



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Northampton County Commissioners leverage Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars to assist Micro Businesses in our Community impacted by COVID-19**

The Northampton County Board of Commissioners has implemented the Northampton Micro Business COVID-19 Grant Funding Program to assist small businesses in Northampton County.

Recognizing that small businesses are the backbone of our community, the Northampton County Board of Commissioners has launched the Northampton Micro Business COVID-19 Relief Funding Program. This is a small business relief program that aims to provide grants to small business owners struggling financially due to COVID-19. The goal is to help them in the short-term, so that they can get back on their feet and remain viable for the long term.

“The Northampton County small business community is the backbone of our local economy. This program is merely representative of the types of programs we are planning over the coming months. We recognize it has been challenging times for many of our small businesses, and we want to assist in any way possible.” noted Charles Tyner, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Specifically, the purpose of the Northampton Micro Business COVID-19 Relief Funding Program is to assist Northampton County-based small businesses that are experiencing financial difficulties such as mandated shutdowns, employee layoffs, and operating losses as a result of ongoing efforts of the Federal, State and local authorities to contain and minimize the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Judy Collier, Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, stated, “The awarding of grants to our small businesses is a wonderful effort by our county commissioners to help during the COVID crisis. I strongly encourage all small businesses with ten or less employees to apply for the grant.”

The application will be available at noon on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will remain open through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Applicants will be asked to submit supplemental materials with the application to Northampton County Local Government PO Box 685 Jackson, NC 27845. These materials (constituting a completed application packet) must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for the application to be considered for possible funding.