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TORONTO – From hiring help to upgrading equipment, \$10,000 can go a long way for many small businesses, and that's what six entrepreneurs will receive with the launch today of the second annual ADP Small Business Grant Contest.

First created in 2012 by [ADP](#), a leading global provider of Human Capital Management (HCM) solutions, the contest awards six entrepreneurs \$10,000 cash. Owners and operators of small businesses with 1-49 employees are encouraged to visit [adp.ca/grant](#) to share their business story and describe what they would do with \$10,000. Entrants can then invite their customers, employees, friends and family to show their support by voting for their submission online.

Although last year's winners operate a wide variety of businesses, from British Columbia to Newfoundland and Labrador, they all share a common need – capital and services to grow their businesses. The first recipient, Amy's Quality Care/Home Care, a home care services company in Gravel Hill, NB used the award to hire 12 additional part-time and full-time staff to assist her growing clientele. Vancouver-based Kinexus, a biotechnology company, built an online resource to expand research that is integral to their business.

“I never thought in a million years I would win the grant, but I did and it has made all the difference,” said Amy Lapointe, owner of Amy's Quality Care/Home Care.

“Thanks to the ADP Small Business Grant, I was able to add experienced employees to my payroll to help me manage my business and serve the needs of my customers.”

“It is extremely gratifying to see the impact this award has had on the winners. From creating jobs to improving our understanding of disease, to helping seniors live with dignity, this award is a reminder that small businesses truly move our communities

forward, and a small investment can make a huge difference.,” said Greg Secord,

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The ADP Small Business Grant Contest runs from November 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. A winner will be announced for each month from November 2013 to April 2014. Winners will also have their payroll fees waived for one year. For more information, including profiles of past winners, full contest rules and conditions and to enter, visit adp.ca/grant.

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