

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator



SUBJECT: FY25 Economic Development Authority Grant Summary

I am pleased to share the FY25 summary of the Economic Development Authority's (EDA) business grant activity, which reflects a significant increase in both grant allocations and overall economic impact compared to FY24.

In FY25, the EDA awarded **45 grants totaling \$763,722.64**, leveraging **\$13,820,432.34** in private investment by York County businesses. This includes \$1,500 in veteran and SWaM (Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned) business bonuses. By comparison, FY24 saw **\$68,789.53** in total grant funding and **\$464,268.42** in private investment, demonstrating substantial growth in economic impact.

The grants supported a wide range of business needs, including equipment purchases, property improvements, technology upgrades, marketing initiatives, and new construction or major renovation projects. A new Marketing Grant program was also introduced this year and received strong participation.

FY25 Grant Program Overview:

- **Business Growth Grants**
 - 23 grants | \$80,662.07 awarded
 - \$286,238.66 in private investment
 - Supported purchases of office/kitchen equipment, signage, work vehicles, and trailers
- **Development Incentive Grants**
 - 5 grants | \$645,000 awarded
 - \$13.42 million in private investment
 - Funded renovations and new construction for four restaurants and one childcare center
 - Estimated tax impact: \$573,385 (1-year) and \$2,866,925 (5-year)
- **Façade Improvement Grants**
 - 2 grants | \$13,347.50 awarded
 - \$59,845 in private investment
 - Funded exterior upgrades and permanent fencing
- **E-Commerce Grants**
 - 2 grants | \$2,000 awarded
 - \$5,500 in private investment
 - Supported new website development and business software

- **Google Business View Grants**
 - 3 grants | \$775 awarded
 - \$1,550 in private investment
 - Helped enhance online business visibility
- **Marketing Grants (New in FY25)**
 - 10 grants | \$21,938.07 awarded
 - \$47,298.68 in private investment
 - Supported print, radio, social media ads, sports marketing packages, and vehicle wraps

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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