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COVID-19 Update

County Has 425 Total Positive Cases, Grants for Small Businesses

FAYETTEVILLE – The Department of Public Health reports there are 425 total positive COVID-19 cases involving Cumberland County residents, an increase of 26 since Tuesday. To date, 11 residents have died from complications associated with the coronavirus.

Small Business Grant Applications Accepted May 14-29

Cumberland County Community Development has established a Small Business Resiliency grant program to assist qualified local businesses that suffered economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is supported by Community Development Block Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The program will provide grants up to \$10,000 and is targeting small for-profit businesses with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The goal is to help businesses retain employees and maintain economic stability during the crisis.

To apply, businesses must operate within the Cumberland County geographic service area, which includes the unincorporated areas of the county, as well as the towns of Eastover, Falcon, Godwin, Hope Mills, Linden, Spring Lake, Stedman and Wade.

Applications will be accepted from May 14 until 5 p.m. on May 29. Application, submission requirements, and guidelines can be obtained via:

- E-mail request at cmclamb@co.cumberland.nc.us
- [Small Business Resiliency Grant Program link](#) on the Community Development website at co.cumberland.nc.us.

Staying Updated

Cumberland County has made it easy for you to stay updated on the latest information about COVID-19. You can visit our [COVID-19 webpage](#), which has a list of COVID-19-related [closures and service changes](#). The county is also sharing important information on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.

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