



# ANNUAL REPORT



# St. Lawrence County

Industrial Development Agency

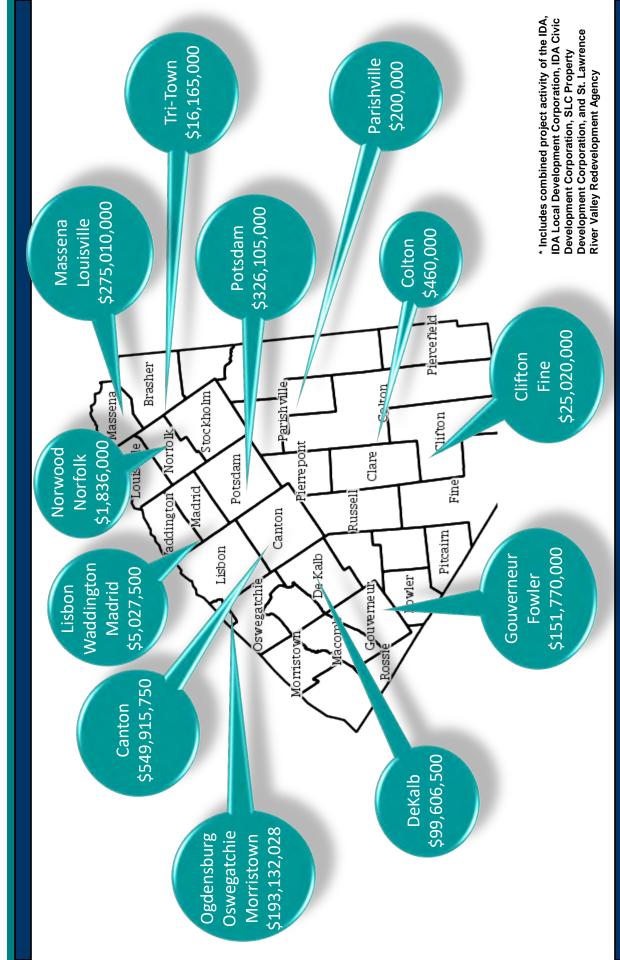
Includes reporting on the following IDA-affiliated entities:

IDA-Local Development Corporation IDA-Civic Development Corporation St. Lawrence County Property Development Corporation St. Lawrence RiverValley Redevelopment Agency

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# IDA History of Project Activity\*



### St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency 2023 Annual Report

### **Mission Statement** (Reviewed and Reaffirmed in Public Session on March 30, 2023)

The mission of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency ("IDA") is to promote, encourage, attract, and develop job opportunities and economically sound commerce and industry in St. Lawrence County. To accomplish its mission, the IDA constructs and owns industrial sites and buildings, administers loan packaging and industrial revenue bond financing, and provides a variety of tax-reduction incentives.



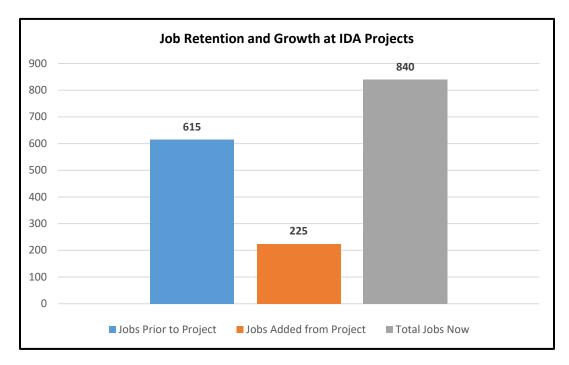
### **Performance Goals**

- To create new employment opportunities for St. Lawrence County citizens through the attraction of or the creation of new businesses
- To create new employment opportunities for St. Lawrence County citizens through the expansion of existing businesses
- To retain existing employment opportunities
- To leverage the greatest level of private investment in St. Lawrence County businesses
- To educate County businesses, elected officials and community representatives regarding available economic development resources
- Act as a liaison with businesses and government to help coordinate economic development services and reduce bureaucracy
- Work cooperatively with area economic development agencies to market County assets and economic development resources to potential new or expanding businesses
- Ensure a transparent and accountable operation with responsibly-managed Agency assets

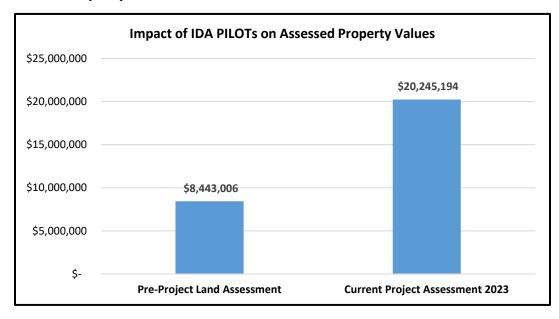
### 2023 Performance Review (January 2023 – December 2023)

### Job, PILOT Payment, and Investment Impact

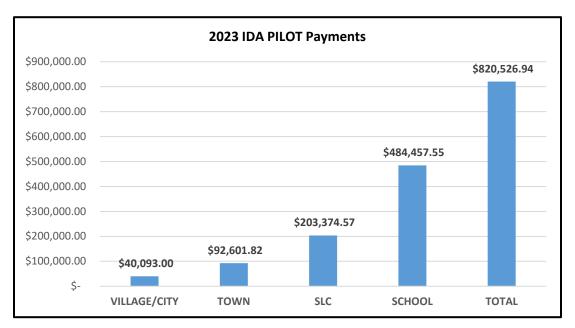
Active IDA projects significantly contribute to job creation and retention in St. Lawrence County. In 2023, 45 active IDA projects supported the retention of 615 jobs and the creation of 225 new jobs, resulting in 840 jobs represented by the projects.



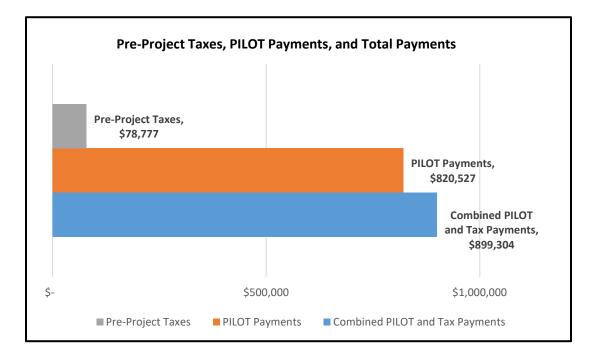
Active projects with IDA PILOTs represent an increase of nearly \$12 million in assessed property value in the County. By the end of the PILOTs, the increase will reach over \$50 million.



Approximately 30 active IDA PILOTs in 2023 resulted in significant investment in the tax base and payments to local communities, schools, and the County. *A total of \$820,526.94 in PILOT payments related to IDA projects were made in 2023*. Of this amount, \$40,903 went to local villages or the City of Ogdensburg, \$92,601.82 went to local towns, \$203,374.57 went to St. Lawrence County, and \$484,457.55 went to local school districts. These payments are provided to the taxing jurisdictions on the same pro rata basis as tax payments and are above and beyond the taxes paid on the underlying property for the projects.

