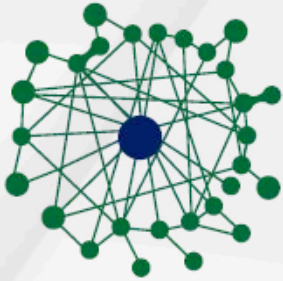




# 2025 PROGRAM REPORT



**GBENN** Green Business  
Engagement  
National Network

## GREEN BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM

*Serving Small-to-Medium Businesses to Accelerate  
Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions*

August 20, 2025

Final Report for  
**INTUIT**



# Overview of the Intuit x GBENN Green Business Grant Pilot Program

In 2025, we received 124 applications from businesses in four states. Thanks to support from Intuit, we were able to award grants to 88 businesses, across 12 business sectors.

## Businesses were selected using the following criteria and considerations:

- **Offered businesses \$500 to \$1,000 rebates** that complete energy efficiency, and/or renewable energy projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to Intuit's goal of reducing 2M tons of CO2 by 2030.
- **Four green business programs participated:** Oregon Rethink Business Network, Nevada Green Business Network, Local First Arizona, Illinois Green Business Program.
- **Piloted first in California** with the CA Green Business Network, one-of-a-kind opportunity to offer national rebates through GBENN.

## Business Qualifications:

- Must be under 100 employees or less than \$2.5M in revenue.
- Must achieve recognition in the state green business program.
- Apply for the program funding and complete their project by the end of May 2025.
- Provide project completion documentation (project proposal, invoice, and receipt of completion required).
- Be willing to have their business' story featured by GBENN and/or Intuit after project completion (about their business, how it will benefit them/their community).
- Businesses cannot receive funding for projects already completed or already in progress. Funding must be used to initiate a new project at the company.

## Criteria Used to Rank Businesses for Rebate Selection:



Alignment with Sustainability Goals (25%)



Business and Community Benefit (30%)



Feasibility and Readiness (20%)



Support for Underserved Businesses (15%)



Innovation and Leadership (10%)

## 88 Projects Have All Been Completed

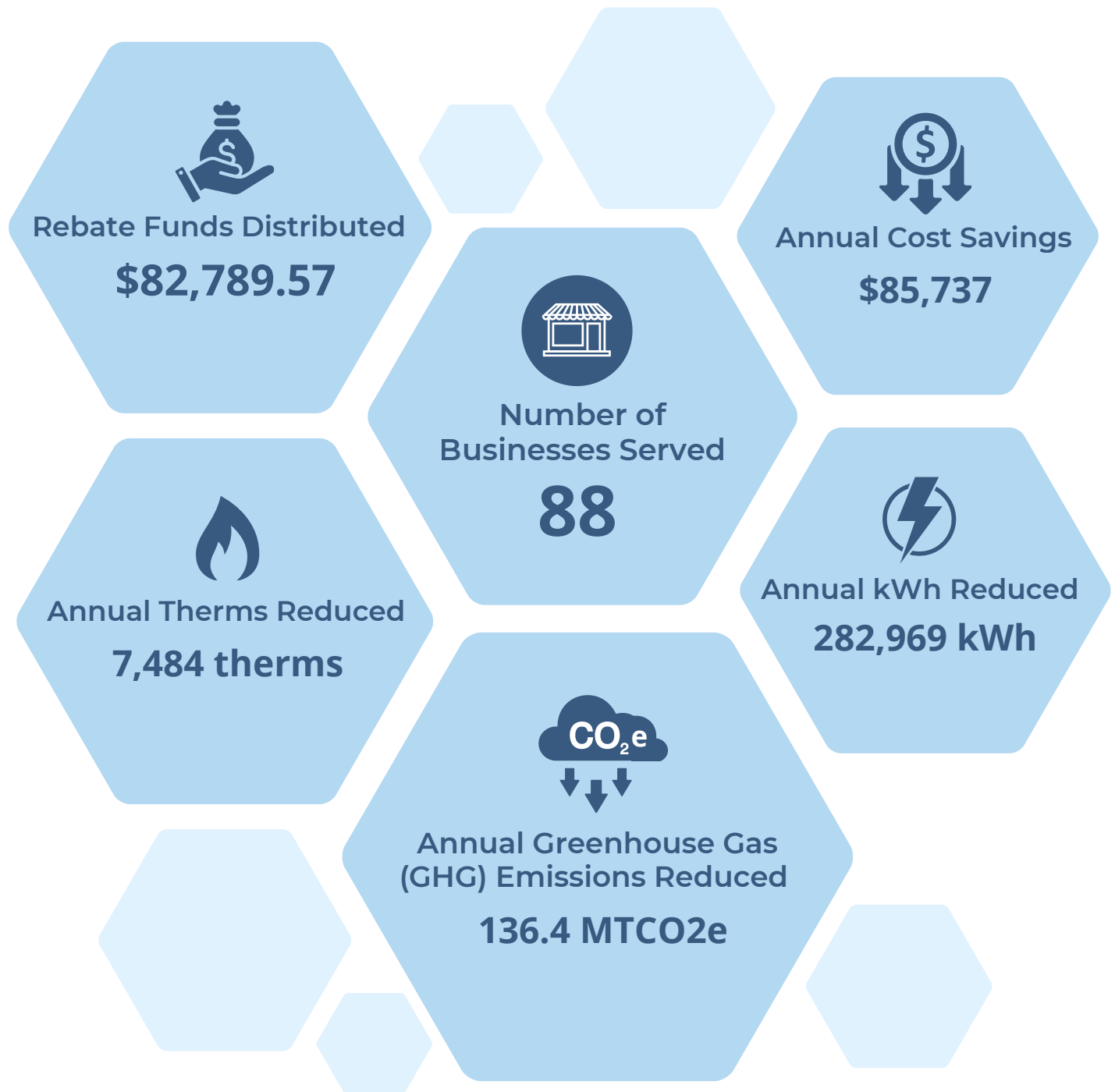
Outcomes are reported aggregated and by each state. See separate financial report for details about spending of Intuit grant funding.

- *At the end of this program year, we served 88 of the 120 projected businesses; all excess funds will be reinvested in the upcoming program year for businesses pursuing energy projects.*



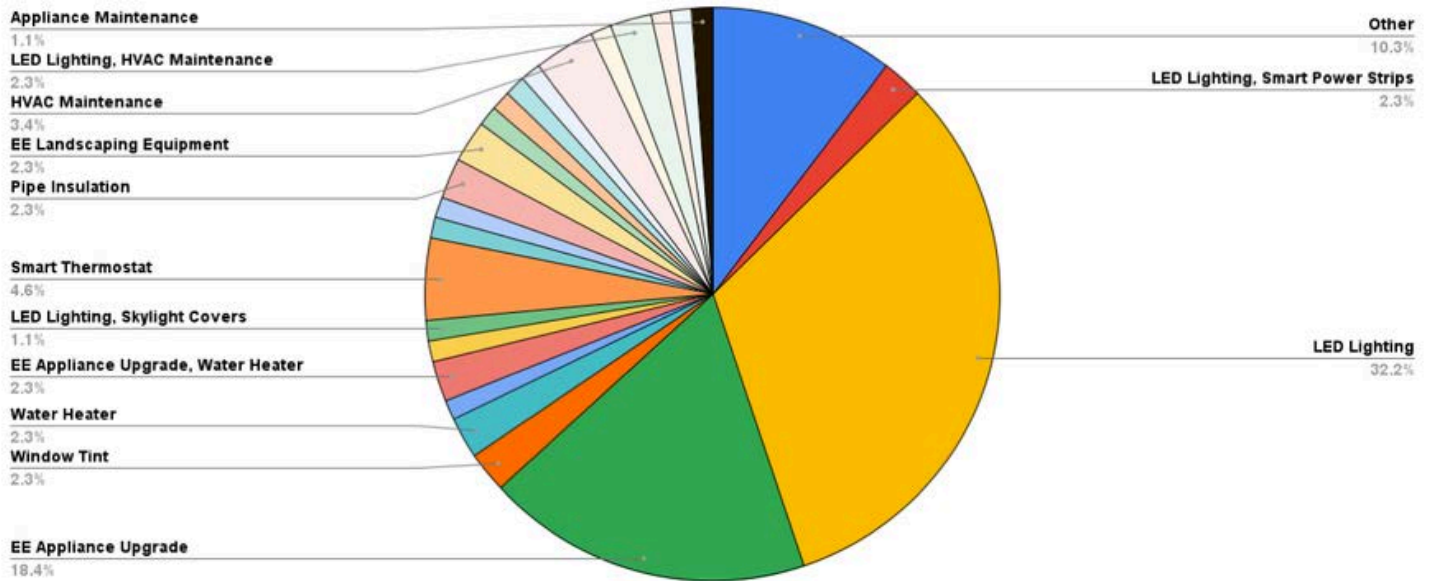
# National Green Business Grant Program Results

