

Economic Development & Planning Legislative Committee Report April 3, 2020

100% of staff is working. No more than 2 allowed in the office at one time. All others have been set up with remote access. We are functioning adequately.

COVID-19 Related activities

- Created comprehensive contact database for over 730 businesses
- Created/launched baseline survey request to 603 businesses
- Compiling data on returned surveys (150+ to date)
- Worked with IDA to issue loan payment deferments for existing IDA loan recipients
- Working to establish COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for small businesses
- Working with IT to create COVID-19 web landing page specific to business assistance
- Creating Economic Advisory Council to assist with recovery efforts
- Working with Foundation Coalition to establish unified approach for assistance to NFP's
- Gathering lender information on relief programs being offered
- Worked with IDA to issue \$10,000 loan to Waterman's Distillery (hand sanitizer)

Other activities

- Submitted 3 USDA grant requests on behalf of IDA (\$385,342)
 - Ag Value Chain Study (\$69,945)
 - Broadband Study (\$65,397)
 - NY Main Street (\$250,000)
- Census 2020 outreach on going- 39.8% self-response rate (3/31)- 4th highest in State
- Land Bank- working toward closing on sale of 6 properties
- DRI- continuing to work with Project Owners to complete gathering required information
- 239 Review (1)- Town of Nichols zone change request; recommended approval
- STN Broadband Study- in process
- Workforce Pipeline Study- interviews being completed
- Restore Projects (3)- Awad completed
- Job Fair- assisted Tioga Career Center

Resolution (1)

D06-Authorization to Transfer Small Cities Community Block Grant Funds to Tioga County Industrial Development Agency