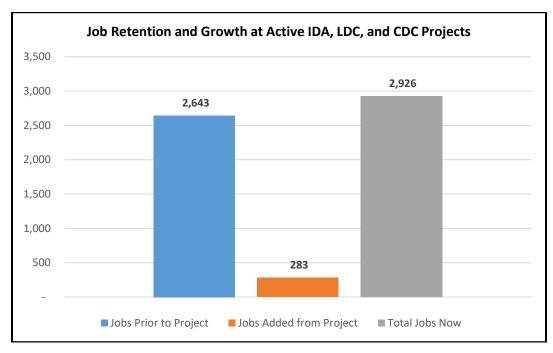


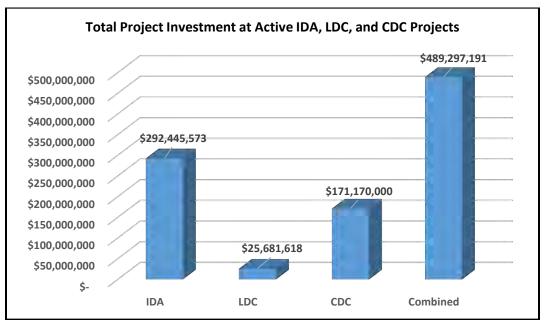
Prior to the inception of the 30 IDA PILOTs, the underlying property for these projects generated \$78,777 in property taxes for the taxing jurisdictions (local, town, school, and county). The PILOT payments now represent more than a tenfold increase in revenue to the taxing jurisdictions.



The numbers and charts above represent the performance of <u>active IDA projects only</u>, the consolidated numbers for IDA, IDA-Local Development Corporation, and IDA-Civic Development Corporation numbers are much higher. Overlapping projects which include IDA and IDA-Local Development Corporation participation (for example, an IDA PILOT and an IDA-LDC loan) have been reconciled to avoid double-counting in the numbers and graphics below.

The combined totals of active IDA, LDC, and CDC projects represents over 2,600 jobs retained, over 280 created, and a combined project investment in St. Lawrence County of nearly \$490 million. This is for active projects only and does not include historical project activity where IDA assistance has been completed or for LDC loans and CDC bonds which have been repaid.





### Projects, Activities, and Initiatives

### Air Products

The IDA continues to work with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. to develop the company's \$425 million green hydrogen production facility in Massena. A public hearing was held in October for IDA incentives for the project, including a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax Agreement ("PILOT") and a Sales and Use Tax Exemption. Site clearing work on the 84-acre parcel for the project has started.

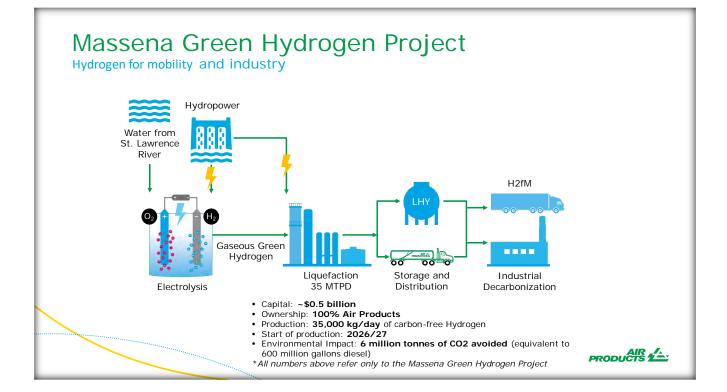
Air Products - an American-based global industrial gases company has been in operation for more than 80 years and serves a wide range of industries including healthcare, technology, and clean energy.

This project will create 90 jobs while supporting New York State's goal of becoming a Regional Clean Energy Hydrogen Hub.

The IDA worked closely with the New York Power Authority to attract Air Products to Massena. NYPA has granted an allocation of 94 megawatts from its

low-cost Preservation Power program for the project.





### Northeastern Sign

Northeastern Sign Corporation, a sign manufacturer and installer in South Colton, is undertaking an expansion of their facility. The project was approved for a Sales and Use Tax Exemption by the IDA for the purchase of equipment and building materials.





As part of the project, the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency provided \$110,000 in lowinterest loan funds for the acquisition of equipment.

The company currently employs eight full-time equivalent employees and plans to add two full-time equivalent jobs as a result of the project.

### Alcoa

The IDA secured \$900,000 in NYS Department of Transportation ("DOT") Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program funds to help Alcoa replace ties, timbers, switches, rail anchors and signals on the rail infrastructure at its smelter in Massena.



The Massena facility is the world's longest continuously operating aluminum smelter, having been in operation since 1902. By providing funding to assist with the upgrades to the rail service at the facility, the IDA and DOT are aiding Alcoa's ongoing efforts to ensure the safety, efficiency, and competitiveness of the plant, which currently employs over 450 individuals.

### Agriculture

The IDA participated in the 2023 St. Lawrence County Agricultural Tour, which provides information on the issues and opportunities for farmers and the agriculture sector in St. Lawrence County. The IDA sponsors the tour to help show the wide spectrum of project activity with which the IDA is involved, including in the agriculture industry.



2023 St. Lawrence County Agricultural Tour attendees

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County was provided a \$25,000 loan from the St. Lawrence County IDA – Civic Development Corporation to assist with the completion of upgrades to the Agricultural Studies Academy classroom and will leverage the ARPA funds also awarded for the project that the IDA is administering on behalf of St. Lawrence County.



2023-2024 Ag Studies Academy Class and the upgraded Ag Studies Academy Classroom

In October, the IDA was presented with the Friend of the Extension Award at the Cornell Cooperative Extension annual dinner.

When the award was presented, Patrick Ames highlighted the IDA's involvement in agriculture and agri-business projects over the years, including work on biodigesters, milking parlors, and orchards as a few examples. Mr. Ames also pointed out the assistance provided by the IDA to the Extension with its projects and the strong working relationship between the organizations.

Patrick Ames, CCE Executive Director presenting IDA CEO Patrick Kelly the Friend of the Extension Award

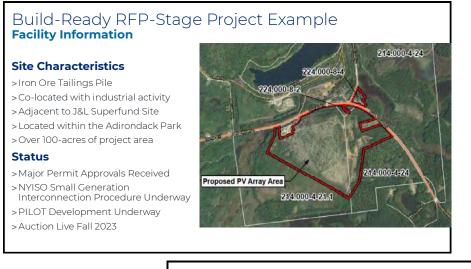


### NYSERDA Build Ready Solar and Benson Mines

The IDA has been working with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") to assist in determining appropriate sites for NYSERDA's Build Ready Solar Program. The Build Ready program takes difficult sites and makes them "build-ready" for private renewable energy developers to ultimately construct and operate.

