

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Fay-Penn Announces New Intern Program**

Fayette County businesses that would like to offer paid internships can now get financial assistance to offset those costs thanks to a new program being offered by Fay-Penn Economic Development Council.

The organization has announced that it is now able to offer a limited number of paid internships for Fayette County businesses through grant funding the organization received from Fayette County's Local Share Account program. Fay-Penn will offer this program through Dec. 31, 2018.

"This program is a great way to help facilitate our local businesses getting the help they need in order to train new workers in their respective fields," said Fay-Penn Executive Director Bob Shark. "It's also one of the best ways to retain our young, local talent."

Rebecca White, owner of White Safety, Co. LLC, an occupational safety training and consulting business, and Balance Wellness Boutique, Ltd., which offers holistic products and services, has been able to obtain two interns to help with the expansion of her businesses. She has one intern that is a student at West Virginia University, and the other is a graduate of Penn State University.

"I have found a great team of dedicated people after receiving the funding and opportunities Fay-Penn has offered to my small, woman-owned businesses," she said. "We already have plans to expand each business and have assigned tasks to the interns. I am happy to have found project managers to execute the goals that I have had for so long."

She added that her interns are helping to expand her client base and working with existing customers building relationships and learning all aspects of the business.

For more information on this program, contact Lori Scott, Business Development Coordinator, at 724-437-7913 or email her at [loris@faypenn.org](mailto:loris@faypenn.org).

**Fay-Penn is a non-profit organization dedicated to the economic growth of Fayette County. For additional information regarding the above projects, or to receive information on how Fay-Penn's loan fund can help YOU and your business, please contact us at 724-437-7913.**

