

DOWNSTATE SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT
MINUTES OF PUBLIC CLOSE OUT HEARING
HELD ON MARCH 18, 2021, AT 1:00 P.M.

This public close out hearing was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Cass County Board Chairman, Michael Barnett.

Chairman Barnett announces to those attending the public hearing that a notice had been duly given by publication in the newspaper for the following businesses that were awarded the grant: 88 Bar & Grill, LLC, Cagle's Depot, Inc., Triple Creek Farm, Conner Family Amusements, Inc., Kathy's Kitchen, LLC, Hollywood's Café and East Side, Inc.

Chairman Barnett states that no public comments were received prior to the public close out hearing.

Chairman Barnett states that the total amount of funds available for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Grant was \$20,000,000, with a maximum of \$25,000 per business, to be used for working capital. All businesses have submitted copies of invoices along with cancelled checks and/or bank statements to show proof of payment in accordance with the Universal Grant Budget that was approved with the original application. All necessary paperwork will remain on file in the Cass County Treasurer's Office for the required amount of time.

Grant No. 12-244021 in support of 88 Bar & Grill, LLC, in the amount of \$25,000

Grant No. 13-244169 in support of Cagle's Depot, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000

Grant No. 12-244022 in support of Triple Creek Farm, in the amount of \$25,000

Grant No. 13-244170 in support of Conner Amusements, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000

Grant No. 13-244013 in support of Kathy's Kitchen, LLC, in the amount of \$15,700

Grant No. 13-244172 in support of Hollywood's Café, in the amount of \$25,000

Grant No. 13-244171 in support of East Side, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000

Each individual Grantee Evaluation Report was presented. It is noted within each evaluation report that a Fair Housing Poster is on display for public view at the Cass County Courthouse and the Cass County Housing Authority Office. Cass County did adopt a Fair Housing Resolution on April 13, 2020. Fair Housing complaint forms are available at the Cass County Housing Authority's Office.

The policy for receiving fair housing complaints is by phone, in person, by email or by mail. All other comments can be sent to hacc@casscomm.com or sent to the Cass County Housing Authority's Office at 9 Otto Turner Drive, Beardstown, IL 62618.

Chairman Barnett asks if there is any further discussion or objections to closing out the grants.

With no further discussion and no public objections, Chairman Barnett calls for a vote by the participants of the hearing to recommend to the Cass County Board to approve the closure of the aforementioned grant numbers.

A motion to end the hearing at 1:20 p.m. is made by Douglass and seconded by Starkey. The vote is by acclamation and declared carried.