

Youth program awarded \$20,000 grant

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The nonprofit Isaac's Room recently received a \$20,000 grant that will expand its youth leadership program and remodel the coffee shop IKE Box in downtown Salem.

The Collins Foundation awarded the grant Aug. 25, Isaac's Room executive director Mark Bulgin said.

The funding will go toward improving business of the coffee shop, which generates revenue for the nonprofit and provides inter-

At a glance

Isaac's Room is a nonprofit that runs the coffee shop IKE Box at 299 Cottage St. NE in Salem. For more information, contact executive director Mark Bulgin at mark@ikebox.com.

ship opportunities for participants of IKE Quest.

The remodeling is expected to be completed by mid-October.

"This is going to be where we build IKE Quest from," Bulgin said.

IKE Quest is a leadership development program for youths ages 16 to 19, that includes a work internship, life skills training and development.

The next round of IKE Quest youths — as many as six participants — will be selected in October. Before, only three youths could be in the program at a time.

Also recently, \$10,000 in community donations was raised to repaint the building's exterior.