## Environmental and Economic Outcomes



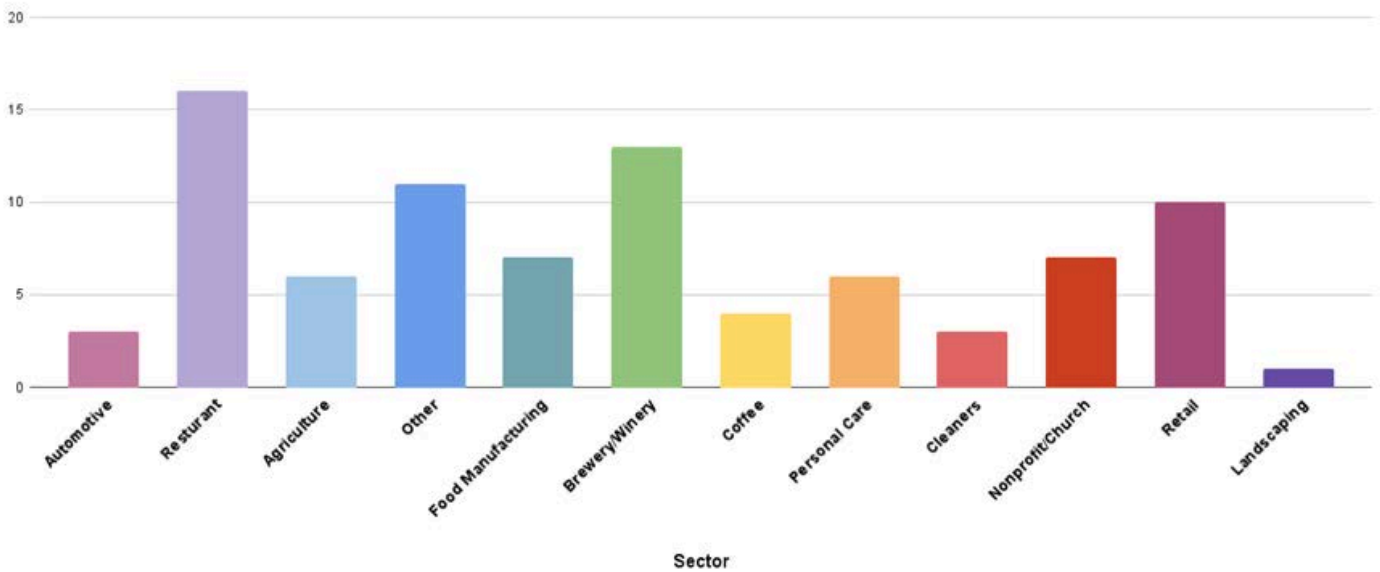
*These outcomes are only representative of the energy efficiency projects completed. Additional impacts from certification or recognition in green business programs have not been accounted for in this program period.*

## Completed Project Types Across All States



Project Types: Appliance Maintenance, LED Lighting, HVAC Maintenance, Energy Efficient Landscaping Equipment, Pipe Insulation, Smart Thermostats, Skylight Covers, Energy Efficient Appliance Upgrades, Water Heaters, Window Tint, Smart Power Strips, and Other.

## Business Sectors Across All States



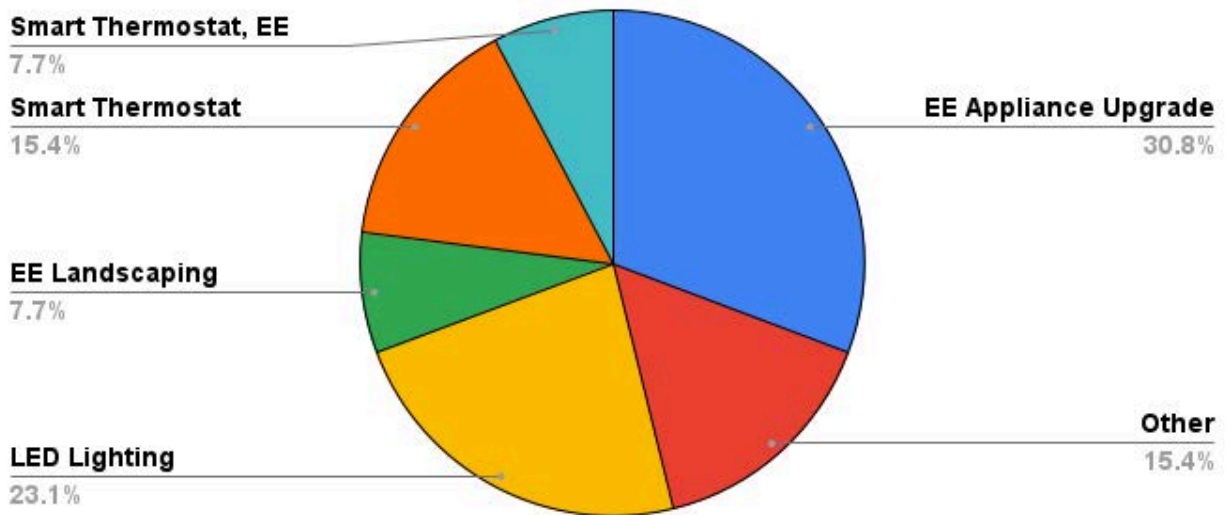
Sectors (Left to Right): Automotive, Restaurant, Agriculture, Other, Food Manufacturing, Brewery/Winery, Coffee, Personal Care, Cleaners, Nonprofits/Churches, Retail, and Landscaping.