As part of this collaborative effort, the initial Build Ready solar site in the state will be the BR Benson Mines Solar Project in the Town of Clifton. A 111-acre parcel will be used for the project, and NYSERDA has secured the permitting and approvals necessary to build the project and is now undertaking a bid process to secure a private developer to undertake the project. The project is located in an area covered by tailing materials from the original mining operations at the site, and for which there are limited uses.

A public hearing was held in Cranberry Lake in December by the IDA with participation from NYSERDA. The project was then approved for a 20-year PILOT by the IDA. In addition to generating PILOT revenue and renewable energy development activity on this underutilized property, a \$200,000 Community Benefit Fund will be established by the project developer selected by NYSERDA. The IDA will administer this fund once it is created.



### Build-Ready RFP-Stage Project Example Facility Information

- >**Technology:** Solar PV
- >Project Size: 12 MW AC
- > Location: Benson Mines Inc., Town of Clifton, St. Lawrence County
- >Build-Ready Site Type: Tailings pile of former mine
- > Project Corporate Organization: BR Project 1 LLC
- > Real Property: Lease Option Agreement w/ Benson Mines Inc. Awardee to finalize lease premises.
- >Wetland and Waterbody Resources: Wetland and waterbody delineation surveys and jurisdictional determinations completed.
- >Permitting: APA Solar Generation Facility Permit for 20 MWac solar PV facility, but being auctioned at 12 MWac; local site plan approval from Town of Clifton Site Plan Review and Board and St. Lawrence County Planning Board.

### **Bent Beam Brewing**

St. Lawrence Suds dba Bent Beam Brewing has acquired the former McCarthy's Furniture Barn in the Village of Canton. The company will construct a microbrewery in the building to be operated under the planned name of "Bent Beam Brewery."

The Village of Canton received a Restore NY grant for the restaurant component of the project. IDA incentives and a \$50,000 loan by the IDA Local Development Corporation ("IDA-LDC")will assist in the equipping and rehabilitating of the building envelope and brewing section of the facility. While experiencing supply chain issues, changes were necessary regarding the Project Amount and Benefited Project Amount, so the Estimated Value of NYS Sales and Local Tax Exemption to be provided to the Company for the project, and the timing of the project, have been modified.



Construction underway at the future home of the Bent Beam Brewery in Canton

### **Benson Mines Rail**

The SLCIDA authorized expenditures for professional services for the Benson Mines Rail Access Project for the Site Aggregate Loading Facility in the Town of Clifton.

The project received an award from the Department of Transportation 2016 Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program and has requested several extensions over the years.



Photo Courtesy of Erdman Anthony Consulting Engineering Firm

### St. Lawerence Centre

The St. Lawrence Centre Mall, now referred to as St. Lawrence Centre Industrial Complex, has repurposed over 200,000 sq ft of space for warehousing and industrial use and plans to increase this footprint in the future. The overall facility is over 600,000 sf and offers room for a variety of light to medium manufacturing and other industrial operations. The IDA is working with the owners to promote and recruit businesses into the available space.



St.. Lawrence Industrial Complex

### 100 Paterson Street

Ongoing work for the next phase of the 100 Paterson Street revitalization project in Ogdensburg was completed. A local contractor, Doyle Builders, was awarded the bid for the project which consisted of the replacement of the roof on the 1946 section of the building, tenant improvements, site work for base and paving of parking, outside staircases, concrete blocks, and electrical work.

The first tenant in the building, Canexsys Network Solutions, a vertically integrated electrical mechanical manufacturer primarily focusing on the broadband sector, is utilizing 8,000 square feet with an option to increase its space to up to 38,000 square feet. Additionally, Corning entered into a lease agreement to lease 20,000 square feet of warehouse space in the building. This is a two-year lease with extension options that will assist a local manufacturer with over 300 employees.



100 Paterson Street, Ogdensburg

### ATL

Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Limited was approved for a sales tax exemption by the IDA and a loan of up to \$322,000 by the St. Lawrence County IDA - Local Development Corporation and St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency to acquire specialized Geoprobe drilling The equipment will support ATL's focus on expansion into environmental, equipment. geotechnical, and exploration activities.

The company has locations all around the state, with its headquarters and drilling division located in St. Lawrence County.

Previous drill rig projects the Agency has have employment undertaken met This project is expected to requirements. more full-time equivalent create two employees at the company's drilling division in Canton.



### **APEX** Accelerator



In partnership with the Development Authority of the North Country, the IDA assisted with marketing the services offered by the Empire APEX Accelerator, which provides assistance to local businesses to help them understand the process for procuring military and other federal, state, and local government contract work that will enable them to grow their client base. A representative from Empire APEX

Accelerator schedules office hours at the IDA to meet with local businesses in-person as necessary.

### Lead Foot Trucking

Lead Foot Trucking, LLC, based in Norwood received a microenterprise loan authorization from the IDA-LDC in an amount of up to \$16,000 for costs associated with the purchase of a truck and trailer as well as working capital for the business.



Solar PILOTs

Lead Foot Trucking Truck and Trailer

Seven community-scale solar development projects were approved for PILOT assistance by the IDA in 2023. Three additional solar projects utilizing RPTL-487 PILOTs will be managed by the IDA. These projects will add nearly 51 MW of renewable energy production capacity in the County and will provide an additional \$236,399 in new PILOT revenue for the County and local taxing jurisdictions in the first year of the PILOT agreements, a figure that will increase by 2% per year over the life of the PILOTs. There are now 33 active community solar projects in the County representing approximately 143 MW of renewable energy. There are a few more projects in the development pipeline as well as a small number of larger, utility-scale projects which have been proposed.

### Massena School of Business

As part of the Massena Downtown Revitalization Initiative ("DRI"), the IDA received a \$1.9 million grant award from Empire State Development for the Massena School of Business Façade Restoration Project.

The IDA and the Village of Massena prepared a Memorandum of Agreement to identify the specific roles of each party involved in the project, the goal of which is to preserve the building's historic façade and improve access to the downtown Main Street business corridor. The IDA will provide bridge financing, project oversite and grant administration for the project. In September, the IDA authorized an agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country ("DANC") to provide planning and technical assistance services for the project.



The former Massena School of Business



Massena School of Business Courtyard Corridor Concept Drawing

### New York State Correctional Facilities

The IDA continues to work with the County Ogdensburg Correctional Facility ("OCF") Re-Use Task Force to find a productive reuse for the facility. The closure in March 2022 resulted in the loss of 270 jobs and a \$25 million payroll.

In light of the continued threat of prison closures in New York State, the IDA approved a resolution in support of the continued operation of the remaining two New York State correctional facilities, Gouverneur Correctional Facility and Riverview Correctional Facility, in St. Lawrence County.



