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## PacMtn Announces 2025 Business Investment Grant Awardees

Olympia, WA – Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council (PacMtn) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Business Investment Grant, awarding a total of \$66,995 to 13 exceptional small businesses across the PacMtn region, which includes Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Grays Harbor, and Pacific counties.

This year's Business Investment Grant is funded by the [Washington State Department of Commerce's Community Reinvestment Project \(CRP\)](#). CRP's economic development program is designed to repair wealth disparities in communities disproportionately harmed by the war on drugs. By supporting initiatives like this grant program, CRP helps small businesses, particularly those owned by individuals from historically marginalized communities, access critical funding, technical assistance, and resources to grow, create jobs, and build long-term economic stability.

The selected businesses represent a wide range of industries and were chosen for their innovative ideas, readiness for growth, and commitment to strengthening the local economy. Grant funds will help recipients expand operations, purchase new equipment, invest in employee training, and implement cost-saving measures, all with a focus on job creation and retention.

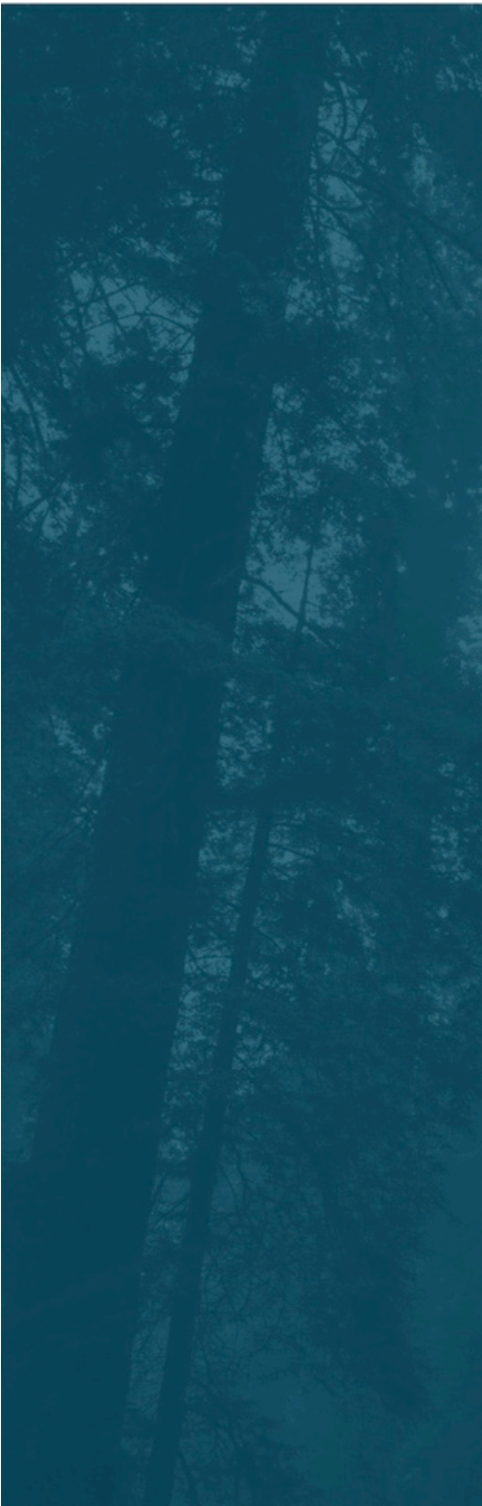
Congratulations to the 2025 PacMtn Business Investment Grant recipients: [777ish Cookies](#), [Barbe-Queen Kitchen](#), [Brave Blooms Flower Farm](#), [Brewitched](#), [Charro Mexican Restaurant](#), Fishing Vessel Crys Dee, [HOTBABE-HOTSAUCE](#), [InGenius! Gallery & Boutique](#), [Maks Snack Shack](#), [Morales Landscaping](#), [Olyphant Art Supply](#), [Royal Bean Coffee](#), and [Sweet Comforts Bakery](#).

"This year's recipients reflect the diversity, talent, and resilience of our region's small business community," said William Westmoreland, CEO of PacMtn. "We're honored to support their growth journeys and look forward to seeing how their projects spark innovation, create new jobs, and uplift the communities they serve."

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Applications for the grant were evaluated based on their ability to demonstrate how the funding would support business growth through tangible outcomes, especially the hiring or retention of employees. Priority was given to BIPOC-owned businesses, underscoring PacMtn’s commitment to equitable economic opportunity.

Recipients will implement their projects and spend awarded funds by June 15, 2025. In the coming weeks, PacMtn will share success stories and project highlights through social media to showcase the impact of these investments.

For more information about PacMtn and the Business Investment Grant program, visit [www.pacmtn.org](http://www.pacmtn.org).

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## About Pacific Mountain Workforce Development (PacMtn)

PacMtn is a nonprofit organization that is the recognized convener of regional workforce development efforts. The PacMtn Board of Directors, PacMtn elected Official Consortium, and all staff are dedicated to the development of a workforce system that supports business, industry, and all levels of employers and job seekers. PacMtn oversees the regional network of American Job Centers, called WorkSource, which houses the demand-driven and integrated system of partners dedicated to developing community prosperity, one job seeker and one employer at a time.