# Arizona Green Business Grant Program Profile

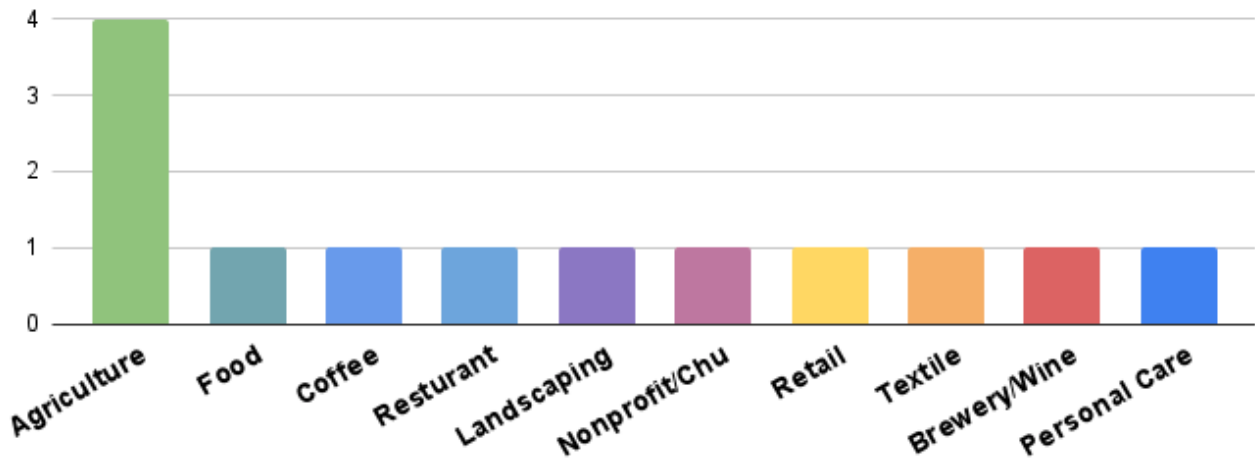
Total Number of Businesses: **13**

Arizona Outcomes for 13 businesses		
kWh Saved	GHG Emissions Saved (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Cost Savings
47,675	14.9	\$30,497

## Arizona Completed Project Type



## Arizona Participating Business Sectors



# DOUBLE K BREEDING

Flagstaff, AZ

Horse training, breeding, riding, boarding, and sales



## LED Lighting Retrofit

Double K Breeding is a one-stop shop for all things horses, including a boarding facility and riding arena that has tremendous energy needs. Owner Kaleb Kearl wants to lower the power bill and usage by replacing indoor barn, stall, and arena lights with LED lights to reduce energy usage.

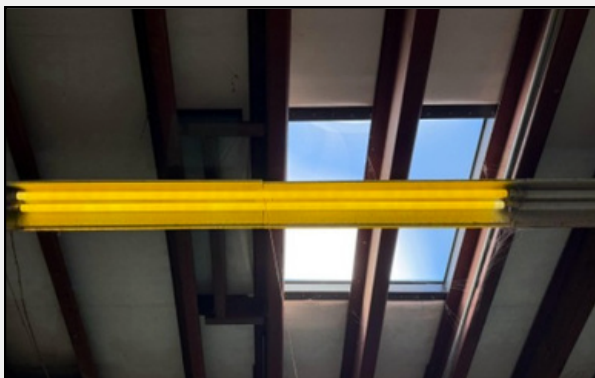


“With the project 50% complete, we are already saving \$8/day. As we complete this project and others we should be able to save a lot more money and energy as time goes on!”

— Kaleb Kearl, Owner

### ESTIMATED PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Energy Reduction: 21,00 kWh / year
- GHG Reduction: 6.51 MTCO<sub>2e</sub>
- Cost Savings: ~\$2,520/year



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### Next Steps:

Double K Breeding will complete the remaining 50% of the LED lighting retrofit over the course of the Summer 2025 and report on kWh and \$ reductions.

Savings from this project will be invested in retrofitting heaters and other energy-users on site.

# SONORAN STITCH FACTORY

**Tucson, AZ**

Outdoor and active-wear apparel and accessories, specializing in poly/spandex blends and knitwear products in the sun-protective wear industry.



## Full Facility LED Retrofit

The Sonoran Stitch team is a truly global group hailing from four continents and speak five different languages. With decades of experience on the team, owner Erica Yngve is prioritizing longevity of her people and facility by replacing all fluorescent lighting in office spaces and sewing production floor with upgraded LED lighting including 51 fixtures and 131 bulbs.

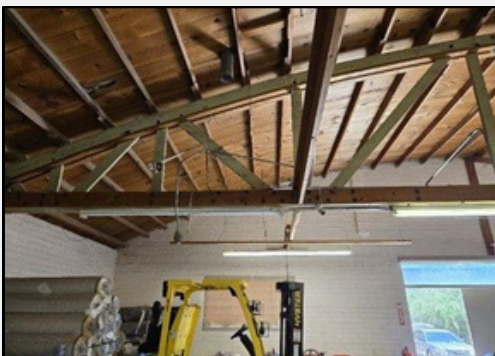


“I’m incredibly grateful to the Local First Arizona team. They make it easy for small business owners to get informed, take action, and actually complete meaningful sustainability projects.”

— Erica Yngve, Owner

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 11,780 kWh / year reduction
- 3.75 MTCO2E GHG / year reduction
- \$1,409 / year cost savings
- Avoiding future fluorescent bulb waste



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## Project Results

All rooms have significantly increased brightness. One office did not even have working lights, and now it is fully lit. The production floor also has a change in lighting level and color, which is much easier on the eyes of the sewists. We also had an extra light installed in a dark corner of the production floor, improving the area visibly. Lastly, all the lighting is uniform in look and in bulb type, making it more aesthetically pleasing and easier to maintain.



Green Business  
Boot Camp  
Statewide  
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# CHOCOLITA

Flagstaff, AZ

Botanical, Plant-based, Organic Chocolate



## Energy-efficient Refrigeration

Working with cacao and other natural botanicals, Chokolita relies on refrigeration to keep their products at a temperature that maximizes freshness and nutrition. They have replaced an old mini fridge/freezer and sliding door fridge (which leaks air) with a new under counter fridge and freezer. This will have the bonus effect of increased storage and counter space in the commercial kitchen.



“Thank you for helping one of my  
Local First projects to come to life!”

— Sarah Ann Leslie, Owner



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## Project Results

Working within a limited space in Chokolita’s commercial kitchen, Sarah Ann Leslie saw an opportunity to reduce her business’s energy bills while unlocking more storage area and countertop work space through a refrigerator replacement project. With the rebate and future savings, Leslie plans to purchase a new freezer that will help scale her business.

# EMPOWER COFFEE ROASTERS

Mesa, AZ

Coffee Roaster, Cafe, and Community Gathering Space



## Roof Insulation in the Valley of the Sun

Our project aims to enhance energy efficiency by upgrading the roof insulation in our suite. By improving insulation, we can significantly reduce heat transfer, allowing our HVAC system to operate more efficiently during the summer months. This upgrade will help lower energy consumption, reduce our carbon footprint, and contribute to a more sustainable business operation.



“The entire 2400 sq ft suite now has insulation at the roof, reducing the strain on our heating and cooling systems while creating a more comfortable environment for customers and staff.”

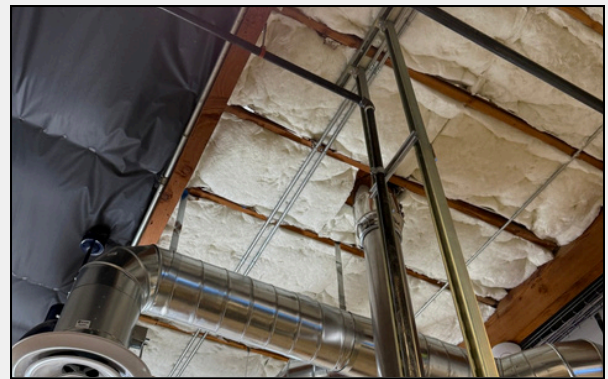
— Gabe Hagen, Owner

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 2400 ft<sup>2</sup> roof insulated (R0.9 >> R32)
- Energy Reduction: 11646 kWh/year
- GHG Reduction: 3.61 MTCO<sub>2</sub>eq/year
- Cost Savings: \$1,281 / year



