

Grant filed paperwork with the state to organize Game Plan Lifestyle Planner at the state level on Oct. 22, 2020, seven months after Michigan reported its first COVID-19 infections. As for Mini Mogul Group, which got a \$10,000 grant, the state hasn't received annual reports for it since 2018, according to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Mini Mogul Group is "a company created to introduce children to entrepreneurial basics at a young age," according to its Facebook page.

Kent County's COVID-19 small business recovery program required participants to be businesses "located and registered in Kent County," according to the eligibility guidelines published online.

The county's eligibility rules say businesses needed to exist prior to Feb. 15, 2020, eight months before Grant formed her company, Game Plan Lifestyle Planner, with the state.

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce helped the county administer the grant program, which relied on relief funds from the federal government. Businesses were scored on how many employees they had, how long they had been around and their financial stability, according to the eligibility requirements.

Asked why Grant's businesses received funding despite not being registered in Kent County, Andy Johnston, senior vice president of advocacy and strategic engagement for the Grand Rapids chamber, didn't provide a direct answer.

"Following a review by the county, it was determined that discrepancies existed," Johnston said. "Amended paperwork has been filed and reviewed by legal counsel to clarify this and ensure that requirements for the grant funding were met."

Grant said when she applied for the assistance for Game Plan Lifestyle Planner, she was focused on expanding the sales of a business planner that had previously been available since 2016 for purchase through a store she owned and operated.

"Ultimately, I formed a separate LLC dedicated to the production and distribution of the planner as its own business," Grant said of the October 2020 organization date.

The website for Game Plan Lifestyle Planner is no longer active. But archived versions of the site showed that Grant was selling 2019 day planners for \$43.99 each. Her grant application listed the business as having three employees in 2019, selling 50 planners at exactly \$45 each in December 2019, producing \$2,250, and making \$2,000 off "event ticket sales and booths."