The former Ogdensburg Correctional Facility

### Michels Power

Michels Power, Inc. moved out of the Canton Industrial Building and is now leasing approximately 6,600 square feet of space in the Massena Industrial Park Lot 19 building owned by the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency.

As Michels Power, Inc. moves forward with the NYPA SMART Path Project, the company will be focusing on construction on the eastern side of the region.



Moses-Adirondack SMART Path Project

The lease rate charged to Michels includes a

PILOT figure that will be collected and passed to the jurisdictions for the time frame that the space is leased. The other tenant in the Massena building, Fockler Industries, is already on a full-payment PILOT for its space. The building, which was once fully vacant, will generate approximately \$18,000 in PILOT payments.

### St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program

The St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency's Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program Applications for the 2023 funding year were made available earlier this year, with a submission deadline of April 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of 15 applications were accepted, requesting \$277,590 in funding, representing \$665,830 in total proposed project costs. The following projects received funding:

Organization	Project Description	Award
Lisbon Depot Museum	Two Mini split units	\$15,000
Louisville, Town of	Parking area paving for Municipal Building	\$10,000
Macomb, Town of	Historical building renovations to include flooring, lighting, electrical and kitchen upgrades	\$10,000
Massena, Town of	Water study specific to property for development on Route 37	\$10,000
Ogdensburg, City of	Dobisky Center – Improve fire suppression, A/C & hot water heat	\$10,000
Potsdam Humane Society	Best Friends Thrift Store renovations to roof and insulation	\$15,000
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum	Utility expansion – potable water	\$10,000
St. Lawrence Valley Sportsmen Club	Walleye restocking program	\$5,000
Waddington, Town of	Campground at Leishman Point, infrastructure for 4 sites	\$15,000

### **Building Connections to Local Resources**

A Business Resource Mixer was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western University Inn in Canton. Approximately 65 business representatives along with local colleges, universities, and business resource partners were in attendance.

Three local businesses, Tradesman Contracting, Structural Wood Corporation, and Potsdam Specialty Papers formed a panel of speakers to discuss workforce attraction and retention of employees with IDA CEO Patrick Kelly acting as the moderator of the panel.

Positive feedback received after the event indicated attendees benefited from the exchange of information.



IDA CEO Patrick Kelly moderating Business Mixer Panel with Tradesman Contracting, Structural Wood, and Potsdam Specialty Paper



Business Resource Mixer Attendees

Business in the Spotlight events, hosted by the St. Lawrence County Chamber, were attended by IDA staff to help connect businesses with resources needed to ensure successful operations. Events were attended throughout St. Lawrence County, with one event at Applewood Orchards in Rensselaer Falls, where the IDA helped assist in the transition to a new ownership group through a financing package which included a loan from the North Country Economic Development Fund.

The IDA also sponsored a workshop at its own office in Canton with CITEC involving Workplace Problem Solving. Approximately a dozen attendees from local businesses attended, including some IDA staff.

As part of the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce monthly Lunch and Learn Webinar Series, the IDA and the NYS Department of Labor presented on a topic involving job postings as a resource for employers recruiting workers and for applicants seeking local employment opportunities. An introduction on how to use the Jobs page on the IDA website demonstrated how employers can post their own job openings and on how applicants can view the openings.

*Business Connection: Spotlight on Resources*, a subcommittee of the St. Lawrence County Workforce Pipeline Committee, of which the IDA is a member, held events earlier in the year at each of the three BOCES Tech Centers in St. Lawrence County. These events enabled local employers to undertake group tours with students and instructors to help spotlight the programs and services offered at the Tech Centers.



Business Connection: Spotlight on Resources BOCES Tech Center Tour

Many employers who attended the Business Connections events expressed interest in connecting with BOCES students. Job Fairs were held at the three BOCES Career and Technical Centers the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>. IDA staff outreached several businesses to inform them of the opportunities available for hiring graduating seniors from the three BOCES tech centers and to demonstrate how businesses can connect with students for internship opportunities.



St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Job Fairs at all three Career and Technical Centers

The Business Connections: Spotlight on Resources committee also coordinated a tour of the Canino School of Engineering at SUNY Canton. About 30 business representatives were in attendance to learn how to connect with programs and students at SUNY Canton.

This event was modeled after the successful BOCES tours which have proven valuable to local employers. The IDA is driving the effort to help connect local employers to these programs, so they are aware of the resources at hand and have access to potential employees.



Tour at SUNY Canton

Manufacturing Day was held on October 19, 2023. IDA staff served as tour guide assistants at various manufacturing facilities around St. Lawrence C

tour guide assistants at various manufacturing facilities around St. Lawrence County to help introduce local high school students to real –world occupations in the manufacturing industry.



Students from Canton Central School touring the Potsdam Specialty Paper Facility for Manufacturing Day

As part of an ongoing effort to connect the regional military population to local job opportunities, the IDA and St. Lawrence County Chamber have partnered at events on Fort Drum including job fairs, a North Country Expo, and other informational exchanges.



The goal of this effort is to help strengthen the connections between the region's employers and the Fort Drum related talent pool of military spouses and transitioning soldiers and help local employers in their quest for workforce talent.

Similar initiatives are underway with the local schools, BOCES, and colleges and universities.

Lori Sibley, Workforce Development Specialist with the IDA and Laura Pearson from the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce attending the Fort Drum Career Expo

### Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership

The St. Lawrence County Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership ("STL-CEL"), a program collaboration with the University of Buffalo School of Management Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, SUNY Canton, the IDA, and other member organizations of the St. Lawrence County Small Business Working Group saw 7 graduates complete the 2023 program in June of this year.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> class to complete the course and over 30 small business leaders in St. Lawrence County have now completed the program. Participants are pleased with the content of the program, with several former and recent participants recommending the course to other local business leaders.

The IDA-LDC's John Pinkerton will help facilitate the 2024 class held weekly at the IDA main conference room from January through June.



2023 Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Graduates

### Workforce Development Institute

The IDA continues to work in partnership with the Workforce Development Institute ("WDI") to address workforce challenges and opportunities. In 2023, five projects or sponsorships impacting St. Lawrence County employers received assistance from the WDI.

A partnership with Arconic allowed several of their employees to receive technical programmatic training. Structural Wood Corporation also partnered with WDI to provide management training for some of their employees. The WDI assisted both the Adirondack North Country Alliance and the North Country Alliance ("NCA") with sponsorships of the NCA Annual Meeting, the Small Communities, Big Opportunities Conference, and Buyer Days.

While these events were not held in St. Lawrence County, they served St. Lawrence County residents and business owners. A partnership with the United Way of Northern NY, which serves Jefferson, St. Lawrence, and Lewis Counties, also allowed for the development of a Workplace Stability Program for employers throughout the tri-county region. These partnerships with the Workforce Development Institute were estimated to directly impact 45 individuals by increasing their knowledge and skills base, as well as benefiting the attendees at sponsored events.