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## Project Results

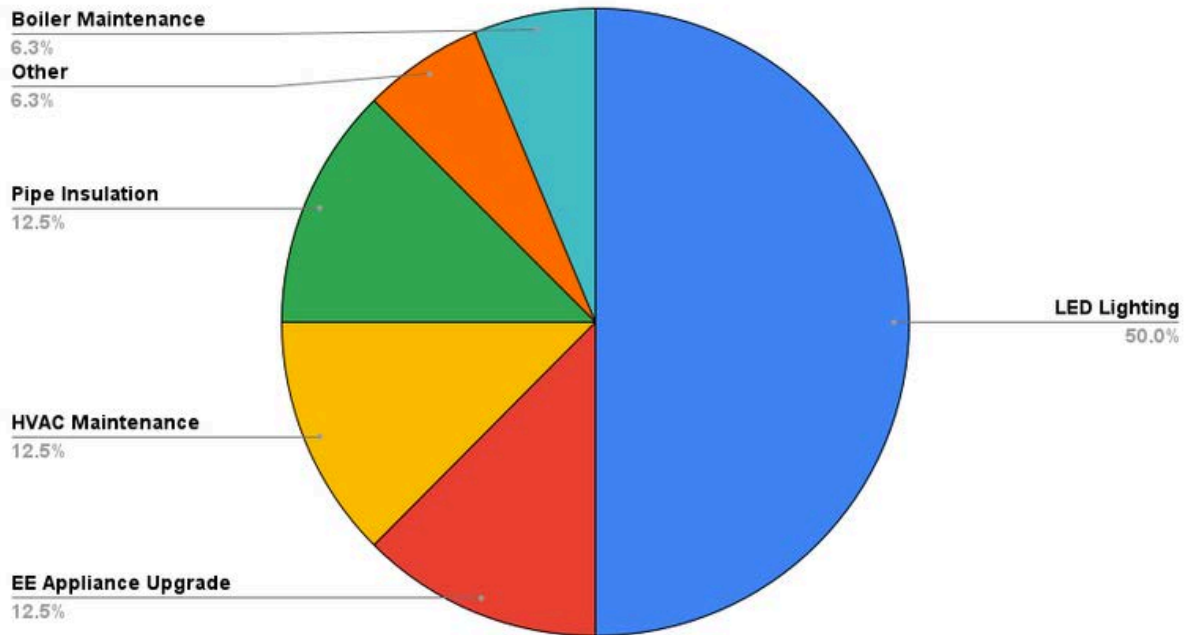
Owner Gabe Hagen was able to add insulation to the entire ceiling area which included adding insulation above the drop ceiling and hard lid ceilings. The entire 2400 sq ft suite now has insulation in the roof. With summer in Arizona setting in, this could not have come at a more opportune time.

# Illinois Green Business Grant Program Profile

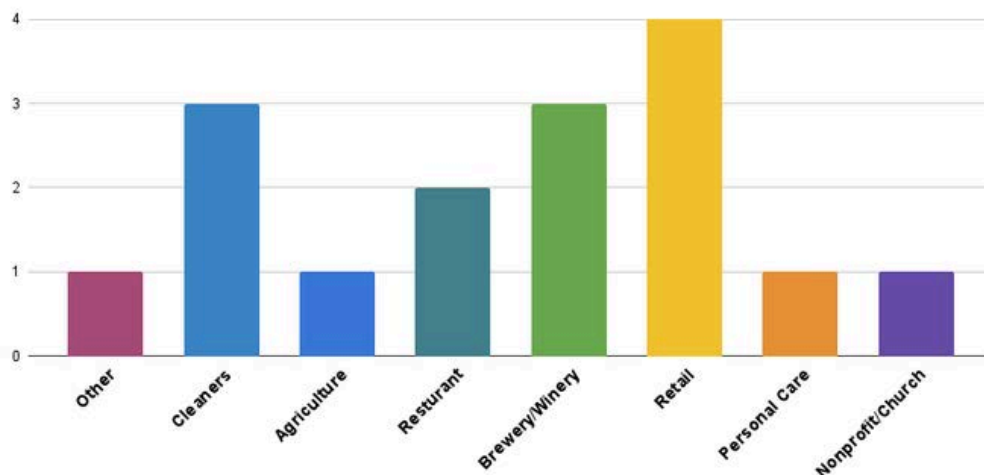
Total Number of Businesses: 18

Illinois Outcomes for 18 businesses			
kWh Saved	Therms Saved	GHG Emissions Saved (MTCO2e)	Cost Savings
70,230	7,484	76.46	\$17,950

## Illinois Completed Project Type



## Illinois Participating Business Sectors



# EARNEST AGRICULTURE

Rantoul, IL

Agricultural Bio-Tech Company



## LED LIGHTING RETROFIT

Earnest Agriculture is an ag-biotech company developing microbial solutions to help farmers grow healthier crops with fewer synthetic inputs. They applied for a small business grant to replace **90 lights** with LED alternatives across their laboratories, warehouses and office spaces.

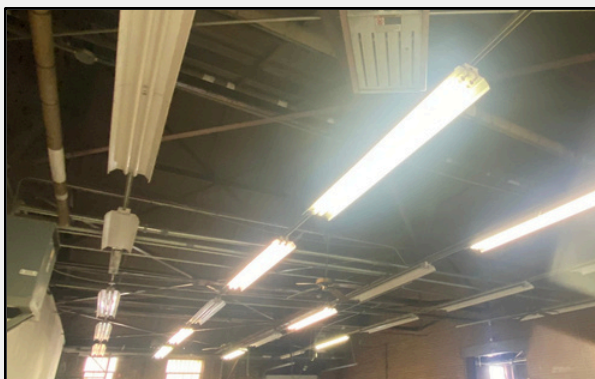


“The LED retrofit aligned with our goal to set a good example for responsible business practices in agriculture.”

—Eddy Mejia, CEO

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Energy Savings: 8,890 kWh/year
- Emissions Reduced: 3.29MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- Cost Savings: \$1,156/year



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## Project Results

Eddy Mejia, CEO, stated, “The retrofit reduced energy costs, brightened our lab and production space, and gave us better control over our energy use. It also demonstrated to our team and partners that we’re serious about walking the talk on sustainability.”

# HALF ACRE BEER CO

Chicago, IL

Regional Brewery



## Pipe Insulation for Brewing Process Steam

Half Acre Beer Co. was established in 2007, and is a regional brewery that distributes beer to 12 states. Their brewery is home to a taproom and seasonal beer garden, where they serve a deep rotation of their beer and freshly-prepared food. The steam pipes supplying the brewhouse have been uninsulated since it was installed in 2016. This is the principal use of steam in the process, and generally runs more hours than any other process department.



“It’s a win-win situation: lower costs, reduced fossil fuel usage, and a safer work area. A classic triple bottom line example!”

— Travis Hixon, Director of Continuous Improvement and Operations

### ANNUAL PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 1,800 therms saved
- 12 metric tons of CO2 emissions reduced
- \$2,100 saved



## Project Results

Because Half Acre Beer Co. installed this insulation on process steam pipes, they are reducing heat transfer into their space, which maintains steam temperatures for brewing processes and enhances energy efficiency. The hot, exposed pipes presented a hazard to staff when maintenance tasks were performed near these exposed pipes. It’s a win-win for the brewery. Half Acre Beer Co. is the 2nd brewery to become an **Illinois Green Certified Business** and has a strong commitment to environmental stewardship in their local community. We’re grateful for their leadership in the industry.

