

Location:

5007 Lytle Street
Pittsburgh, PA

County:

Allegheny

Description:

New business financing

Total Project Cost:

\$515,529



Abstract Realm Brewing Co.

People:

In taprooms, friendships ferment. “In a time when there seem to be a lot of things that divide people,” says Jason Short, “a brewery immediately gives you a connection to the other people there, because if you don’t like beer, you’re probably not hanging out at a brewery.” Jason is a financial advisor, home-brewer and patron of brewpubs local and national. When he found out that The Progress Fund was bringing three breweries together in its new Hazelwood Brewing development, he jumped in and then recruited esteemed local brewer Chris Carr.

Progress:

In addition to developing Hazelwood Brewing, The Progress Fund is financing the three brewers, including a \$515,529 loan-and-grant package to Abstract Realm Brewing.

Impact:

With a range of offerings from hazy IPAs to crisp Kölsch beers, Abstract Realm Brewing will serve something for everyone. Take that menu to the third power, add varied indoor and outdoor spaces, and the potential human interactions multiply. “We do believe that this is going to be a driver of a lot of new people experiencing Hazelwood,” says Jason, adding that job opportunities and community engagement will also deepen connections to the neighborhood. “I’ve seen firsthand how a new brewery, in an area that may not be as vibrant as it once was, can revitalize it.”

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