grant cycles, we saw a strong increase in competitive applications,” said Erica Huss, Small Business Support Hub Project Manager. “We’re thrilled for the businesses selected this round and encourage any business, whether your initial application was accepted or you’re just learning about the grant, to work with their County’s Small Business Resource Navigator and get your application started!”

The next grant cycle opens May 30 and runs through June 27, 2025. To learn more, businesses can find their County’s Small Business Resource Navigator at marquette.org/thehub-contact. Learn more at marquette.org/thehub or follow the Central U.P. Small Business Support Hub on LinkedIn.

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. For more information, contact the Lake Superior Community Partnership at (906) 226-6591. The Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP) is Marquette County’s local resource for economic development. The LSCP helps our partners make the connections that matter – between businesses, organizations, leaders and legislators, and provides a powerful legislative voice for programs and policies that strengthen our regional economy. More information on the Lake Superior Community Partnership can be found at marquette.org.