### Loan Repayments

Borrower:	Location	Fund	Year Issued	Amount
Thew Associates	Canton	RVRDA	2018	\$ 97,000
Undercover Storage (Loan #1)	Winthrop	BMRLF	2021	\$ 30,000
Undercover Storage (Loan #2)	Winthrop	MIC	2021	\$ 10,000
Bregg Winery	Norfolk	LDC	2018	\$ 30,000
Swift Eyewear	Massena	RVRDA	2016	\$ 30,000

The following loans were paid off in 2023:

### Power Proceeds Fund

The Northern New York Power Proceeds Allocation Board ("NNYPPAB") makes funding recommendations to the New York Power Authority ("NYPA") for projects that demonstrate economic development benefits in St. Lawrence County. The Northern New York Power Proceeds Act, passed in December 2014, allows for NYPA to deposit the net earnings from the market sale of ten megawatts of unallocated power from the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project into the fund.

The NNYPPAB is comprised of the following members appointed by the Governor: Chairman Patrick Kelly, CEO of the St. Lawrence County IDA; Robert McNeil, McNeil Accounting Services, Lisbon; and, Theresa Phalon, Past President and CEO of North Country Savings Bank, Canton. There are currently two vacancies on the board awaiting gubernatorial appointment.

As of January 2024, the total amount of Power Proceeds fund deposited is \$8,974,378 with awards of \$2,270,017 – making \$6,704,361 available for qualifying projects. Supporting 160 jobs and \$30.6 million of investments, projects which have received awards include:

0	Canexsys	\$200,000
0	Clarkson University	\$60,000
0	North Country Children's Museum	\$170,000
0	Empire State Mines	\$330,000
0	AmTech Yarns, Inc.	\$370,000
0	SLC Chamber of Commerce	\$220,305
0	Queenaire Technologies, Inc.	\$59,600
0	Criscitello & Criscitello LP	\$95,000
0	Structural Wood Corporation	\$169,112
0	St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum	\$25,000
0	In-Law Brewing Company LLC	\$51,000
0	Woodcrest RNG, LLC	\$300,000
0	Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Limited	\$220,000
St.	Lawrence County Total:	\$2,270,017

### Governance and Compliance

At the IDA's Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected to a one-year term: Brian W. Staples (Chair); Lynn Blevins (Vice-Chair); and Ernest J. LaBaff (Secretary)

Brian Staples and Ernie LaBaff were reappointed by the County Board of Legislators to serve another three-year term on the IDA.

Board members approved the 2022 Independent Audit reports in March of 2023. The reports showed no findings. Legislators have been provided the reports electronically. In addition, the reports are available on our website at <u>www.SLCIDA.com</u>.

As part of our Public Authority Law compliance program, annual policy reviews are conducted by the IDA and its affiliated organizations. In the first quarter the Property Disposition, Whistleblower, Code of Ethics, Defense & Indemnification, and Compensation, Reimbursement & Attendance policies were reviewed. Performance documents for 2022 were also reviewed. Staff members participated in interactive harassment prevention training, in conjunction with a revised policy and training materials.

IDA CEO Patrick Kelly served as Immediate Past Chair of the New York State Economic Development Council ("NYSEDC"). The NYSEDC is the state's principal organization representing economic development professionals. The organization's 900 members includes Industrial Development Agencies, Local Development Corporations, commercial and investment banks, underwriters, law firms, utilities, chambers of commerce, higher education institutions, and private corporations.

The purpose of NYSEDC is to promote the economic development of the state and its communities, to encourage sound practices in the conduct of regional and statewide development programs, and to develop education programs that enhance the professional development skills of its members.

The SLCIDA also remains active with a number of local and regional organizations, including the North Country Alliance, Drum Country Business, the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, the North Country Chamber of Commerce, the St. Lawrence County Economic Development Study Advisory Board, the St. Lawrence County Business Connections: Spotlight on Resources committee, and numerous other committees and working groups focused on community, economic, and workforce development in the country and region.

### Marketing and Promotion

The IDA also continued aggressive marketing efforts to better inform local businesses of our resources, to attract outside businesses and investment to St. Lawrence County, and to seek out alumni and former residents of the area to return to the County. Some of these efforts include:

- Streaming TV advertisements in Canada using the video created for the IDA website. While reviewing analytical data, response to the commercial appeared strong with a higher percentage than expected of people viewing the commercial in its entirety.
- Distributing informational flyers with the "Come Back Home and Bring Your Business" theme at local alumni events, reunions, and festivals this summer to foster attraction efforts, such as the Bass Masters Open in Massena. On-air ads during the Clarkson and St. Lawrence University hockey games also promote this theme as well.
- Staff attendance at the Canadian Manufacturing and Technology Show in Toronto, the EpTech show in Montreal, Advanced Design and Manufacturing Expo in Toronto, the Select USA-Canada event in Montreal.

Staff also attended the North Country Alliance Fall Symposium and after the event, provided a tour of the county to the NYSERDA representatives.

 Additionally, staff hosted Empire State Development agri-business sector representatives to show the potential for agri-business development in St. Lawrence County as part of a Drum Country regional tour.



IDA Business Development Specialist Brian Norton at the Canadian Technology Show in Toronto

- The creation and utilization of advertising and media promotion pieces, including placements in North Country This Week and Northern New York Newspapers.
- Maintaining memberships in Canadian trade organizations to facilitate access to events and to maintain key contacts with Canadian companies and multiplier organizations.
- Collaborating with NYPA to enhance the value of the IDA's website and social media presence. We continue to promote business resources in St. Lawrence County and to position the County as a location for new investment and a destination from outside the area. Since the start of the new year, there has been an increase in utilization of our website and social media platforms. Postings offer information pieces as well as general updates and promotional messaging.

- Outreach to numerous businesses in the following industry sectors:
  - Food production
  - Glass manufacturing
  - Plastics and plastic manufacturing, molding, extrusion
  - Fiber, yarn, filament, thread manufacturing
  - Paper/packaging industries
  - Music industry
  - Businesses whose operations would benefit from the graduates, faculty, and facilities at the local universities.



Drum Country Website

• The IDA continued a commitment of funds for the Drum Country Business Regional Marketing Initiative This effort represents a collaboration of the St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis County IDAs, the Development Authority of the North Country, and National Grid partnering with Fort Drum to promote and develop the region. The goal is to promote St. Lawrence County to audiences that might not recognize the County but do know the region.

Representatives from Fort Drum attended our Business Mixer event in March and discussed the process of transitioning soldiers into the regional workforce. This relationship with Fort Drum was developed as part of this initiative.

- The addition of a Business Spotlight video featuring Potsdam Specialty Papers to our existing set of spotlight videos which include Atlantic Testing, Curran Renewable Energy, Five Mile Farm, Russell's Groom and Board, and a feature video on the IDA.
- Notable highlights to the website and related social media platforms include:
  - Developed a platform for spotlighting successful businesses in SLC, fostering a sense of local pride and economic growth.
  - Further developments to the Jobs in SLC page to include a multitude of resources, job postings, and a form for job posting submission.
  - Continuation of the "Come Home to St Lawrence County" campaign to encourage alumni and previous residents to come back to the county.
  - Further developments to social content highlighting prominent community events that benefit workforce development.
  - Weekly posts have included information about key sectors in the local economy.

