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### ReOpen downtown Frankfort Grant Money Awarded to 18 Small Businesses

**Frankfort, KY** -- REOPEN Downtown Frankfort grant program partners the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce and Frankfort First Foundation announced today that more than \$82,000 has been invested in downtown Frankfort's small businesses.

Less than two -weeks after the closing date of the grant application for the REOPEN Downtown Frankfort grant program, award checks were distributed to 18 local small business owners. The Frankfort Area Chamber and Frankfort First Foundation are proud to showcase these businesses to our local community.

“This is a significant investment in our small businesses who were forced to alter how they do business and close their doors to customers during COVID-19. Our Frankfort First Foundation Board members were so glad to be able to offer the grants to businesses and help reduce some of their stress of paying rent, utilities, and payroll during this time said Carmen Inman, President/CEO, of the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce.

The grant program issued individual awards between \$1,500 and \$4,700 to downtown Frankfort businesses as a form of gap funding. Of the small businesses receiving grant funding, 22.2.% are minority-owned and 55.6% are woman-owned. The awards are intended to cover operational expenses and help businesses keep their doors open and lights on until their revenue sources recover.

The CareSource Foundation kick-started the REOPEN downtown Frankfort Grant program with a generous donation of \$90,000 to the fund. Also, after the grant program was introduced our local businesses have been making donations for a Phase 2 grant program later in 2020. Donations are still be accepted for the Phase 2 Grant.

“Collaboration is a key part of how CareSource engages in the community,” said Dan McCabe, CEO of the CareSource Foundation. “So to see this come together so quickly and people doing the right thing, all focused on supporting our local businesses, it just speaks volumes to the partnerships we’ve been able to foster in Frankfort.”

An executive committee made up of Frankfort business and community leaders reviewed applications and made all decisions for the dispersal of grant funding.



CareSource donates \$90,000 to the Frankfort First Foundation ReOpen downtown Frankfort Grant Program.

In photo (L-R) Gill Finley, Kentucky State University; Mike Taylor, President, KY and WV Markets for CareSource; Paola Roe, Chase Bank; J.O. Osborne, Frankin Co. Farm Bureau and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University.



Glitterati Treasures was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Gill Finley and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Glitterati Treasures owner Danetta Bailey, Stephen, Malika and Parvin Smith



Rick's White Light Diner was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members: Gill Finley and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Rick's White Light owner, Rick Paul.



Completely Kentucky was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members: Gill Finley and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Completely Kentucky owner Ann Wingrove



Sig Luscher was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members: Gill Finley and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Sig Luscher Tim Luscher and business partner Kelly May.



Mortimer Bibb's Public House was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members: Gill Finley and Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Mortimer Bibb Public House owners Kevin Newton and Karl Lawrence.



SERV was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board member Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Serv Business Partner LaShell West.



Trifecta BBQ was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board member Board member Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Trifecta BBQ Owner Tony Bryant.



Mi Fiesta was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board member Chris Cribbs and Gill Finley, Kentucky State University; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Mi Fiesta owner Ismael Valladares.



Broadway Clay was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board member Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Broadway Clay owners: Les Greeman, Jody Jaques, and Megan Sauter.



The Foundry was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Chris Cribbs and Gill Finley Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; The Foundry owner Kerry Azbill.



Capital Cellars was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Chris Cribbs and Gill Finley Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples, Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Capital Cellars owner Racheal Peake.



Gibby's was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Chris Cribbs and Gill Finley Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Gibby's owner Mike Gibson.



Hoggy's Ice Cream was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Chris Cribbs and Gill Finley Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Hoggy's Ice Cream owner Crissy Hogsten.



Main Street Diner was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Main Street Diner owners Jacob Allan, Megan Farney, and John Moschella



Nitro of Frankfort was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Nitro of Frankfort owner Sherrie Goebel.



Rebecca Ruth Candy was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board member Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University; Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank; Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets; Rebecca Ruth Candy owner Charles Booe and staff member Zoe Antenucci.



B's Bakery and The Elizabeth was awarded the CareSource and Frankfort First Foundation (FFF) Grant. In photo: FFF Board members Chris Cribbs, Kentucky State University, Robert Cox, WesBanco Bank and Suzy Hosley, Frankfort Area Chamber; and Brian Staples. Manager, CareSource Government Affairs—KY & WV Markets. B's Bakery and The Elizabeth owner Beth Greenwell Carter.