# LOTTA LOVE SALON AND CUTZ

Champaign, IL

Hair and Beauty Salon



## LED Lighting Replacement

Lotta Love Salon and Cutz is a hair salon focused on the community. With a welcoming atmosphere and skilled stylists, it is a place where passion meets looks that highlight natural beauty and reflect individual style. Lotta Love had outdated, T12 lighting across spaces at their shop. Lighting is important for hair salons to be able to properly style and color hair for their clients.



“We needed more professional, brighter lighting that also helped us reduce our energy costs.”

— Carlotta Mason, Owner

### ANNUAL PROJECT OUTCOMES

- 10,250 kWh saved
- 3.8 metric tons of CO2 reduced
- \$1,300 saved



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The lighting on the left was dull, had different colors, and was not effective. Now, the lighting is brighter, crisper, and adjusts to light coming in from shop windows.

## Project Results

The new lighting significantly enhances the salon experience, allowing stylists to provide clearer styling and more accurately perceive color tones. Additionally, it improves outdoor safety at night. Carlotta shared that, “With these new lights, we’re shining bright like a diamond!”

# SHARE FOOD SHARE LOVE

Brookfield, IL  
Food Pantry



## LED LIGHTING RETROFIT

Share Food Share Love Pantry provides food assistance for their community and hygiene products for women and young children. They applied for a small business grant to replace **12 lights** with LED alternatives in their office spaces.

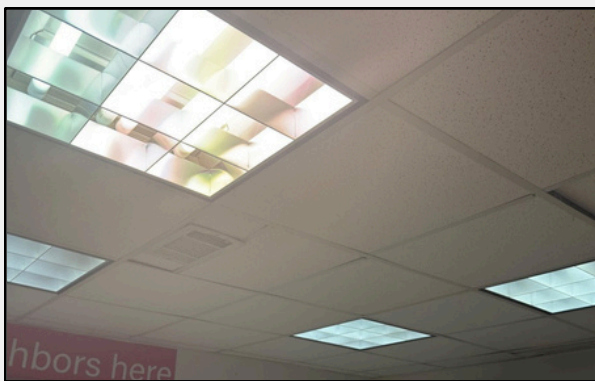


“We are an organization that exists to improve life in our community and must do our part to run a sustainable operation”

—John Dumas, Administrative Director

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Energy Savings: 1,536 kWh/year
- Emissions Reduced: 0.57 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- Cost Savings: \$200/year



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## Project Results

John Dumas, Administrative Director, stated, “This project results in a reduction of energy cost in the near term and reduces bulb replacement costs in the long term. This project also served to further our initiative to become more energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint.”

# SOMMERVILLE PLATING

Melrose Park, IL

Chrome Plating Services



## LED LIGHTING INSTALLATION

For the past 65 years, Sommerville Plating has provided expert chrome and nickel plating for aerospace equipment. Under new leadership, they have established a deep commitment to sustainability, as exhibited by the **48 LED lights** they installed through the Intuit Green Business Grant.



“Our philosophy is this: by doing good for the environment, we are doing good for our business and our employees.”

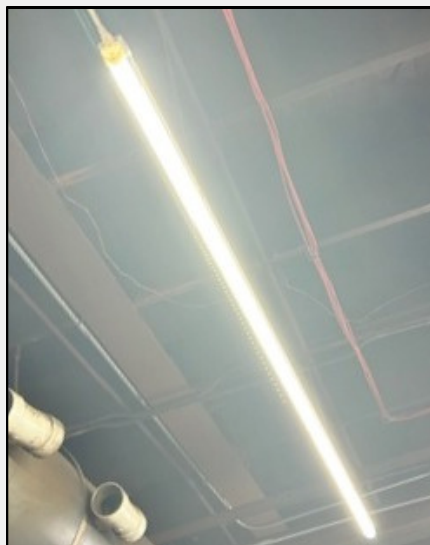
— Kandarp Patel,  
Head of Business Development

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Energy Savings: 2,760 kWh/year
- Emissions Reduced: 1.02 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- Savings: \$359/year



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### Project Results

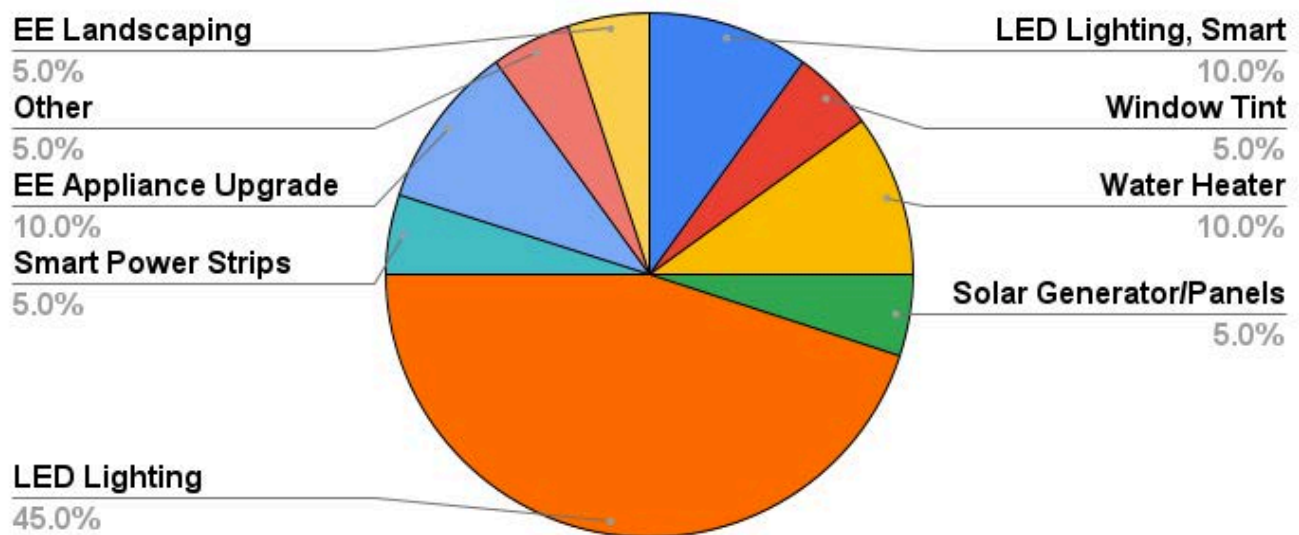
Kandarp Patel, Head of Business Development, explained how the workspace didn't have a lot of natural light. By swapping existing fixtures with LEDs, he was able to not only save on energy costs but also increase the brightness of the space, improving wellbeing for his employees.

# Nevada Green Business Grant Program Profile

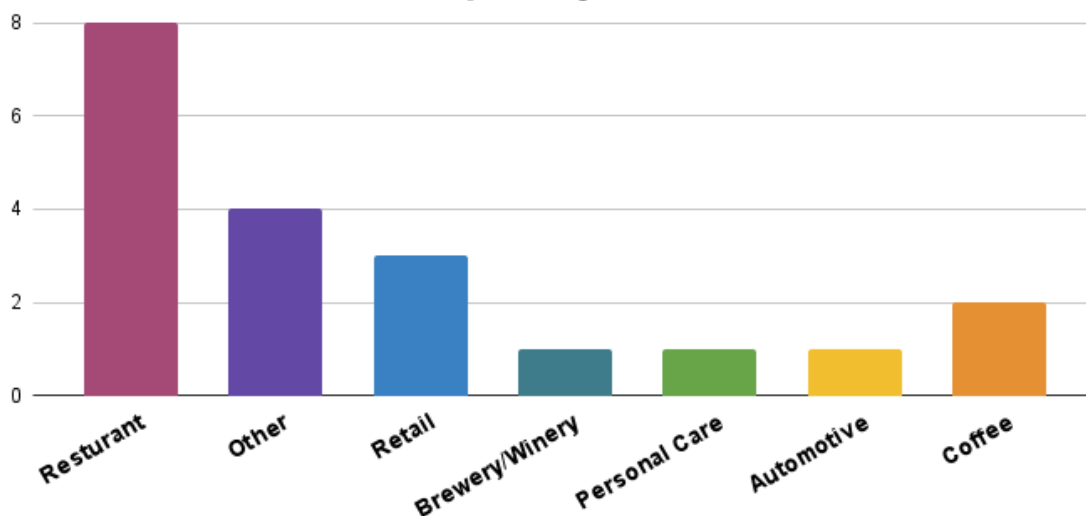
Total Number of Businesses: 20

Nevada Outcomes for 20 businesses		
kWh Saved	GHG Emissions Saved (MTCO2e)	Cost Savings
61,420.32	21.76	\$6,288

