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22 Philadelphia Restaurants Receive Grants to Deal with Pandemic Impacts

\$200,000 in Grants Awarded Statewide Go to Those Struggling to Pay the Rent, Deal with Rising Supply Chain Costs and Boost Pay to Retain Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16, 2021—After a second brutal year for the restaurant industry, 22 Philadelphia-based women entrepreneurs who managed to stay in business received some good holiday cheer this week in the form of \$2,500 grants from the Pennsylvania Conference for Women.

They were among 80 restaurants across the state that received grants from the Pennsylvania Conference for Women totaling \$200,000 this month. Grantees included those who need to catch up on bills, increase worker pay, and make "grab and go" adaptations.

This is the second consecutive year the Pennsylvania Conference for Women awarded grants to women-owned restaurants in the state. In 2020, they awarded \$175,000 to Pennsylvania Restaurants. The grants were administered in partnership with the Pennsylvania` Restaurant & Lodging Association (PRLA.) A list of grantees can be found here.

The Philadelphia-area grantees include:

- Adelita Taqueriera Restaurant Inc.
- Bangin Breakfast & Wild Brunch
- Cosmic Catering LLC
- Daaiyahs Delicious

- Fox & Son Fancy Corn Dogs
- From the kitchen of LindaLicious, LLC
- Jezabels
- Lulu Café
- Nafisa's Kitchen
- Palace of Indian Cuisine INC
- Peony Garden LLC
- Pure Sweets, LLC DBA P.S. & Co.
- Revolution Taco
- Sazon 2 Go
- Star Fusion Express
- Supreme Oasis Bakery and Deli
- Taylor's Café
- The Nile Café
- Thunder Mug Café
- Triple Bottom Brewing Company
- Umi Seafood and Sushi
- Vientiane Café

Nearly half of all Pennsylvania restaurants were expected to close due to pressures from the pandemic, according to a 2020 <u>survey</u> from the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association.

"As a community of women supporting women, we are proud to offer these grants to women entrepreneurs who are doing the vital work of nourishing our communities on many levels," said Leslie Stiles, Pennsylvania Conference for Women Board President.

About the Pennsylvania Conference for Women

The <u>Pennsylvania Conference for Women</u> is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing women in the workplace. The grants are made possible through the support of the sponsors and attendees.

The Pennsylvania Conference for Women is part of the nation's largest network of women's conferences, with annual events in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, and Texas that attract more than 50,000 people.