

**In November and December of 2020, Extension community and economic development educator , Jennifer Russell, informed area communities about the business sustainability grants and provided the framework necessary to support their efforts to apply for funding. This work brought over \$467,000 in relief to area businesses impacted by Covid.**

**\*13 businesses in Carrollton received support**

**\*40 businesses in the Jacksonville area received support**

**On January 19, 2021 Extension began work on the rural tourism research project with 11 site visits to businesses and tourism attractions in the region. If your community is planning a new tourism attraction, sports event or wedding venue connect those businesses with the Extension office for access to data analytics supporting business growth. This grant program begins in 2021 and will conclude at the end of 2022.**

**Extension continues to host meetings for local health departments and local governments to reduce in-person meetings during Covid. The Greene County Health Department, the Calhoun Community Foundation, the Village of Hardin and Greene County Economic Development Group have all utilized the opportunity to meet remotely using this service.**