## Nevada Completed Project Type



## Nevada Participating Business Sectors



# LOVELADY BREWING COMPANY

Henderson, Nevada

Green Certified Brewery



## Energy Efficient Project

Lovelady Brewing Company, the first Green Certified brewery in the state of Nevada, applied for a 2025 Green Business Grant to replace 82 fluorescent bulbs with LEDs.

- Lighting Swap: 32W T8 → 11W T8
- Lighting Swap: 54W T5 → 25W T5
- Number of lights replaced: 12
- Number of lights replaced: 70

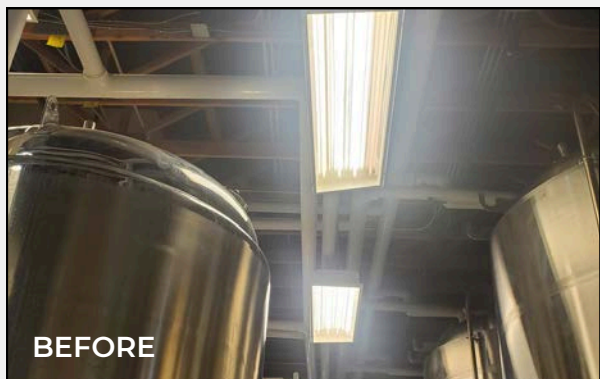


“This project has been on our ‘to do’ list for sometime. The Green Business Grant made it happen! The lighting generates less heat, provides brighter tasks light, and we are certain it has made a difference in our energy bill.”

— Linda Lovelady, Co-Owner

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Energy Saved:** 10,505 kWh/year
- **Emissions Reduced:** 3.54 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- **Projected Cost Savings:** \$917.20/year



## Project Results

This lighting retrofit is projected to save Lovelady Brewing Company over \$917 per year in energy costs. The environmental outcome of this project is over 10,505 kWh conserved and over 3.54 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e reduced annually.

# NV AUTO BODY

Carson City, Nevada

Green Certified Auto Shop



## Energy Efficient Project

NV Auto Body applied for a small business grant to replace their 43-year-old unit heaters with two high-efficiency infrared heaters. Because they frequently have the service door open, running unit heaters in the winter was not cost-effective. The shop installed infrared heaters to efficiently radiate heat to warm surfaces, machinery, and cars (vs. warming the air).

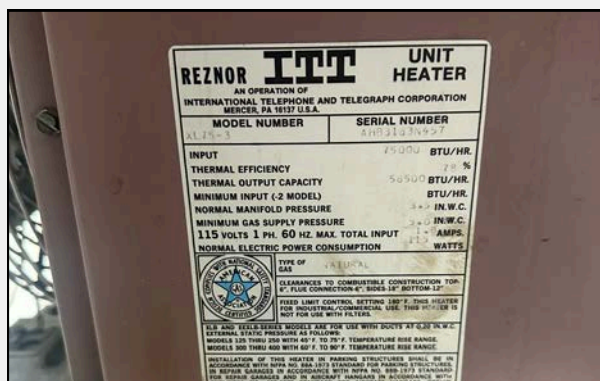


“Our new heaters are infrared and are 99.9 % efficient. We expect to see big savings this winter, and the infrared heat will be more comfortable.”

— Susan Maroc, Co-owner

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

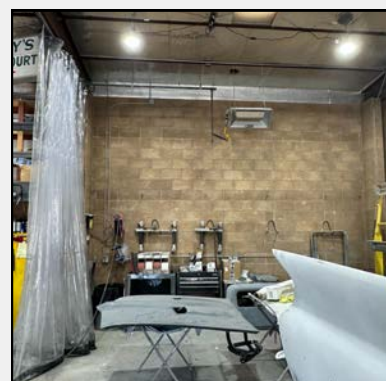
- **Energy Saved:** 28,000,000 BTU/year
- **Emissions Reduced:** 2.36 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- **Projected Cost Savings:** \$1,432.99/year



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## Project Results

While potential cost savings are evident, the shop won't reap the benefits until later this fall. However, Co-owner Susan Maroc expects to see even greater savings and natural gas reductions due to the infrared technology (estimations not included in this case study). She also anticipates more comfortable working conditions.

# CHRISTY'S FACE PAINTING

Fallon, NV

Mobile Arts & Environmental Education



## Energy Efficient Project

Christy's Face Painting needed a cleaner, more sustainable way to power their mobile booth at festivals and events across Nevada and the south-western United States. With a \$1,000 rebate, Christine installed a solar generator and panels to power her booth off grid. The new system runs lighting, a card reader, a fan, and more—completely from solar energy!



“This program helped me show the public that even a small business can go solar.”

— Christine Lamphear, Owner

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Energy Saved:** 353 kWh/year
- **Emissions Reduced:** 0.401 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- **Projected Cost Savings:** \$121/year



Previously, all booth power was sourced from at-home charging, requiring significant electricity. The switch allows the booth to operate entirely off-grid while showcasing clean energy.

## Project Results

Christy's Face Painting is now a carbon-neutral vendor, inspiring hundreds of families through interactive, sustainable outreach. Her booth also features biodegradable glitter, vegan hypoallergenic face paints, and a bee-themed design that donates all its proceeds to pollinator awareness campaigns. The project demonstrates that even micro-businesses can lead climate action with creativity and impact.

# TIABI WAFFLE

Las Vegas, NV

Food Service, AAPI Owned Business



## Energy Efficient Project

Tiabi Waffle, a vegan and sustainability-focused café, worked with Green Dining Nevada and the Nevada Green Business Network to improve energy efficiency at both of their locations. With the installation of LED bulbs, smart thermostats, and motion sensor switches, Tiabi has cut their electricity use, improved efficiency, and lowered utility costs.

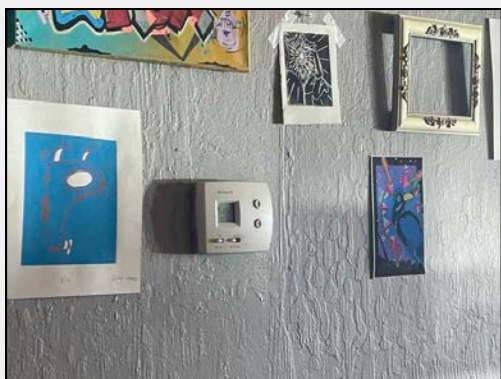


“Becoming part of this program helped reinforce my values of sustainability and equitably, and brought them to life in my cafés.”

