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Commissioners Approve More Than \$800K In Remaining Renew Cumberland CARES Act Grants For Small Businesses and Childcare Facilities

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners today approved \$823,775 of Renew Cumberland Tier 2 block grants for small businesses and licensed childcare facilities.

“Originally the board approved more than \$400,000 in funding for the Renew Cumberland Tier 2 CARES Act Grant to address additional areas of need in the county,” said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger. “However we found that the need was greater than expected, and it was a priority of the board to make additional funding available for 151 small businesses and childcare facilities affected by COVID-19.”

The county received 165 applications totaling \$1.3 million, which were reviewed and evaluated by the county’s Renew Cumberland Tier 2 Task Force managing the CARES Act block grants. The task force consisted of Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) small business, childcare experts, and CEO’s of the county Chambers of Commerce.

Renew Cumberland Tier 2 Grants:

Childcare (17)	\$260,985
Small business less than \$5,000 (134)	\$562,790

Approved Grants: **\$823,775**

In September, the Cumberland County Commissioners approved \$22,488,327.73 of the approximately \$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.

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 email and the U.S. Postal Service. 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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