

ARPA DOWNTOWN KILLEEN START-UP GRANTS UPDATE

Background

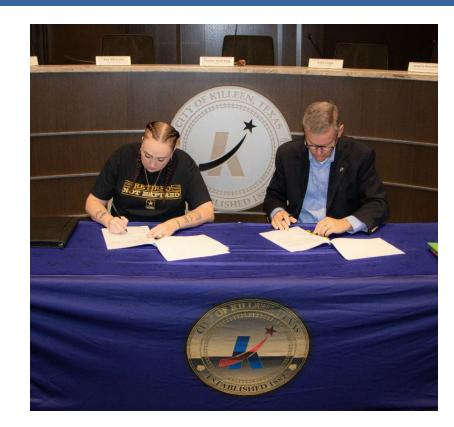
□ July 12, 2022, City Council authorized the negotiation of contracts with seven (7) applicants for the Downtown Killeen Start-Up Grant Program.

Background

	Business:		Award Amount:
1.	Braids and Brows By Chris		\$ 19,781
2.	Rincon de Panama		\$ 87,500
3.	Let's Eat Texas		\$ 89,000
4.	Khaniesiology (Khanetic Images)		\$ 95,000
5.	Space Create		\$ 128 , 578
6.	Aromas Cigar Lounge		\$ 239,953
7.	Twice As Funny		\$ 306,000
		Total:	\$965,812

Braids and Brows by Chris

- Contract was signed on August 29, 2022 for \$19,781
 - A change order was issued. for \$617.81.
- Private investment from this business was \$4,900.



Braids and Brows by Chris

- Braids and Brows by Chris hosted its grand opening in October 2022.
- The company rebranded in 2023 as Headquarters Upscale Barber and Beauty.
- The term of the contract ended on December 31, 2024. All contractual obligations between the City of Killeen and Braids and Brows by Chris have ben fulfilled.

Rincon de Panama

- Contract was signed on January 27, 2023 for \$87,500.
 - A change order was issued for \$13,500.
- Ms. Munoz closed on the property in February 2023.



Rincon de Panama

Rincon de Panama held its grand reopening on December 7, 2024.



Let's Eat Texas

- Contract was signed on September 9, 2022 for \$89,000.
- Private investment from Let's Eat Texas was \$325,000.



Let's Eat Texas

Let's Eat Texas
hosted its grand
reopening in
December 2022,
adding 6 jobs to
downtown.



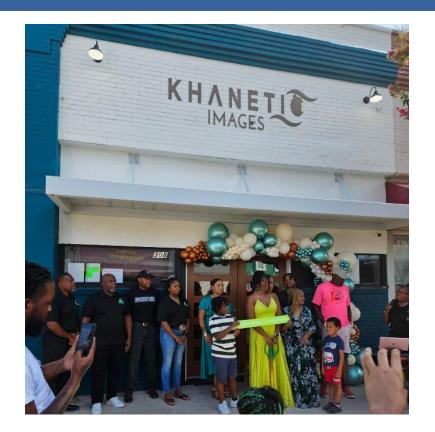
Khaniesiology (Khanetic Images)

- Contract was signed on December 5, 2022 for \$95,000.
- Private investment from Khaniesiology was \$210,000.



Khaniesiology (Khanetic Images)

Khanetic Images hosted its grand opening on June 30, 2023.



Space Create

- Contract was signed on August 29, 2022 for \$128,578.
- Private investment from Space Create was \$465,430.



Space Create

Space Create hosted its grand opening in November 2022.



Aromas Cigar Lounge

- Contract was signed on November 9, 2022 for \$239,953.
- Renovations of the building were completed in December 2024.



Aromas Cigar Lounge

- Aromas had their soft opening in March 2025.
- Ribbon cutting is scheduled for March 31, 2025.



- □ Contract was signed on August 29, 2022 for \$306,000.
- □ Private investment from Twice as Funny was \$1,408,000.
- □ Twice as Funny Comedy Lounge hosted their grand opening on May 13, 2023.



- In February 2024, the Killeen Fire Marshal's Office found that there was a kitchen in operation without proper fire suppression systems. The property was instructed to stop all cooking activity.
- In October 2024, the Killeen Fire Marshal inspected and found that kitchen activity had resumed, and once again had the equipment removed from the property.

- In February 2025, the Killeen Fire Marshal inspected again, and found that kitchen activity had resumed. A Cease and Desist was issued for the building.
- On March 5, 2025, the City of Killeen issued a Demand for Recoupment for the ARPA grant awarded to Twice as Funny Comedy Lounge in the amount of \$306,000.

- □ There are currently five (5) open code enforcement violations for the property:
 - Work without a building permit for the kitchen;
 - Occupying the building without a Certificate of Occupancy;
 - Two (2) International Property Maintenance Code violations; and
 - One signage violation.