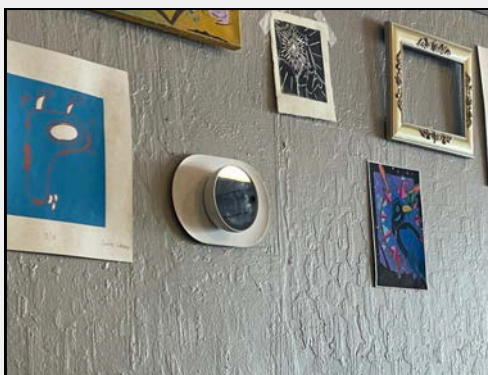
— Tiffany Biscoe, Owner

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Energy Saved:** 5,233 kWh/year
- **Emissions Reduced:** 1.76 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- **Projected Cost Savings:** \$456.90/year



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Before the project, outdated bulbs, thermostats, and manual switches consumed excess electricity.

Upgraded LED lighting and automation improve efficiency.

## Project Results

Tiabi is a community hub for students and local activists, and the improvements reinforce its mission to minimize their carbon footprint. The energy upgrades reduced GHG emissions and created safer, more responsive lighting environments for both customers and staff. The café’s participate in other sustainability programs including GreenBox to Go, making Tiabi Waffle a leader in local green business innovation.

# OVERLAND

Gardnerville, Nevada

*Restaurant and Pub*



## Energy Efficient Project

The Overland (Liberty Food Group) is located in an old Basque hotel in Gardnerville, Nevada. It was originally built in 1902 and has since been remodeled into a restaurant and pub. As a 2025 Green Business Grant recipient, Overland decided to replace their old 32-watt fluorescent bulbs with LEDs to reduce energy costs.

Lighting Swap: 32W ➔ 8W

Number of lights replaced: 26

The Overland replaced 26 individual 32W **Fluorescent** bulbs with 8W **LED** Bulbs. A straightforward swap that immediately saves energy cost.

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- **Energy Saved:** 2,896 kWh/year
- **Emissions Reduced:** 0.83 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- **Projected Cost Savings:** \$252.85/year



32W Fluorescent Bulbs with Mercury



New 8W LED

## Project Results

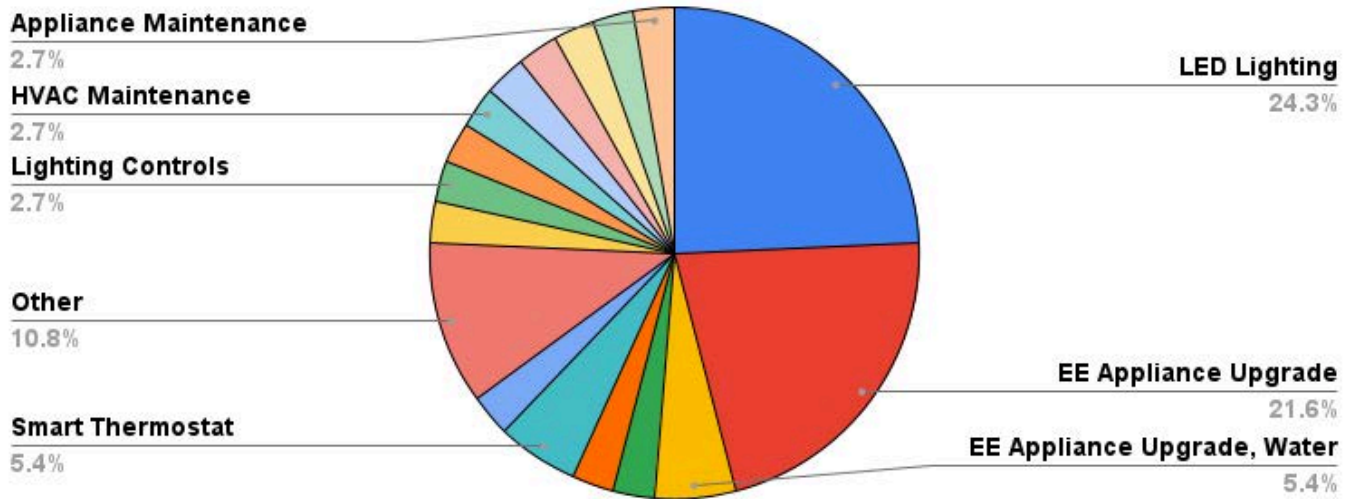
This project illustrates how existing structures, both new and old, can integrate updated lighting into their established interior design and identity. Older structures often stand to gain the most from such upgrades, as we see with Overland's impressive energy reductions (2,896 kWh annually).

# Oregon Green Business Grant Program Profile

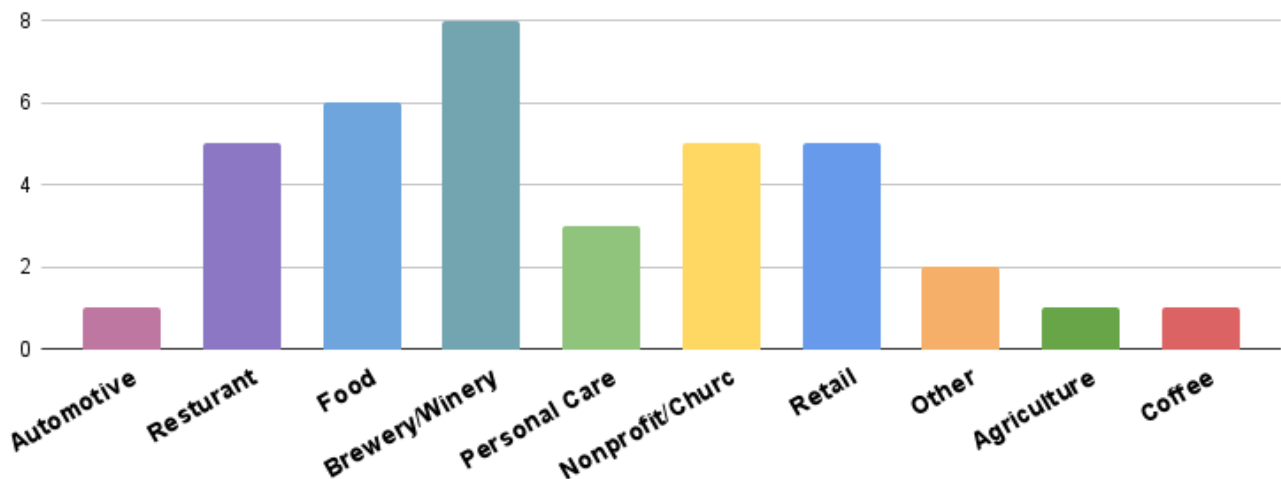
Total Number of Businesses: **37**

Oregon Outcomes for 37 businesses			
kWh Saved	GHG Emissions Saved (MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Cost Savings	Utility Rebates
103,645	23.321	\$31,001	\$3,703

## Oregon Completed Project Type



## Oregon Participating Business Sectors





## Falling Sky Brewing Eugene, OR

Food + Beverage Manufacturer



### LED Light Upgrade + EZ Snap Skylight Cover

When owner Stephen Such took the reins of popular Falling Sky Brewing in 2020, he wanted to uphold the commitment to “building community, one beer at a time.” His team has navigated ongoing challenges since 2020, and equipment upgrades often took a backseat to other production priorities. BRING’s technical assistance, combined with the opportunity to leverage utility rebates set to expire September 2025, helped the team move the needed upgrades to the top of their list.



“It was great to get it done. And a big shout out to Beth for her assistance!!!”

— Owner Stephen Such, Falling Sky

#### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Saved 6,724 kWh annually
- Saved \$659 annually
- Saved 2.49 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Annually



- Updated all lighting from CFL to LED, making a huge improvement in the visibility of production spaces.
- Added EZ Snap skylight covers to two skylights in the production space: reducing the incoming heat by 90% and improving the ambient temperature for all cooling equipment.

