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Economic Development Commission

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Villari Brothers Foods Receives Building Reuse Grant

Kenansville, NC – The North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority announced that Villari Brothers Foods of Warsaw has been awarded a \$106,218.10 grant from the Building Reuse Program to support the company's expansion.

Villari Brothers Foods is in the process of expanding its facility at Carter Best Road and has committed to create up to fifty new jobs in three years. The space the company is expanding into has been vacant for over five years. Duplin County approved loaning Villari Brothers Foods \$200,000 from the county's revolving loan fund to support the project and the loan serves as the local match required by the Building Reuse program. The grant will pay for renovation of the building, including electrical, roof, and interior work.

The RIA was established as part of the Rural Economic Development Division at the N.C. Department of Commerce to assist with the review and approval of grants for rural areas in the state. The grants-making programs of the division include assistance for building reuse and well as infrastructure including water and sewer.

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