

City of Racine: Mayor Mason delivers \$60,000 for recovering west Racine businesses

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City of Racine – Today, Mayor Mason announced he has delivered a total of \$60,000 to the six businesses who applied to the West Racine Business Recovery Program. In November of 2021, the program was created to support businesses in the Washington Avenue corridor who were first impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic but were then also met with a yearlong total reconstruction of Washington Avenue. Eligible businesses are able to receive \$10,000 grants from the City to help them recover from the one-two punch delivered by COVID and construction. The grants could be used to cover a wide range of expenses including payroll, inventory, equipment purchase, and rent/mortgage.

Current grant recipients include:

- Wegner Vision Clinic
- Bear Trading Company
- DeRango The Pizza King
- Infusino's Pizza Carryout, LLC
- Wilson's Coffee & Tea, LLC

Funding for the grants is still available to eligible businesses in the Washington Avenue corridor, and businesses are encouraged to apply.

“Between the pandemic and construction, businesses have had a difficult time keeping their doors open these last few years. I proposed creating these grants because as a City, we want the businesses to know we value and support them. I

was proud to be able to visit the awardees this week and deliver checks, which I know will be put to good use. However, we still have resources available, so if you are a business in the corridor and you're still working to catch up from the last two years - please, reach out and apply," **said City of Racine Mayor Cory Mason.**

For more information and to receive an application, please contact LRC at <https://www.lrcmke.com/lrc-expands-to-racine/> or (414) 429-5425. Or call the City of Racine Department of City Development at (262) 636-9151 8am-5pm M-F if you have any questions.