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Environmental Health Receives \$3,000 Grant To Meet Two Recommended Standards

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s Environmental Health Division received a \$3,000 grant from the Association of Food and Drug Officials to complete verification audits on their Retail Food Safety Program. The audits will show that Environmental Health’s Retail Food Safety Program meets the intent of two of the nine Food and Drug Administration Retail Program Standards.

Environmental Health will use the funds to purchase Food Code Booklets with North Carolina Position Statements built into them and Annex Booklets. These will not only be a staff resource, but will also be offered as promotional items during events, courses, and educational outreach activities.

“After two years participating in the FDA Retail Program Standards, we are excited to meet the intent of two standards. Participating in this voluntary program has provided Environmental Health staff the opportunity to become more consistent inspectors and meeting two standards is a demonstration of our dedication to having a quality based retail food safety program,” said Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600, speak with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/commentsform.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St. Fayetteville.

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