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**Mainely Cupcakes receives  
\$4,000 grant from NASE**

INDIAN TRAIL – The National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE) recently announced Indian Trail small business Mainely Cupcakes as one of three winners of NASE's third quarter Growth Grants.

NASE, the nation's leading advocate and resource for the self-employed and micro-business community, will provide \$4,000 for Mainely Cupcakes to help the business leaders grow and expand the company.

Cassandra Tindell owns the Indian Trail-based Mainely Cupcakes, which provides baked goods for customers throughout the greater Charlotte area, as well as the southeastern United States, the release read. The business is active in its community by providing cakes for Icing Smiles, a nonprofit that works with terminally ill children and their siblings. Mainely Cupcakes also donates baked goods in support of the local school system, the release stated.

The Growth Grant program has awarded more than \$500,000 in grants for small businesses since its inception in 2006. NASE announced earlier this year plans to expand its Growth Grants program to award more than \$48,000 in small business grants in 2015 – up from the \$20,000 awarded in 2014, according to a news release. Find more information at [www.nase.org/Membership/Benefits/Growth\\_Grants.aspx](http://www.nase.org/Membership/Benefits/Growth_Grants.aspx).

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