- Website and social media analytics include:
  - On average, there are about 13,000 people visiting the site per month, with an engagement rate of 51.69%.
  - Highest number of users per month in this period was in January and March, with another spike in early November, which demonstrates that our social media efforts are working.
  - Users spent an average of 4 minutes on the site showing users are continuing to spend more time during their sessions than last year.

### Social Media Analytics Key Takeaways in 2023:

Over the course of the year, we saw performance levels grow significantly with Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn:

- Incorporated more quality-of-life posts/posts about community members. Stories about people interest people.
- There was a significant increase in page reach by 302%, and page and profile visits increased 90.5% compared to 2022. This means more viewers are seeking the information that the page provides. We posted a minimum of 2 times per week on the SLC IDA Facebook page throughout the year
- Twitter impressions reached roughly 6,000 for the year, with July being our best performing month with over a thousand impressions in a month. The Engagement Rate on Twitter increased in 2023 and performed better than 2022.
- On Instagram, we saw page reach increase dramatically by 3.0k%. This has to do with the Family Child Care Training Program ad that ran. Regardless of that ad, reach still would have increased.



### American Rescue Plan Act Funding

In declaring that <u>"economic development and tourism are essential to improving the services</u> <u>and activities available in St. Lawrence County,"</u> the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators allocated \$3,400,000 in ARPA funds to be distributed through the IDA to organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through a number of program categories. In 2022, the total amount of ARPA funds awarded was \$734,581.00.



In 2023, the total amount of ARPA funds awarded was \$1,408,801.

### 2023 ARPA Award Summary:

		A	WARDED
	FUNDING IDA TO ALLOCATE	\$	2,900,000
SMALL	BUSINESS AND NON PROFIT AWARDS	\$	190,000
FA	CIILTY & INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS	\$	978,400
WORKFORCE -NE	W AND EXISTING WORKER AWARDS	\$	277,415
HEAVY EQUIP	MENT OPERATOR TRAINING AWARDS	\$	47,100
HEA	LTH CARE SKILLS TRAINING AWARDS	\$	9,912
WC	RKFORCE TALENT PIPELINE AWARDS	\$	-
TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOS	PITALITY CAPACITY BLDG AWARDS	\$	350,000
TOURISM, T	RAVEL & HOSP PROMOTION AWARDS	\$	305,771
TOTAL F	UNDS COMMITTED FROM 2.9 TO DATE	\$	2,158,598
	TOTAL REMAINING TO ALLOCATE	\$	741,402
		A	WARDED
SE	PARATE FUNDING IDA ADMINSTERS	\$	487,000
(	CDLA & FCCTP - ALLOCATED TO DATE	\$	131,580
	TOTAL REMAINING TO ALLOCATE	\$	355,420
COMBINEI	O ARPA FUNDING IDA ADMINISTERS	\$	3,387,000
		A	WARDED
TOTAL APP	RA FUNDING ADMISTERED BY THE IDA	\$	2,290,178

### ARPA: CDL-A

In 2023 there were five classes offered with a total of 26 people enrolled (6 of those for CDL-B certification and 20 for CDL-A certification). Only 3 individuals did not pass the road test and one of them is still working on it. Graduates have either obtained employment or have been promoted to CDL positions at the following businesses: Brookfield Power, Collins Construction, Liberty Utilities, MJT Trash Removal, NYS DOT, Pepsi Ogdensburg Bottlers, Peaceful Living Home Sales, Potsdam Central School Bus Garage, Poulin Grain, Stauffer Farm, LLC, SUNY Canton, Town of Russell, Upstone Materials, Wayne's Gas Station, and White & Patterson Grain.

SUNY Canton's CREST Center requested assistance in locating a trailer to replace the deteriorating one currently in use for the CDL-A Training Program. The IDA began outreaching businesses and Seaway Timber Harvesting donated a trailer for the program.

Additionally, the IDA partnered with the Cornell Cooperative Extension by pledging \$35,000 in these ARPA funds to support a Rural Business Development grant the CCE secured from the USDA for CDL-A training. Through this effort, the CCE and IDA are working together to leverage ARPA CDL-A to support driver training for St. Lawrence County farms. The training cost for farm enterprise drivers is being split 50/50 between the CCE USDA funds and County ARPA funds, resulting in no cost to the farms or the trainees.

### ARPA: Heavy Equipment Operator and Certified Medical Assistant Training

St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES Adult Education and Workforce Development received a Reimagine Workforce Grant for over \$250,000 to help leverage training funds for the Heavy Equipment Operator ("HEO") and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Programs ("CCMA").

The Reimagine Grant was based on the program models that were created for the ARPA funding. As American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds are depleting, this will serve as an additional

funding stream to help sustain these program offerings. Of the 13 students participating in the CCMA classes in 2023, 2 received ARPA funding, and of the 18 students enrolled in the HEO training classes, 9 received ARPA funding.

Promotional activity promoting the Heavy Equipment Operator, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, CDL-A, and Family Childcare training programs proved successful as many of these programs were full for each cohort in 2023.



Participants in the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Program with their Program Instructor

### ARPA: Childcare Training and Development

The St. Lawrence County Childcare Training Program will create greater access to quality childcare to allow individuals to enter (or re-enter) the workforce, encourage new business development, and support working families across St. Lawrence County.

The program, created with significant assistance from County ARPA funding, includes entrepreneurship training provided by the Small Business Development Center and enrollment in a 3-credit Early Childhood online course offered through SUNY Canton.

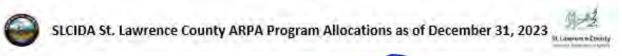


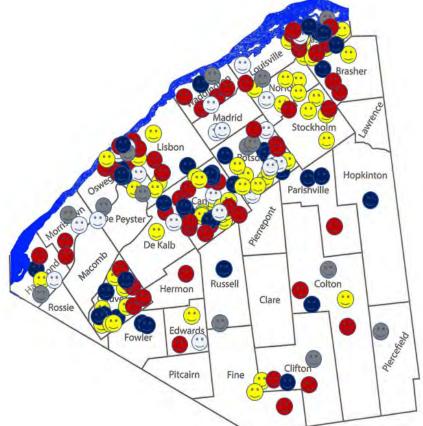
Family Childcare Training Program Graduate Rebecca Peck

