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TITLE: City of Hardeeville and Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation Announces ARPA Grant for Small Businesses and Nonprofits

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The City of Hardeeville and the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation announces the 2022 Federal America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant program for small businesses and nonprofits. Grant funds are being awarded to six local businesses in the totaling \$61,003 dollars with the grant awards ranging from \$5,334 dollars to \$14,167 dollars. Additionally, grants funds are being awarded for seven local nonprofit organizations totaling \$126,336 dollars with the grant awards ranging from \$8,000 dollars to \$25,000 dollars.

The City of Hardeeville has committed \$275,000 of Federal America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation to be utilized for small businesses and nonprofit/tax exempts agencies that have been financially or programmatically impacted the COVID-19 public health emergency. Through these two new grant programs the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation, a nonprofit entity under the umbrella of the City of Hardeeville, are providing financial assistance in the form of a one-time micro-grant for small businesses and nonprofit/tax exempts that provide vital services to the City and its residents, and who have faced economic and financial challenges resulting from COVID-19.

The purpose of these grants is to mitigate financial hardship for the various small businesses here in the City, where businesses have direct declines in revenues, temporary closure, or the loss of employees. Additionally, grants are being awarded to nonprofits to support localized funding for programs and services that aid in the financial recovery of City residents who were impacted by the short-term and long-term challenges associate with COVID-19.

Funding is being awarded as part of a competitive grant process where applicants were required to submit an extensive online grant application along with the required supporting documentation. The City of Hardeeville and the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation will offer a second round of the grant program in the fall for eligible small business and nonprofit organizations.

“The City of Hardeeville and the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation are excited to partner with our businesses and nonprofit organizations in efforts to help the patrons of the City move forward from the challenges and struggles put in in place by COVID 19, the grant programs for small businesses and nonprofit organizations provides financial assistance for those business and organizations that are a staple for the success of our community, said Mr. Neil Parsons, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Hardeeville and Secretary of the Hardeeville Community Transformation.

**City of Hardeeville and Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation
ARPA Grant Awards**

Small Business Recovery Grants	Grant Amount
Reed Wrecker & Tire Service	\$ 5,334.00
Golden Transport & Towing	\$ 6,167.00
Agency One LLC	\$ 10,834.00
Star Garage, Inc.	\$ 11,667.00
Karen F Meeks DMD PC	\$ 14,167.00
Hardeeville Hospitality LLC	\$ 12,834.00
Total Awarded	\$ 61,003.00

Nonprofit Grants	Grant Amount
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lowcountry	\$ 24,167.00
Lowcountry Legal Volunteers	\$ 14,445.00
Osprey Village, Inc	\$ 23,334.00
Agape Family Life Center	\$ 25,000.00
Bluffton Self Help	\$ 15,278.00
Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry	\$ 8,000.00
Community Foundation of the Lowcountry - South Carolina Nurse retention	\$ 16,112.00
Total Awarded	\$ 126,336.00