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Cool Spring Downtown District Announces Revitalization Grant Awardees

Fayetteville, NC – The Cool Spring Downtown District (CSDD) is pleased to announce the recipients of the Duke Energy Hometown Revitalization Grant. Application submissions closed at the end of December and awardees were contacted last week. Grant funds were distributed to twelve businesses within the downtown district in support of post-Covid recovery.

The twelve businesses awarded were: Vagabond Café - a downtown coffee shop, Prima Elements Holistic Wellness Center, Bruce's Sportsbloc & Lounge, Vibe Gastropub – downtown Fayetteville's vegan restaurant, Raul Rubiera Photography, Winterbloom Tea, Edward Jones Financial - Debbie Best, Cameo Art House Theatre, Quack Quack Phone Repair, Xscape Factor – Escape Rooms, All American Fencing Academy, and Cooking 4 Fitness.

This is the second year Duke Energy Foundation has provided targeted grants in support of downtowns throughout the state. The foundation has distributed \$500,000 in grant funding across North Carolina—from restaurants to retailers—continue their ongoing recovery from economic challenges initially triggered by the pandemic. Grant awards of \$25,000 were awarded to 20 nonprofits, each representing one community. CSDD, as the managing partner for the Municipal Service District and the Arts and Entertainment District, was the recipient for downtown Fayetteville. CSDD then established a small-business microgrant program, with awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per business.

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The Cool Spring Downtown District, Inc. is a charitable, nonprofit corporation formed in 2017 to create and sustain an arts and entertainment district located in downtown Fayetteville, North Carolina, as a vibrant center of artistic, cultural, civic and commercial activity. Visitors to and residents of Cumberland County may follow CSDD's efforts and announcements by visiting their website at visitdowntownfayetteville.com, or following on Facebook at [@CoolSpringFAY.org](https://www.facebook.com/CoolSpringFAY.org) or [@downtownfayetteville](https://www.facebook.com/downtownfayetteville), or on Instagram at [@coolspringdowntowndistrict](https://www.instagram.com/coolspringdowntowndistrict) or [@downtownfay](https://www.instagram.com/downtownfay).