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**COOL SPRING DOWNTOWN DISTRICT RECEIVES ARTS COUNCIL CORE GRANT
TO SUPPORT ANNUAL CULTURAL PROGRAMMING**

Cool Spring Downtown District is proud to announce that we are the recipients of the 2024-2025 Cultural Organization Resource (CORE) grant from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County totaling \$45,000 in support of the annual slate of cultural arts programming in the downtown district. *“Cool Spring Downtown District is pleased to receive funding from the Arts Council in support of our cultural programming for Downtown Fayetteville. With this support, we will be able to expand the engagement of regional performers for the District Vibe at 4th Fridays, a limited series within the regular 4th Friday event that brings artists, vendors, food trucks, and performers to the streets of the downtown district, as well as offer additional cultural events and programs through the year”, shares President/CEO Bianca Shoneman. “This was the first year that CSDD was eligible to apply for the CORE grant, and we are very pleased to have received this level of support for the work that we do as the management entity of Downtown Fayetteville’s arts and entertainment district.”*

The District Vibe @ 4th Fridays was introduced in the summer of 2021, re-engaging and invigorating audiences after the Covid-19 Pandemic shutdown. Last year’s series included local talent DJ G-Money, DJ Yodo, The Stone Dolls, Triad-based band, The Tan and Sober Gentlemen, and Triangle-based band, Tumbao. CORE grant funds will support CSDD efforts to engage and showcase talented performing acts from our city and across North Carolina.

CORE grant funds increase opportunities for access to arts, science, cultural and historical programming in Cumberland County. The grants are awarded to nonprofit agencies, universities, and government agencies in Cumberland County that demonstrate financial and administrative stability. *“The Arts Council is pleased to partner with Cool Spring Downtown District in support of their annual calendar of cultural arts programming”, says Bob Pinson, President and CEO of the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.*

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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 on their website at visitdowntownfayetteville.com, 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).

The Arts Council of Fayetteville|Cumberland County is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Fayetteville, NC that supports individual creativity, cultural preservation, economic development, and lifelong learning through the ARTS. As a primary steward of public and private funding for arts, cultural, and historical activities in the Cape Fear Region, all affiliated programs of the Arts Council exemplify our 5 core

values: Excellence, Accountability, Transparency, Collaborations, and Innovation. theartscouncil.com

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