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County Commits to Workforce and Military Development

Carlisle, Pa. – Cumberland County continues to invest in workforce and military development. During Wednesday’s Finance Committee meeting, the County Commissioners approved a \$100,000 grant for the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC). The funds will be split between military and workforce development programs. Each program will receive \$50,000.

The \$50,000 for military development will be used to:

- Advance the I-81 exit 48/49 recommendations to the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) improvement plan, for future design and project funding;
- Assist in funding the demolition, design and construction of new buildings at the County’s military installations;
- Pursue a major solar energy project; and
- Complete the study related to the Carlisle Airport and potential ways it could better support military operations.

The remaining \$50,000 will be used to advance CAEDC’s workforce development programs. Cumberland County has high demand in the areas of healthcare, heavy equipment operation and hospitality. In 2017, the County supported a heavy equipment training program pilot study with CAEDC and the Cumberland Valley School District. With the \$50,000 investment, CAEDC will advance this program to other schools in Cumberland County and look to develop an adult heavy equipment apprentice program.

More information on these initiatives can be found on CAEDC’s website at <https://cumberlandbusiness.com>.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.