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City of Lafayette Awards 18 Small Businesses with CDBG Funds

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – May 13, 2020 – The City of Lafayette is pleased to announce that 18 small businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic were awarded over \$79,000 in special Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Locally owned small businesses with 25 or fewer employees, located in the Lafayette Entrepreneur and Enterprise District (the former Urban Enterprise Zone) and/or certain designated low and moderate-income census tracts were eligible to apply for assistance up to \$10,000 for rent/mortgage, employee payroll, and/or utility expenses.

“We are delighted to make these additional funds available to a portion of our small business community during these tough economic times,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “We are very encouraged that these resources will provide additional assistance to local business owners as we slowly reopen the local economy. We are so fortunate to enjoy the spirit, energy and personality that our small businesses bring to our community; it is vital that we continue our support as they provide the necessary guidelines for your in-store safety.”

The City received 109 applications. Forty-nine (49) were eligible to move through the award process with two of those on a waiting list. Should more funding become available or an award request changes, businesses on the waiting list will be advanced through the award process. Sixty (60) applicants were not eligible but will remain on file in case additional funding becomes available. The funds were awarded to the City of Lafayette from special CDBG allowances from HUD in the amount of \$400,000. The Board of Works approved 18 awards this week for a total of \$79,124. The remaining funds are in process for final consideration and



more local small businesses will be announced next week as recipients of CDBG funds. The small business that received funds this week include:

Artists' Own
Ashley Read Photography LLC
Bloom Kids Collection
Boutique LoriAnn Inc dba Boutique LoriAnn
Dragon's Bane Tattoo & Body Piercing
Gaby Couture LLC
J&M Corp Lafayette Brewing Co
Jane's Gourmet Deli & Catering Inc
JOMA Ventures LLC dba Carnahan Hall
LaScala Lafayette
NouvEau Inc
On Deck Training LLC
PAKT LLC
Rebecca Floyd dba Dance Dynamics
Revolution Barbeque LLP
Thieme and Wagner Brewery
Tier 1 Game LLC
Tra4el Girl LLC

"The COVID-19 Pandemic has been very difficult for the small business community," states Dennis Carson, Economic Development Director. "The Mayor and I realize and appreciate the sacrifices all businesses have made through the Stay at Home orders to keep customers, employees and their families safe. Though we wish we were in a position to help everyone, we hope these funds provide support to help bridge their gaps as the local economy re-opens."

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