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Sustainable Sandhills Announces Grant Award for “Green” Internships

FAYETTEVILLE, NC—Sustainable Sandhills is pleased to announce that the organization has received \$165,200 in grant funds from the North Carolina State Energy Office to support eight green energy internships. The program will match a group of eight talented interns with host organizations for 42-week on-the-job internships focused on energy efficiency and conservation. The eight internships include:

- **Sustainable Sandhills:** Four interns will certify businesses, schools and local governments in the Sustainable Sandhills Certified Green Business and Schools program in the 8 county Sandhills region.
- **The City of Fayetteville Environmental Services Department:** Two interns will complete Building Energy Audits and Energy Conservation Plans for 200,000+ square feet of City-owned facilities.
- **Cumberland County Schools:** Two interns will work with the CCS district operations to implement the joint CCS / Sustainable Sandhills Go Green Initiative at the 88 public schools in Cumberland County. The Go Green Initiative teaches earth-friendly behaviors by students and staff, including energy and water conservation, solid waste reduction, local food production in school gardens, and healthy and active lifestyles.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to teach children about environmental responsibility and sustainable living,” stated Kathy C. Miller, CCS Director of Operations. “We are thrilled to partner with Sustainable Sandhills on this initiative that will empower students to make their own school a healthier, more ecologically-friendly place. These lessons last a lifetime and are passed on to friends, siblings and parents outside of the classroom. The impact is remarkable!”

- Total grant amount \$165,200. Total project cost \$220,000.
- [Press Release from NC State Energy Office](#)

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Sustainable Sandhills is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a love and understanding of sustainability in the eight county region surrounding Fort Bragg. Through education programs, events and outreach, we are improving the environmental and economic health of our communities. For more information, visit www.sustainablesandhills.org.