

Duke Energy Foundation Small Business Assistance/ Hometown Revitalization Grants

**Administered by the Warren County Foundation
for small businesses in Deerfield Township.**

\$1,000-\$2,000 grants to support your small business. Applications will be reviewed by representatives from Deerfield Township administration, MADE Chamber, Small Business Development Center, and the Warren County Foundation. Applications must be submitted by August 30, 2024, 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 eligible expenses already incurred.

All grants will be awarded by mid to late September at a check presentation event.

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