### Family Child Care Training Program 2023 Scope of Work and Timeline

- Recognition of successful completion by 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort, startup grants awarded, participant feedback gathered.
- Based on the insights of the SLC Child Care Council that providers are less likely to pursue an in-home Family or Family Group Day Care as summer approaches, efforts were focused on securing a testimonial and program promotion after the start of the school year.
- As a result of having to recover expenses paid for two participants of ECHD 101 who did not complete the other program requirements, FCCTP was modified to require licensure first, then successful completion of SBDC training, prior to enrollment in ECHD 101, with reinforced messaging, transition support between each step, and inclusion of claw back language in the program enrollment form.
- Ongoing free publicity, social media posts, on-demand virtual info sessions, and rolling enrollment of participants with:
  - Guidance with the NYS FCC Application Process, Regulations and Licensing Assistance by the St. Lawrence Child Care Council
  - Personalized Business Counseling, Family Childcare Business Training by the Small Business Development Center
  - Enrollment in 3-credit Early Childhood online course, and mentoring in the SUNY Canton Early Childhood Program
- Publicity with Rebecca Peck's testimonial, press releases, captioned photos, fliers, and presentation presented at Child Care Providers Conference.
- Launch of paid promotional plan to include placements on social media and local newspapers - all to continue through the end of January 2024.

Goal:	Actual:	Goal: New	Actual	Communities
New	New	<b>Childcare Slots</b>	New Childcare	Represented
Providers	Providers	Created	<b>Slots Created</b>	(as of 12/2023)
				Canton, Colton,
10-15	7	60-120	80	Gouverneur, Heuvelton,
				Lisbon, Massena,
				Ogdensburg, and Russell





Program	Allocation to Date Location
Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program	\$190,000
Facility and Infrastructure Improvements Fund	\$978,400
Workforce Training and Development New/Existing Worker	\$277,415
Tourism, Travel, and Hospitality Capacity Building Grant	\$350,000
Tourism, Travel, and Hospitality Promotion Grants	\$305,771
BOCES Heavy Equipment Operator Training	\$47,100
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Training	\$9,912
Workforce Talent Pipeline	\$0
Child-Care Training Program	\$20,000
Commercial Driver License CDL-A Training	\$131,580
Total ARPA Allocation: \$3,387,000	\$2,310,178

### (see attached Appendix A for full 2023 ARPA Award Summary)

# St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### 2023 ARPA Award Summary



SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT AS	AALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		AWARDED	
	Budgeted	\$	250,000	
24 Main Street Bed and Breakfast	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Alex's Ice	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	2,500	
(Massena)	Approved 12/16/2022			
Anchorspace	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	2,500	
(Potsdam)	Approved 6/27/2023			
Ashley's Ice	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(OGDENSBURG)	Approved 3/30/2023			
B&D Foster Enterprises	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	7,500	
(POTSDAM)	Approved 12/20/2023			
BB Rey, LLC	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500	
(Gouverneur)	Approved 11/29/2022			
Body by Johnnie	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	2,500	
(Ogdensburg)	Approved 12/16/2022			
Canton Day Care Center	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Char's Bar	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,000	
(MORLEY)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Commercial Press Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Dave's All Season Care	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	2,500	
(NORWOOD)	Approved 6/27/2023			
Edwards Arts Council	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	2,500	
(EDWARDS)	Approved 5/23/2023			
Ellen Mills Rentals	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500	
(Lisbon)	Approved 11/29/2022			
Eshelman's Home & Lawn Services	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(DEKALB JUNCTION)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Far & Away Properties	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Finen Maple Products LLC	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(NORWOOD)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Fourth Coast Entertainment Media	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,000	
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023			
Forevermore Studio	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500	
(Massena)	Approved 11/29/2022			
Foster the Plant Café	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500	
(Potsdam)	Approved 11/29/2022			
Frisina General Contracting LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500	
(OGDENSBURG)	Approved 3/30/2023		,	
GardenShare	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	2,500	
(Canton)	Approved 9/23/2022		,	

SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT AS	SISTANCE PROGRAM	AW	ARDED
Gouverneur Ice Cream Bowl	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(GOUVERNEUR)	Approved 3/30/2023		
Grasse River Outfitters	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(CANTON)	Approved 3/30/2023		
Hammond Historical Museum	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(HAMMOND)	Approved 3/30/2023		
Helena General Store	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	2,500
(Helena)	Approved 9/23/2022		
Heuvelton Historical Association	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(HEUVELTON)	Approved 3/30/2023		,
High Peaks Winery	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(WINTHROP)	Approved 3/30/2023		<i>y</i>
In-Law Brewery Co.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(CHASE MILLS)	Approved 3/30/2023	Ψ	2,000
J&J Appliance Services, LLC.	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	5,000
(Winthrop)	Approved 11/29/2022	Ψ	5,000
J&J Lawn Services	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	2,500
(POTSDAM)	Approved 5/23/2023	φ	2,500
	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	2 500
Langevin Excavation, LLC (STAR LAKE)		Φ	2,500
	Approved 9/26/2023	¢	2 500
M&M Eggs	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	2,500
(MASSENA)	Approved 5/23/2023	<u>^</u>	2 500
Martin's Lawn Care	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	2,500
(POTSDAM)	Approved 5/23/2023		
Maple Ridge Kennels	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500
(Canton)	Approved 11/29/2022		
Meola Enterprises LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,000
(GOUVERNEUR)	Approved 3/30/2023		
Mullins Catering & Take-Out LLC	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	5,000
(GOUVERNEUR)	Approved 5/23/2023		
Natural Massage Therapy	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(WINTHROP)	Approved 3/30/2023		
North Country Showcase	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	5,000
(Massena)	Approved 11/29/2022		
North Country Custom Builders	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	2,500
(WINTHROP)	Approved 12/20/2023		
Northern Sons Construction, LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(COLTON)	Approved 3/30/2023		
Patriot Paving	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	10,000
(NORFOLK)	Approved 5/23/2023		
Potsdam Consumer Cooperative, Inc.	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500
(Potsdam)	Approved 11/29/2022		
Railroad Productions Co.	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	5,000
(Canton)	Approved 11/29/2022		, -
Route 68 Deli	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	2,500
(Lisbon)	Approved 9/23/2022	Ψ	_,2 00
R&R Automotive	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,000
(POTSDAM)	Approved 3/30/2023	Ψ	5,000
Shades Tanning & Hair Salon	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(MASSENA)		φ	2,500
(MASSENA)	Approved 3/30/2023		

