

At-A-Glance: Highlights based on our impact by the numbers

city & county-wide network partners

 $(650)^{+}$ COMMUNITY MEMBERS **IN ATTENDANCE**

business development organizations & agencies provide resources and opportunities for business support

BIPOC, Immigrants & women small businesses featured



An initiative that aims to increase the visibility and opportunity to connect small businesses with available resources to sustain and grow their business while promoting a vibrant, diverse Toledo Lucas County as a welcoming city and county

planning committee members with 3 canvassing activity at DORA area, Old West End and Maple & Main Festival.

MICROGRANTS WITH \$1000 EACH AWARDED TO FOUR BUSINESSES VOTED BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

(To be eligible the businesses must also participated in business development opportunity and submitted SBA 641 form.)

Presented by:







Collaborators:

































On Saturday, June 8th, 2024, **Women of Toledo, LISC Toledo,** and **Welcome TLC** presented the 3rd Annual Multicultural Twilight Market (MTM) at the Toledo Farmer's Market in conjunction with Immigrant Heritage Month. Open to all, MTM offered family-friendly fun activities organized by the University of Toledo Center of International Studies. Other activities included music by DJ Amjad and performances by Kazenodaichi Taiko Drumming and Molly's Irish dance group.

Presented by Clark Schaffer Hackett, City of Toledo, and Lucas County Board of Commissioners, we had **over 60 vendors and businesses representing the BIPOC+, women, and immigrant-owned small businesses in our ecosystem**. Supported by ECDI, the City of Toledo Human Relations Commission, and F&M Bank, businesses that participated in business development opportunities were eligible to receive microgrants via the People Choice's Award voting session. Four businesses were awarded \$1,000 that evening - JIKONI Toledo, Chocolate City Ventures, In-Tune Fitness, and Mudd Thangz, LLC.

Other than helping reduce barriers that underrepresented and underserved small businesses and entrepreneurs often face to recover, grow, or start their businesses, Women of Toledo aims to strengthen our neighborhoods and community by appreciating racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity to encourage an inclusive and peaceful society. **Together, we will raise awareness of the vital role of our newcomers, immigrants, global talents, and diverse populations in building a strong and successful community and nation through economic empowerment. SAVE THE DATE: June 14, 2025.**











