

Duke Energy Foundation Small Business Assistance/ Hometown Revitalization Grants

**Administered by the Warren County Foundation
for small businesses in the Franklin/Carlisle area.**

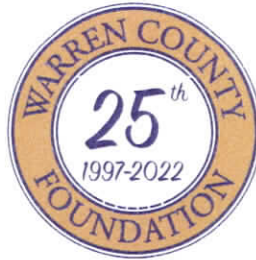
\$1,000-\$5,000 grants to support your small business. Applications will be reviewed by Carlisle City Manager, Franklin Township Administrator, and Franklin City Manager. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2022, to the Warren County Foundation, 118 East Main St., Lebanon, OH 45036 or to info@warrencountyfoundation.org.

Guiding principles for small business support awards:

- ♣ Small business is a Duke Energy customer.
- ♣ Small business support awards will focus on businesses with <50 employees.
- ♣ Preference is for minority, female or veteran owned businesses.
- ♣ Small business support awards are intended to help small businesses thrive. Appropriate small business expenditures may include:
 - Enhanced service or commerce opportunities, such as modifying physical space, technology to improve online sales or expanding capacity for delivering goods and services.
 - Furniture for expanded outdoor capacity, such materials for construction of takeout windows, accessibility compliance for additional outdoor seating, additional fixtures required for compliance with public health issues.
 - Storefront beautification projects enhancing the appearance of the business and downtown region. For example, new exterior paint, awnings, signage or planters.
 - Tools or programs to support the business's workforce needs. For example, working with a recruiter, paying to list job opportunities or tuition for a training program. Salaries and incentive pay are ineligible expenses, as noted below.
- ♣ Payroll, incentive pay, rent and utilities are ineligible expenses.
- ♣ The small business support awards may be used to reimburse small businesses for expenses already incurred.

All grants must be awarded by August 1, 2022.

Direct questions to: info@warrencountyfoundation.org or call 513-934-1001.



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Name of Applicant: _____ **Title/Position:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Nature of Business: _____

Number of Employees: (Less than 50 to qualify) _____

Is the business a Duke Energy customer? Yes _____ **No** _____

Is the business minority owned? _____ **female owned?** _____ **veteran owned?** _____ **(check)**

Have you received any other funding assistance during COVID-19 (SBA, PPP Funding, Private)?

**How has COVID-19 affected your business? How do you intend to use awarded grant funds?
Please provide a narrative explaining your request:**

Is your business current on all local income and county property taxes: ___ Yes ___ No

Is there any other information you would like to share for consideration?

- 1. Applicant must provide copy of most recent W-9.**
- 2. If awarded funds, the business will ONLY use the disbursement for the intended uses described in this application.**

I acknowledge that all the information I have provided on this application is correct, and I acknowledge the restrictions and requirements of any disbursement of funds to my business from the Duke Energy Foundation Small Business Assistance/Hometown Revitalization Grants.

Applicant's Signature

Date Signed

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Date Received _____

Date Reviewed: _____

Committee Recommendation: _____ **Page 2 of 2**