

# ELEVATE

## 2018 PROGRAM RECIPIENTS



### ACEVEZ FUNERAL HOME

- East Chicago, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Peoples Bank, SB
- **Business:** Full-service funeral home, primarily serving the Hispanic community of the area.
- **Use of Funds:** Acevez Funeral Home will use Elevate funds for capital investments in the property to improve the roof, siding, front awning, interior audio system, operational equipment, and finishing of the parking lot.

### CONTRAST COFFEE CO., LLC

- Iron River, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** First National Bank & Trust of Iron Mountain
- **Business:** Regional retail coffee shop
- **Use of Funds:** Along with member funding, they will use Elevate funds to purchase equipment and make other capital improvements to the business.

### EFFICIENT SYSTEMS, INC.

- Indianapolis, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$22,953
- **Member:** INHP
- **Business:** HVAC service company serving central IN.
- **Use of Funds:** Purchase a heavy-duty HVAC troubleshooting training system in order to further train current employees as well as new hires, expanding their skills in this trade industry.

### GROWING MINDS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- Fort Wayne, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Three Rivers FCU
- **Business:** Provider of trauma-focused care to children in need of social and emotional support.
- **Use of Funds:** Capital improvements for the building's HVAC system, which is antiquated and very inefficient, creating high utility costs. Savings will allow expansion of programs and additional employees.

### HOMETOWN BICYCLES, LLC

- Brighton, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Lake Trust Credit Union
- **Business:** Bicycle sales and service shop
- **Use of Funds:** Build-out the remaining portion of their building to provide a larger service area, as well as an area to rent to other small businesses in the neighborhood; also providing more class space for community.

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## OSTLER BOAR STUD

- Michigantown, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** The Farmers Bank
- **Business:** Provider of boar genetics to farmers throughout the Midwest.
- **Use of Funds:** Along with member funding used to construct an additional barn, the Elevate grant will purchase lab equipment and software to enhance the science of critiquing single cell viability, as well as packaging machinery to increase efficiency.

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## PLY, LLC

- Richmond, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** West End Bank
- **Business:** Retail arts store specializing in fiber
- **Use of Funds:** Combined with member financing, they will build-out location next door to current facility (owners are putting a bicycle repair shop in current location). Will also purchase equipment, so they can host classes for the public.

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## PRYDE ATHLETICS, LLC

- Canton, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Level One Bank
- **Business:** Athletic training facility –providing individual training as well as space for teams
- **Use of Funds:** Working capital toward training for 3 new employees (1FT, 2PT). Purchase gym equipment; purchase computer equipment for lab where underprivileged teens will be mentored and have a place to complete school work.

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## RABBLE COFFEE

- Indianapolis, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$13,132
- **Member:** Merchants Bank of Indiana
- **Business:** Community coffee shop on the East side of Indianapolis.
- **Use of Funds:** Equipment upgrade for coffee shop; AV equipment for hosting community events; outdoor seating and community garden expansion

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## SMITH SHOP, LLC

- Highland Park, MI
- **Grant Amount:** \$25,000
- **Member:** Level One Bank
- **Business:** Craft-focused metalworking studio
- **Use of Funds:** Working capital toward training for 3 new employees (1FT, 2PT). Purchase and install HVAC system in newly acquired facility. Purchase new equipment. Member funding also involved.

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## HORNER FOODS, INC

- Marion, IN
- **Grant Amount:** \$19,510
- **Member:** First Farmers Bank & Trust
- **Business:** Retail grocery chain and butcher shop (3 locations)
- **Use of Funds:** Technology and equipment upgrades, providing more efficient operations.