

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY IDA

A Message from Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of the Cattaraugus County IDA for the week of April 24, 2020:

As you know, the Cattaraugus County IDA last week announced a new sales tax initiative for companies and other business entities interested in pursuing the production and manufacturing of personal protection equipment (PPE) for the front-line workers battling the COVID19 pandemic. Various media outlets picked up our announcement, including the [Salamanca Press](#), [WIVB-TV Channel 4](#) and [Buffalo Business First](#).

As you also know, Governor Cuomo announced earlier this week that New York State's will be taking a region by region approach to re-opening the economy. Our own State Senator George Borello joined Assemblyman Andrew Goodell in putting forth their recommendations for re-opening our regional economy. For more information, please visit <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/articles/2020/george-m-borrello/plan-restarting-new-york>.

Congress also passed the third Federal Stimulus bill that will add approximately \$361 billion in funding to the Payroll Protection Program; \$60 billion for a separate emergency disaster loan program also for small businesses; \$75 billion for hospitals; and, \$25 billion for national coronavirus testing.

In our efforts to continue providing you resources that are available to the business community you can visit the following links:

Buffalo Niagara Partnership – [COVID-19 Resources & Impacts for Businesses](#)
New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli – [COVID-19 Financial Survival Toolkit](#)
Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce - [GOACC COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)
United States Internal Revenue Service - [Coronavirus Economic Impact Payments](#)

Finally, United States Congressman Tom Reed's office has provided various links for grant opportunities, including:

Department of Agriculture, Utilities Programs: [Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants](#); [Assistance to High Energy Cost Communities](#); [Revolving Fund Program](#); [Rural Community Development Initiative](#); [Rural Housing Preservation Grant](#)

Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance: [Improving Community Supervision Outcomes Through Swift, Certain, and Fair Responses](#); [Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance](#); [Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism](#); [Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program](#); [Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program \(PDMP\)](#); [Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#); [Strategies for Policing Innovation](#); [Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction \(CBCR\) Program](#); [The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program](#); [Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime Training and Technical Assistance](#)

Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service: [Regional Food System Partnerships](#)

Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Great Lakes RFA 2020: [Great Lakes RFA 2020](#)

Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service: [Conservation Collaboration Grants](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities: [Research and Development](#); [Preservation and Access Education and Training](#)

I think it is important to note though that as anxious as we all are about re-opening the economy, we need to stay mindful of taking every precaution that we are doing so in a methodical process. To remind us of the importance of not getting too far ahead of ourselves, I wanted to share an article recently published by Cornell University [New York Counties COVID19 Vulnerability](#).

Stay positive, stay healthy and stay safe!

Corey