

My name is Kyiky, and I am the founder of **Himalayan Dumplings by Kyiky**, the first woman-owned Tibetan dumpling brand in the U.S.

In my second year of business, a **Business Oregon** grant gave my immigrant dream a fighting chance. It helped me invest in essential equipment and automation, increasing production by over **3,000%**, meeting market demand, and driving **170% sales growth last year**. It also allowed me to source more ingredients directly from local farmers.

Without this support—especially in today’s economy—my small business might not have survived undercapitalization. **Instead, because of the grant, I am now in a position to explore building permanent roots with a first-of-its-kind dumpling facility in Oregon**, create more jobs and lower the financial barriers to entry for others in our community.

I am living proof that **Business Oregon** fuels small business growth, strengthens Oregon’s economy, and empowers historically marginalized entrepreneurs.

Thujeche (thank you) for your time and support.

Kyiky

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