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Press Release

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UNION COUNTY – The Union County Commissioners announce they will conduct a second phase of the Union County CARES Small Business/Non-profit Recovery Sustainability Fund with the goal of awarding approximately \$800,000 to eligible small businesses and non-profit organizations.

“We were very pleased with the outcome of our initial round of Union County Cares funding, awarding nearly \$1.7 million to 136 small businesses and non-profits in the county,” said Union County Commissioners Preston Boop, Jeff Reber and Stacy Richards in a joint statement. “However, we know there are many more eligible businesses and non-profit organizations that exist in the county, and we still have a significant amount of CARES Act funding to award this year.”

Small businesses and eligible non-profit organizations in Union County that did not receive funding through the first phase of Union County Cares are encouraged to apply for funding to assist with recovery and sustainability efforts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, eligible applicants are businesses, corporations, partnerships, LLCs, sole proprietors with 100 or fewer employees and non-profits located in or nearby and provide services to Union County that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicants of the Union County CARES Small Business/Non-profit Recovery Sustainability Fund Round 2 will be given priority if they have not already received public funding pertaining to COVID-19.

Applications must be submitted online between Sept. 14 and 12 p.m. Sept. 30. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered. Rules, details and a FAQ document can be found at Union County Cares web site.

To apply, visit: <https://union-county-cares-grant-unioncounty.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Businesses, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organizations will be selected to receive funding, up to \$15,000, through a scoring system based on the information provided. Grant awardees will be announced. Proprietary and financial information will not be made public.

This funding was made possible through the federal CARES Act distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and coordinated by the Union County Commissioners, the Central PA and Greater Susquehanna Valley chambers of commerce and the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way.

Questions can be emailed to caresgrant@unionco.org or by calling Tea Jay Aikey, President & CEO of the Central PA Chamber of Commerce, at 570-742-7341.