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Cumberland County Awarded \$2.9 Million in Grants For Hospitality Businesses

Businesses Can Apply For Up To \$50,000 Starting March 15; First-Come First-Served

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County has received more than \$2.9 million of the Commonwealth's \$145 million allocated for the hospitality industry through the [COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program \(CHIRP\)](#). The program requires counties to establish their own grant programs to distribute funds to eligible businesses adversely affected by COVID.

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners contracted with the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) to distribute \$2.9 million in grant funding provided by PA Department of Community and Economic Development. The grants will be awarded to eligible businesses as defined in Act 1 of 2021 to alleviate revenue losses and pay eligible operating expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These funds will be managed by our economic development corporation, CAEDC, and distributed in an efficient and effective manner to eligible Cumberland County hospitality industry businesses adversely affected by the pandemic," said Commissioner Gary Eichelberger.

The grant program is on a first-come, first-served basis, and will launch on Monday, March 15. The grants will be given out until the funds are exhausted or until June 15, whichever comes first. Eligible businesses include those classified with a NAICS code of [721](#) or [722](#), including restaurants, hotels and recreational facilities.

The program is targeted to for-profit businesses that fall within the following categories as their primary purpose of business.

NAICS 721 includes: Lodging or short-term accommodations for travelers and vacationers. It includes traveler accommodation, recreational accommodation and rooming and boarding houses. This includes B&Bs, hotels/motels, Inns, RV parks and campgrounds and Outdoor Adventure Retreats that provide lodging.

NAICS 722 includes: Food and Beverage Services (full service or limited restaurants, caterers, drinking places, cafeterias, buffets, mobile/food services, snack and non-alcoholic beverage bars). Food and beverage services being offered in an establishment that conducts another business (hotel, entertainment venue, country club) are only eligible if the food/beverage business is operating as separate legal entity and food/beverage is the primary service for that entity.

For more information, and to apply for a grant, visit [CAEDC's website](#).

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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.