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Commissioners Approve \$22.4 Million In CARES Act Relief Grants

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners today approved \$22,488,327.73 of the \$22.9 million available in Renew Cumberland block grants to small businesses with less than 100 employees, tourism businesses of any size, municipalities, nonprofits, behavioral health and drug and alcohol treatment providers, and county government.

Renew Cumberland Grant Awards breakdown by category, amount of grants and funding:

Businesses (400)	\$13,015,099.00
Nonprofits (109)	\$2,980,392.00
Behavioral Health Organizations (6)	\$91,408.00
County Government	\$5,578,100.00
Municipalities (23)	\$823,328.73
Total Allocations	\$22,488,327.73

Unallocated Funding

\$418,227.27

Applications were evaluated based upon the applicant's need for funding, community impact of the investment, and ability to spend program funds within established guidelines. The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) is part of the task force that assisted the county in administering the business portion of the grant funds.

"We charged the Renew Cumberland Task Force to assist all entities eligible with the block grant monies afforded the county in a short amount of time." said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. "The funding allocated to businesses and nonprofits will have a tremendous impact so our county can move forward while continuing to deal with the public health crisis."

The Task Force recommended to the Cumberland County Commissioners to move to a second tier of funding that will be detailed at the Finance Meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

Cumberland County created the Renew Cumberland Task Force to manage the CARES Act block grants. The task force, made up of county officials and the Cumberland Area Economic



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Development Corporation (CAEDC), was charged with evaluating applications and submitting funding recommendations to the Cumberland County Commissioners for final funding awards.

A list of grant recipients is listed on our website at www.ccpa.net/4829/Grants-Awarded.

All entities that applied will be notified by mail and the grant money awarded must be used by Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

The CARES Act was signed into law by the President in March and provides funding for a variety of programs intended to alleviate the impact of COVID-19. In Pennsylvania, Governor Wolf signed an act providing \$625 million in CARES Act Coronavirus Relief block grants for counties in the commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

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