



Talking UP

News from the City of University Place
Economic Development Office

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Welcome back!

"ACHIEVE MORE" GRANTS OPEN TO MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES



The Washington
Minority Business
Development
Agency (MBDA)
has allocated
\$200,000 for
direct business
resiliency grants

to help minority and/or woman-owned
businesses "achieve more."

Recipients of Achieve More Grants (AMG)
can use the funds for infrastructure
improvements, employee training and
business equipment.

The deadline for businesses to apply for
Achieve More Grants is March 19, 2023
11:59 p.m. PST.

Find more information, including
eligibility requirements, [here](#).

2023 NEW BUSINESS RIBBON
CUTTINGS BEGIN WITH A BANG

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETINGS



Are you interested in getting more
information on crime in University
Place? Want to ask your Public Safety
team questions on how they can help
make your business safer?

Make plans to attend one—or several—of
a new series of monthly Public Safety
community meetings. These meetings
will provide community members with
the opportunity to meet U.P. Police
Chief Greg Premo, learn about crime
trends and discover ways to increase
awareness and personal safety.



Did you miss the first ribbon cutting of 2023 on Feb. 8 at Brightway Insurance, The Clawson Agency, at 7406 27th St. W.?

If so, you missed quite a celebration, complete with delicious Indonesian food and traditional Indonesian dance.

But more than that, you missed an opportunity to meet new business acquaintances while connecting with old friends.

Throughout the year, we will notify you of upcoming events and we encourage you to attend to show your support for fellow business owners while also enjoying these valuable networking opportunities.

The meetings will be held twice daily at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in U.P. City Council Chambers, 3609 Market Place W., on the 3rd floor. The first meetings were held on Feb. 22. The other sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

- March 22
- April 13
- May 24

Get involved and get the information you need, straight from your Public Safety team.

GET ANSWERS TO YOUR TAX



QUESTIONS

Tax time is just around the corner. If you have questions about your small business taxes, be sure to check out the state's [Business.wa.gov](https://business.wa.gov) website for helpful information about filing your federal, state and local business taxes, as well as information on federal and state employment taxes.

The site also includes a helpful link to State of Washington [Small Business Liaisons](#) who can help you get the information and resources you need.

Also, be sure to stay on top of key changes in tax laws in 2023 that will affect your business obligations, including expiring COVID-19 provisions.

[Business News Daily](#) offers lots of valuable information, including updates on business meals and entertainment deductions as well as qualified business income deductions.



