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## **Centerville CCIC Awards First Round of Business Relief Grants**

The City of Centerville has awarded its first round of grants to qualifying businesses through its newly-revamped Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The COVID-19 Business Relief Program is funded through the CARES ACT, a federal law aimed at mitigating some of the economic fallout of the Coronavirus pandemic.

“The past several months have been a little scary. We were totally closed for two months. I am incredibly grateful for the grant from Centerville. I appreciate it more than you can imagine. We plan to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, so I feel like we’re not going anywhere,” Zig Zag Gallery owner Kim Megginson said.

The CCIC Board of Directors has approved funding for the following businesses:

- Wise Guys Tattoo Society, \$2,500
- Sweeney’s Seafood Bar and Grill, \$2,500
- Zig Zag Gallery, \$2,500
- Dress for a Day, \$2,500
- SoYo Yogurt, \$2,500
- A+ Cleaners, \$2,500
- Nelly’s Restaurant, \$2,500
- Holiday Inn Express, \$2,500
- Home2Suites, \$2,500

- Boosalis Bakery, \$2,500
- EmbroidMe, \$2,500
- Lorelei's Boutique, \$1,142.46

“The business owners who applied have reinforced the devastating impact of COVID-19 and shown us there is significant need for relief. Business plan to use the grant funds to reimburse for costs ranging from rent payments to utilities and PPE,” Development Director Michael Norton-Smith said.

Grant funds will be distributed on a rolling basis. Centerville businesses may apply for the assistance program through October 2020, but demand may exceed available funds.

The application and more information about the program is available at [www.centervilleohio.gov/COVIDRelief](http://www.centervilleohio.gov/COVIDRelief).