### Project Results

The Falling Sky team upgraded every CFL light in their brewpub and production space, motivated by the rebate deadline, which ensured they finished the project in time to capture both incentives. With so many other staffing and equipment needs consuming the workday, the rebate and the timeline aided completion of the project. Installing EZ Snap skylight covers to maintain daylight and visibility, while reducing ambient heat, was a nice addition!



## Gales Creek, OR

Food + Beverage Manufacturer



### Walk-In Cooler Maintenance + Attic Fan Installation

Farmer Lise Bueschen-Monahan envisioned true connection to the land when she and Farmer Steve Monahan began: “We believe farming is a collaboration between soil, plant animal, and human animal. We practice what we call “herd-first farming”. Our kids are raised by their goat mothers with some assistance from us as needed.” Fraga’s process is hands-on, and they love making goat cheese and other products for sale in their farm store, farmer’s markets, and other locations.



“A great way to motivate me to do some of the things I wish I had done a while ago!”

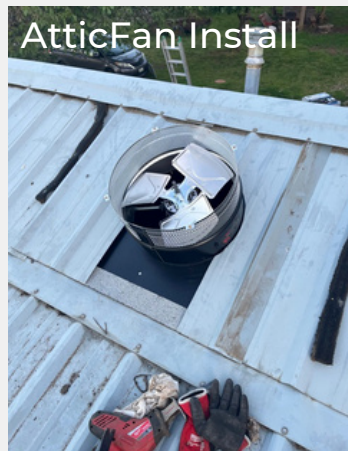
— Farmer Steve Monahan, Co-Owner

#### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Saved 4,154 kWh annually
- Saved \$814 annually
- Saved 1.54 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Annually



Walk-In Door Insulation



- Fraga Farmstead began exploring energy efficiency projects with big impacts with technical assistance and follow up from BRING.
- Maintenance on their Walk-in Cooler discovered a fix for a likely refrigerant leak and improved performance, reducing the high likelihood of food loss and waste.

### Project Results

Farmers Lise + Steve tackled much needed upgrades: improving insulation and maintenance on their Walk-In Cooler, as well as installing an attic fan to vent the excess heat from three devices in the pasteurization production space: the refrigeration unit for the bulk tank, the air conditioner for the production space, and the wool production space that utilizes a floor AC unit. Reducing the amount of ambient temperature improved performance of all units.



**Materials Exchange Center for the  
Community Arts  
Eugene, OR**  
Office and Professional Services



### LED Upgrade

Since 1999, the Materials Exchange Center for the Community Arts has served as a one stop shop for second-hand art supplies in Eugene, Oregon. MECCA diverts materials from the waste stream and brings them into the vibrant creative community found in the Eugene-Springfield area. In addition to reducing waste, MECCA routinely hosts events and art classes at their facilities. With the help of funding from this project, MECCA was able to upgrade to LED lighting throughout the entirety of their building

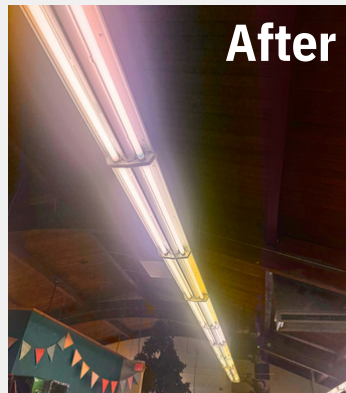


“Working with BRING for the lighting upgrade was great. They were so easy to work with and helpful. Getting the rebate allowed us to make important upgrades to our building that will benefit MECCA for years to come. Thanks for offering this!”

— Heather Campbell, Executive Director

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Saved 3,608 kWh annually
- Saved \$268 annually
- Saved .11 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Annually



- Lighting upgrades were made to their classroom area, enhancing the space for future events and lessons.
- In addition to lighting upgrades, MECCA reduced hazardous waste outputs and conducted an energy audit with the local utility provider.

### Project Results

With the help of the funding provided by the rebate program, MECCA upgraded 59 lights from CFLs to LED tubes. This resulted in a savings 3608 kWh annually, representing a 59% reduction in energy consumption. The new lighting creates a brighter, more welcoming environment for MECCA’s classes and events—while replacing outdated fixtures that were nearing the end of their life cycle.



## Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad Springfield, OR

Office and Professional Services



### HVAC Upgrade

Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad serves as an invaluable resource for the Latinx and immigrant community here in Lane County, Oregon. Plaza De Nuestra Comunidad program's focus on empowering Spanish-speaking immigrants with the skills and knowledge that will help them flourish in their new communities. To ensure their offices were comfortable for both staff and those they serve, Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad utilized the funding to upgrade their HVAC system.



“With the help of the Green Business Rebate, we were able to upgrade to a rooftop HVAC unit, with an improved SEER rating.”

— Timothy Herrera  
Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad

#### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Saved 5,700 kWh annually
- Saved \$659 annually
- Saved .06 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Annually



**Before**



**After**

- Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad achieved Rethink Business Certification at the program's highest level of recognition.
- Enhanced green business practices across their organization.

### Project Results

The team at Plaza De Nuestra Comunidad upgraded their HVAC system to an option that would not have been feasible without the funding from this rebate. A SEER 16 rated unit was installed which saves approximately 37.5% energy savings for cooling, and 20% savings for heating. The new unit creates a comfortable space for staff and community members to work as they work through the many resources Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad has to offer.



**Coburg, OR**

Food + Beverage Manufacturer



## Replaced Commercial Reach in with True GDM-49-HC

Founder Sean Kelly envisions utilizing all of Oregon’s abundant resources: sourcing local fruits and reclaiming “forgotten resources” for cider production. Upgrading to the True GDM-49-HC gave them the advantage of a lower-GWP refrigerant and improved kitchen efficiency with self-closing doors, superior insulation, and easy condenser coil access for routine maintenance.



“We were able to upgrade to an efficient cooling system for food and fruit preservation in close proximity to the prep kitchen, rather than relying solely on frequent door openings of our walk-in cooler.”

— Aimee Marx, Community Relations

### PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Saved 2.9 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e Annually
- Reduced Refrigerant GWP from 1403 to 3
- Saved 183 kWh and \$15 annually



- While the operating costs were estimated to save only 183 kWh annually, the increase in productivity and resilience is huge.
- The team feels grateful that they were able to have support to access a need to help their business expand their commercial canning line and improve their cider production quality.

## Project Results

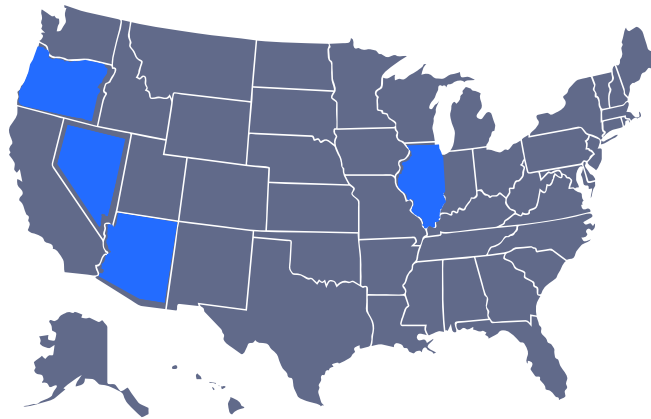
WildCraft Cider Works faced back to back challenges with a location move and failing equipment, leading to the potential for food loss. The opportunity to replace their commercial reach-in with a reliable and upgraded model created huge environmental savings. Now the team can access ingredients in the kitchen, eliminating the need to walk through four doorways to get over to the Walk-In Cooler, improving morale and enhancing business resiliency!

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