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## **Health Department Receives Grant To Conduct Risk-Factor Study**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s Environmental Health Division received a grant of \$6,916.20 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to conduct a Risk Based Data Collection study of a random sampling of permitted establishments throughout the county. The grant money will pay for materials associated with the data collection.

This intent is to enhance Environmental Health’s ability to achieve greater conformance with the Food and Drug Administration’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

The data collection will serve as a baseline in determining the most significant risk factors identified in these establishments as well as assisting in the development of intervention strategies to better ensure public safety. The information captured may also identify areas where training of both Environmental Health staff and establishment personnel may be needed.

“Conducting this risk-factor study will provide Environmental Health with a full picture of the areas related to food safety that we may need to educate not only ourselves but also the establishments in the county,” Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz said. “We believe the information we collect will allow us to develop innovative methods to better protect the public.”

For more information, call the Environmental Health Division of the Cumberland County Public Health Department at 433-3660.

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