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### **Wheeling Heritage Accepting Show of Hands Applications**

WHEELING, W.Va. – August 8, 2022 – If you have an idea for a new business, a business expansion, or a project that will impact Wheeling, you are encouraged to apply for Wheeling Heritage’s Show of Hands. The winner will leave the event with more than \$4,000 to put toward his or her idea.

Applications are due August 21 and can be completed at [wheelingheritage.org/show-of-hands/](http://wheelingheritage.org/show-of-hands/). A committee will review all applications, and four will be chosen to move on to the presentation round.

Presentations will take place September 28 on the third floor of the Wheeling Artisan Center. The four presenters will describe their ideas to the community members in attendance. Attendees vote on their favorite project, and the presenter who receives the most votes receives \$4,000, plus door donation, to put toward their projects. To date, Show of Hands has given more than \$98,000 to 27 projects.

In the latest Show of Hands, Libbi Gramby, owner of Table 304, took home over \$5,000 to expand her grazing board and coffee shop located in the Flat Iron building, downtown. Gramby’s ultimate goal was to purchase new equipment such as a commercial grade food processor, to help production of her famous cheese spread. In an interview with Wheeling Heritage, Gramby encouraged businesses to apply for Show of Hands. “Do it. If you have something that you need for your business, do it and be very clear about what you want it for,” Gramby said. “It’s a game changer for businesses.”

Orrick, the program’s corporate sponsor, donates \$1,000 for each event. The Friends of Show of Hands, which consists of community members and business owners, contribute \$250 to each event. Friends of Show of Hands include Dave & Beth Weaver of Wheeling Volkswagen & Subaru, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Joseph of Joseph Orthodontics, Brian Joseph of Touchstone Research Laboratory, Fuzz and Barb LaRue, H Lawrence Jones, Ed.D., Kennen & Kennen Realtors, Warwood Armature, Rabbi Joshua Lief and Rebecca Lief, Sikora Montessori, and Will and Tracey Turani.

**About Wheeling Heritage:**

[Wheeling Heritage](http://WheelingHeritage.org) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling’s story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.