

## **Associated Appraisers of Walla Walla Receives \$mart Business Partner of the Year Nomination**

Associated Appraisers of Walla Walla has been in business since 1986. They offer appraisal services, consulting, and real estate brokerage services.

Associated Appraisers, a \$mart Business Partner since 2017, actively engages staff in sustainable practices and, especially of note, they have developed a Sustainable Purchasing Policy. \$mart Business Partners are Walla Walla Valley Businesses and Organizations who set goals to reduce energy consumption, reuse materials, reduce waste (especially toxic waste) and recycle.

“Assuming business practices that reflect our commitment to a sustainable environment has been a part of our standard mode of operation for much of our existence. It is who we are as individuals, and therefore is reflected on who we are as a company. We hope that our recognized accomplishments encourage others to adopt and maintain similar values and efforts.” - Jillice Beko, Broker for Associated Appraisers

For the year 2023, Associated Appraisers documented reductions in electricity usage by 960 kilowatt hours by continuing to transition to LED lighting. This also resulted in saving 680 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent (greenhouse gasses). By installing water saving fixtures, water savings added up to 338 gallons. Recycling was documented to be 750 pounds of cardboard and paper.

The Sustainable Living Center is grateful for a strong, long term partnership with Associated Appraisers of Walla Walla. The Sustainable Living Center sponsored the Chamber of Commerce \$mart Business Partner of the Year Award.