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Main Street Skowhegan awards \$5,000 to 7 locally owned Skowhegan businesses

SKOWHEGAN— Main Street Skowhegan recently awarded \$5,000 to 7 locally owned Skowhegan businesses as part of the organization's 2022 Technical Assistance Grant Program.

Recipients of the 2022 TA Grants are: Brick House Kitchen, Ken's Restaurant, River Roads Artisans Gallery - A Member Cooperative, MXH Marketing, Maine Fire Equipment Co. Inc, Island Dairy Treat, and Mackenzie Rose Leatherwork.

"This application window was competitive as we received 14 grant requests totaling \$23,054, for only \$5,000 in total funding," said Patric Moore, Main Street Skowhegan Business Relations Manager. "We were pleased to see that so many of our local businesses are focused on growth coming out of the pandemic, and we're thrilled to support them."

All of the grants submitted during the May 1 to May 31 application window were for technical assistance to spur business growth and increase sales. Skowhegan business owners sought grant funding to assist with the purchase of point-of-sale technologies; website and brand redesign; construction and renovation expenses; the purchase of products and supplies; to buy necessary business-related equipment; and to pay for marketing and legal expenses. Main Street Skowhegan will deliver grant award checks, in varying amounts directly to the 7 Skowhegan-based businesses.

Grant funding was provided by several Skowhegan partner businesses and stakeholders, including: Skowhegan Savings Bank, Franklin Savings Bank, New Dimensions Federal Credit Union, Franklin-Somerset Federal Credit Union, and Bangor Savings Bank.

"This grant program wouldn't be possible without our funding partners," said Moore. "It's so amazing to see the support of our local banking institutions in the growth of our community businesses."

About Main Street Skowhegan

Main Street Skowhegan is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on the ongoing revitalization of historic Skowhegan, Maine. Our mission is to celebrate Skowhegan's rich heritage while achieving our brightest future as a thriving economic, cultural, and recreational community where residents enjoy a high quality of life.

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