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WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAS ALLOCATED ADDITIONAL CARES ACT FUNDS TO ITS NEW GRANT PROGRAM

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – Warren County has been approved for an additional \$8,454,058 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act under House Bill 614. A portion of these funds have been designated to the Warren County CARES Act Grant Program which the Warren County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved in September.

Originally, the BOCC allocated \$350,000 for each of the three focus areas: Small business assistance, non-profit organizations, and childcare centers. This amount has been increased to \$700,000 and will allow for larger maximum grant awards. These funds are to assist the mentioned entities with eligible expenses incurred from financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new maximum grant amount for eligible small business and non-profits with 1 to 25 full time employees is \$5,000, as opposed to the formerly designated \$2,500. For eligible small businesses and non-profits with 26 to 50 full time employees, as well as center-based childcare facilities, the maximum grant amount has been increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Application submission began at 9:00 a.m. on October 1, 2020 and will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2020. Applications are being reviewed by the Warren County Small Business Development Alliance (SBDA) who has been designated by the BOCC to administer the program. Eligible small businesses, non-profits and childcare centers can visit www.co.warren.oh.us for more details and to apply. Any questions can be sent to wccaresgrant@co.warren.oh.us.

An additional \$25,000 was also set aside for volunteer-based non-profits as a part of the grant program. The BOCC recognizes that while there is no payroll expense, these organizations still have operational expenditures such as mortgage or rent payments, utilities, etc. and have also experienced hardships

from COVID-19 response. A separate application process has been designed for these entities and grants will be awarded at the discretion of the BOCC. At this time, that amount has not changed.

About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners

The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for taxpayer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The Board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.

About the Warren County Small Business Development Alliance

The Warren County Small Business Development Alliance (“SBDA”) Helps entrepreneurs realize their dream of business ownership through its Small Business Development Center (“SBDC”). SBDC certified advisors help businesses remain competitive in an ever-changing global economy by providing access to free one-on-one counseling, no/low-cost class training, and events. Focus areas include: Marketing, Financial Management, Human Resources, Technology and Cyber Security, International Trade and 12 Steps to Starting a New Ohio Business.

The SBDA is a local SBA resource partner connection. For more information, please visit www.warrencountysbdc.org.

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