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Governor Inslee Approves 31 Kittitas County Businesses for the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant

ELLENSBURG, WA - May 18, 2020 - The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce, Governor Inslee has approved \$149,554 of the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant (WWSBEG) for 31 companies in Kittitas County affected by COVID-19.

As of this morning, May 18, the recipients have been informed by the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce CEO Amy McGuffin. The selected businesses include; 7 construction/contractor companies, 5 retail establishments, 4 restaurants, 2 hospitality establishments, 2 healthcare businesses, 2 manufacturing businesses, 1 fitness facility, 1 surveying agency, 1 auto repair business, 1 law agency, 1 salon, 1 janitorial business, 1 forestry service, 1 electric company, and 1 HVACR business.

By approving these grants, the recipients in Kittitas County will help employ 130 individuals and prevent the loss of 96 jobs, while also supporting the security of these businesses and the county's economic shift caused by COVID-19. Recipients will primarily use the funds to pay rent, utilities or other allowable expenses.

To see which businesses have been approved, go to kittitascountychamber.com/loans-and-grants. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce CEO Amy McGuffin by emailing amy@kittitascountychamber.com.

About the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce: The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is the largest business support and development organization in Kittitas County, and one of the largest in Central Washington. With just over 500 members representing every business sector, the Chamber and its committees oversee county-wide tourism promotion and economic development initiatives and a range of business support tools including publications, web services, seminars and even leadership development for a new generation.

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