



News Release:

IDA Announces latest ARPA Awards, Sets Application Deadline for Next Round

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The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) is now accepting applications for the third round of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) awards the IDA is administering on behalf of St. Lawrence County.

This next round of ARPA applications will be accepted until January 30th, 2023. Applications and further information on the programs can be found on the St. Lawrence County IDA website at www.slcida.com/APRA.

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators has allocated \$2,900,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds to be administered by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”). In so doing, the Board of Legislators declared that “economic development and tourism are essential to improving the services and activities available in St. Lawrence County” and authorized the IDA to assist in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic impact through a number of program categories.

At this point, over \$700,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds from within these categories has been awarded by the IDA for small businesses and non-profit enterprises, training initiatives, and tourism marketing activities.

The Final Rule for ARPA funding published by the US Department of the Treasury provides a list of enumerated uses of the ARPA funds while also offering flexibility to identify COVID impacts and to create programs, services, and capital expenditures to respond to these impacts. The final rule also clarifies that recipients may use funds for programs, services, and capital expenditures that respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic.

In light of this guidance, and other principles outlined by the Department of the Treasury, the following funding categories and amounts for the St. Lawrence County Economic Development and Tourism Funding Program have been created:

- Workforce Training and Development \$900,000
- Facility and Infrastructure Improvements \$1,000,000
- Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance \$300,000
- Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality Promotion \$350,000
- Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality Capacity Building Grants \$350,000

In addition to the applications, further information is available on the website regarding the project funding categories, eligibility, and application guidelines as well as information regarding CDL-A, Child Care, and Heavy Equipment Operator training programs being provided with ARPA funds.

Please visit www.slcida.com/ARPA for applications and further information regarding the ARPA programs administered by the IDA.

Please contact the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency at 315-379-9806 or info@slcida.com for additional information.