



Latest Dayton Recovery Plan investment supports growing small business

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The City of Dayton has announced the newest investment of Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval of a grant by the City Commission on May 10. An investment of \$82,400 was awarded to JM Enterprise for the Third Perk Coffeehouse and Wine Bar through the Dayton Recovery Plan's Supporting Black and Brown Businesses Initiative.

The Dayton Recovery Plan is a \$138 million framework for community COVID relief and investment for the future, made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Third Perk has become a community hub and was named a top coffeehouse in the region. Third Perk will use the funds to expand operations and offerings at its existing 146 E. Third St. location in downtown Dayton. It is also developing a new concept, Soul Food Carryout, at 3907 W. Third St. in West Dayton, expected to open in July.

Grant funds will be used to build a commercial kitchen, landscaping, new interior and exterior seating, and accessories for both locations.

"We are recovering from 2022, which was our most challenging year in business for a number of reasons, and it took us a while to snap back," said Owner Juanita-Michelle Darden. "This grant from the Dayton Recovery Plan is helping us spring forward and bloom. This opportunity allows us to focus on both our original location and our new endeavor with Soul Food Carryout led by Chef Mark Brown. We plan to be the sweetest corner in downtown Dayton!"

About the Dayton Recovery Plan

The Dayton Recovery Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the infrastructure, economic and equity issues that exist in the city by using a data-driven approach to analyze socio-economic, health, and demographic data to make informed funding decisions. These investments directly impact minority communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and long-standing economic and social inequities in Dayton. The Dayton Recovery Plan is our city's innovative plan to utilize Dayton's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The \$138 million award is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview, go to daytonohio.gov/drp.

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