

## N.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority Board Approves Second Round of Local Grants

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The N.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has approved 18 grants totaling more than \$8.1 million, which is to be deployed by recipients for building reuse and restoration as well as infrastructure including water and sewer.

The grant recipients are:                      Community Development Block Grants:                      -- Polk County: \$295,755 to construct 6,890 linear feet of twelve inch water line to allow the for-profit Tryon Equestrian Properties to construct a world class equestrian venue near the Mill Spring community.

-- Town of Denton (Davidson County): \$200,000 to loan to OPE of America, Inc. to support the reuse of a 24,000 square feet building located at 18870 South NC Highway 109 for reworking lawn and garden commercial equipment.

--City of Eden (Rockingham County): \$750,000 to loan to SGRTEX, LLC to support the reuse of a vacant 180,000 square feet building located at 325 Summit Road for a yarn spinning manufacturing plant.

Industrial Development Fund Utility Account grants:

-- Franklin County: \$500,000 in funding to assist in sewer improvements in Triangle North Franklin Industrial Park.

--Haywood County; \$2,100,000 in funding to modify existing natural gas pipeline with the addition of compressors.

-- Washington County: \$1,259,550 in funding to provide infrastructure to the County Commerce Center.

-- Alexander County: \$100,000 in funding to install approximately one mile of natural gas pipeline.

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--Town of North Wilkesboro (Wilkes County): \$50,000 in funding to assist in upgrading the septic system on behalf of Jeld-Wen, Inc.

--Town on Spindale (Rutherford County): \$112,035 to assist in upgrading the sanitary lift station on behalf of Team Air, Inc., a company new to North Carolina.

### **Building Reuse Program grants/loans:**

-- Town of Taylorsville (Alexander County): \$50,000 to support the reuse of a 3,100 sq. ft. building located at 60 2nd Avenue to open an urgent care facility.

-- Town of Granite Falls (Caldwell County): \$200,000 to support the reuse of a 40,000 sq. ft. building located at 171 North Main Street for McGee Wood Products expansion.

-- City of Archdale (Randolph County):\$110,000 to support the reuse of a 102,700 sq. ft. building located at 4015 Cheyenne Road for Brookline Furniture.

-- Robeson County: \$500,000 to support the reuse of a 93,476 sq. ft. building located at 4111 W. 5th Street in Lumberton for a Capel Rugs designer showroom.

-- Rutherford County: \$110,000 to support the reuse of a 159,717 sq. ft. building located at 2015 Hwy 221 South in Rutherfordton for Team Air's east coast operation to manufacture and distribute custom oversized air handling equipment.

-- Rutherford County: \$430,000 to support the reuse of a 103,454 sq. ft. building located at 159 Broad River Boulevard in Forest City for Bonita Pioneer to create an east coast operation in the gift wrap market.

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### Economic Infrastructure Program grants:

-- Town of Murphy (Cherokee County): \$500,000 towards the installation of water and wastewater infrastructure.

-- Johnston County: \$350,000 towards upgrading a wastewater pump station along the highway 70 corridor.

-- Pender County: \$500,000 towards assisting construction of a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant.