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Town of Farmville
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Town of Farmville Awarded \$125,000 Community Development Block Grant

Farmville---The Town of Farmville will receive a \$125,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to support the Duck Rabbit Craft Brewery located in the town. The CDBG Entrepreneurial Development award is part of \$1 million in funding for the state, focused on creating and retaining jobs within the state's most distressed communities. The funds enable a local government to formulate an economic development strategy to support locally owned and operated businesses and the grant allows a local government to establish and nurture an entrepreneurial-friendly environment that will benefit small businesses/entrepreneurs now and in the future.

“Farmville is very fortunate to receive this award. We applied in September and held two public hearings. Duck Rabbit is a growing business in our community and, per the requirements of the grant, have been in business here for three years,” said Jeanne Bonds, Assistant Town Manager. “I am so excited we can help them with their growth plans and further integrate business assistance into our economic development plans.”

“The program is very competitive and usually only three or four businesses/towns receive this award so I am very proud of our efforts and the growing success of Duck Rabbit which enabled this funding,” said Richard Hicks, Town Manager and Chairman of the Farmville Economic Development Commission. “This award will further demonstrate our commitment to business development and growth.”

The Farmville Economic Development Council is a 501(c)3 chartered to engage in local economic development efforts including residential, retail, commercial and industrial recruitment, retention and development. Board of Directors include: Joe Kue, Town Commissioner; Richard Harris, Alliance One; Dan Thompson, Bank of America; Jack Farrior, Jack Farrior Steel Works; and, Richard Hicks, Town Manager, Chairman. Jeanne Bonds, is Assistant Town Manager and staffs the Economic Development Council.

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