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Senior Employment Program Receives \$566,518 Grant

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County has been awarded a \$566,518 grant from Senior Service America Inc. to help provide temporary jobs for at least 108 low-income older adults living in Cumberland, Bladen, Lee, Moore, Richmond and Robeson counties.

The Cumberland County Senior Community Service Employment Program serves people age 55 and older by helping unemployed older adults find jobs in their communities. The Senior Employment program, which is managed by the county, is sponsored by Senior Service America Inc., which is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Cumberland County's Senior Community Service Employment Program has funding to provide jobs for 71 seniors working 15 hours per week at governmental agencies and nonprofits. The program must serve at least 108 people per year, as temporary jobs end and begin with new workers. Cumberland County has received grant money to support the program annually since 1976.

“This program delivers a triple win for older adults and the whole community,” said Cumberland County Senior Employment Program Officer Ann Johnson. “First, participants are helping more than 45 local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their mission, including Cumberland County Board of Elections, Cumberland County Association for Indian People and Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland County and Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, which includes Second Harvest Food Bank. Second, older workers are receiving on-the-job training to enhance their skills. And third, older workers are keeping healthy by remaining connected and not isolated in their community.”

Cumberland County Community Service Employment Program is located at 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville. For more information, call 910-321-6449.