(DEKALB JUNCTION)	Approved 10/24/2023		
White Pillars Bed & Breakfast	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	2,500
(GOUVERNEUR)	Approved 8/15/2023		. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Walton's Auto Care, LLC	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	7,500
(NORFOLK)	Approved 3/30/2023		,
U.S. Repair	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(GOUVERNEUR)	Approved 8/15/2023	Ŧ	_,500
The Flower Girls	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	2,500
(POTSDAM)	Approved 3/30/2023	Ψ	2,500
Summit Business Solutions, LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(Gouverneur)	Approved 11/29/2022	Ψ	2,500
Strandz Salon	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500
(CANTON)	Approved 8/15/2023	Ψ	10,000
St. Lawrence County Community Development Pro	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	10,000
(MASSENA)	Approved 3/30/2023	Ψ	2,500
Spanky's In Massena	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
(Massena)	Approved 11/29/2022	Ψ	2,500
Simplicity Clothing	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	2,500
(Canton)	Approved 9/23/2022	Ψ	2,500
Shoulette's Redemption Center	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	2,500
(RENSSELAER FALLS)	Approved 3/30/2023	$\varphi$	2,300
The Shepherd's Hook	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	2,500
Sharrow's Home Repair (STAR LAKE)	Approved 5/23/2023	φ	2,500
SMALL BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT ASSIST	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	VARDED

FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND			WARDED
	Budgeted	\$	1,450,000
Adirondack Fragrance Farm	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	14,500
(PARISHVILLE)			
American Legion Post 1539	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	38,000
(STAR LAKE)			
At the Docks, LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	20,000
(OGDENSBURG)			
Breezy Maples Farm	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000
(MASSENA)			
Canton Apple & Cider	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	6,285
(CANTON)			
Canton Day Care Center	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	13,700
(CANTON)			
Canton Potsdam Hospital	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	30,087
(Potsdam)			
Clark House Preservation Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	16,387
(WADDINGTON)			,
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	5,857
(CANTON)			,
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	18,000
(CANTON)			- ,
Edwards Arts Council	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	13,418
(EDWARDS)		Ŧ	
Empire State Mines	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	35,000
(GOUVERNEUR)		Ŧ	20,000
Fabulous Finds Boutique	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	23,438
(Massena)		Ŧ	20,100
Fahrenheit 132'	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	7,000
(MASSENA)		Ψ	7,000
Far & Away Properties	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,000
(CANTON)		Ψ	5,000
Finen Maple Products LLC	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	15,000
(NORWOOD)		Ŷ	12,000
Frederic Remington Art Museum	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	17,000
(OGDENSBURG)	Resolution IDA 25 05 07	Ψ	17,000
Forevermore Studios	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	8,000
(MASSENA)	Resolution IDA-23-03-19	ψ	0,000
Fox Rust	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,000
(HERMON)	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	ψ	10,000
Gouverneur Community Center	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	7,425
(GOUVERNEUR)	Resolution IDA-23-02-05	φ	7,423
	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000
Grist Mill Brewery (MASSENA)	Resolution 1DA-25-05-09	φ	23,000
	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25 000
High Peaks Winery	Kesoluuoli IDA-25-05-09	Φ	25,000
(WINTHROP)	Desclution IDA 22.02.00	¢	25 000
Hozmerica, LLC. (Hosmer's Marina)	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000
(OGDENSBURG)	Dec 1 (100 IDA 02.02.00	φ.	05 000
In-Law Brewery Co.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000
(CHASE MILLS)			

FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND			AWARDED	
Iron Horse - Blast Boss	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000	
(MORRISTOWN)				
Kuno Oil Company, Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	6,000	
(CANTON)				
Market Square	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	16,000	
(POTSDAM)				
Massena Meals on Wheels	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	7,500	
(MASSENA)				
Morristown Gateway Museum	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	12,675	
(Morristown)				
Mullins Catering & Take-Out LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	20,000	
(GOUVERNEUR)				
Nature's Storehouse	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	5,800	
(CANTON)			,	
Norfolk Concert Series	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	25,000	
(NORFOLK)			- ,	
North Coutry Transitional Living	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	6,000	
(OGDENSBURG)		Ŷ	0,000	
Northeastern Sign Corporation	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	20,000	
(SOUTH COLTON)		Ψ	20,000	
Northern Sons Construction, LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	22,200	
(COLTON)	Resolution IDA-25-00-22	Ψ	22,200	
Northern Physical Therapy	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	50,000	
(Ogdensburg)	Resolution IDA-22-11-20	φ	50,000	
Otto's Abode	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	13,286	
(WANAKENA)	Resolution IDA-25-05-09	φ	15,280	
Phillip's Diner	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	17,530	
*	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	φ	17,550	
(Ogdensburg)	D 1 (1 IDA 22 12 28	¢	25.000	
Pike's Place Venue, Inc.	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	25,000	
(Brasher Falls)	D 1 1 1D 1 00 00 00	¢	15.000	
Police Activities League	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	15,000	
(MASSENA)		*		
Post, Thomas Realty	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	11,600	
(MASSENA)		*		
Route 68 Deli	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	5,000	
(Lisbon)				
St. James Outreach and Thrift Store	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,000	
(GOUVERNEUR)				
St. Lawrence County Historical Association	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	7,000	
(CANTON)				
Seaway Valley Prevention	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	22,797	
(Ogdensburg)				
Simplicity	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	6,500	
(MASSENA)				
Small Town Supply	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	30,000	
(GOUVERNEUR)				
Star Lake Food Pantry	Resolutions IDA-23-08-28 & 23-09-31	\$	7,600	
(STAR LAKE)				
St. Lawrence County RACES	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	2,400	
(POTSDAM)				

FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND		AWARDED	
Structural Wood	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	33,345
(WADDINGTON)			
TAUNY	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	20,000
(CANTON)			
TBB River Road LLC (Main St. PERC)	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,000
(WADDINGTON)			
TBB River Road LLC (Main St Perc)	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	5,000
(Waddington)			
Tradesman Contracting LLC	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	10,670
(Rensselaer Falls)			
Tri-Town Kids	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	35,000
(BRASHER FALLS)			
United Helpers	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	20,000
(CANTON)			
Woodcrest Dairy LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	18,000
(LISBON)			
Yesteryear's Vintage Doors	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	7,400
(HAMMOND)			
	Total Awarded	\$	978,400
	Funding Balance Available	\$	471,600

<b>WORKFORCE NEW &amp; EXISTING WORKER PROGRAMS</b>		AV	VARDED
	Budgeted	\$	350,000
Adk Fragrance & Flavor Farm	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	5,000
(Parishville)	New Worker Training		
Alcoa USA Corporation	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	35,000
(Massena)	New Worker Training		
Canexsys	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	4,000
(OGDENSBURG)	New Worker Training		
Coakley Sons, Inc	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	3,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Coakley Sons, Inc	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	5,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Coakley Sons, Inc	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	2,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Coakley Sons, Inc	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	10,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Defelsko Corporation	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	25,000
(Ogdensburg)	New Worker Training		
Doyle Builders Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	8,000
(OGDENSBURG)	New Worker Training		
Empire State Mines	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	8,000
(GOUVERNEUR)	New Worker Training		
Empire State Mines	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	25,000
(GOUVERNEUR)	New Worker Training		
ENI Mechanical, Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	13,000
(GOUVERNEUR)	New Worker Training		
Foster the Plant Café	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	2,000
(Potsdam)	New Worker Training		
Kuno Oil Company, Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	6,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Kuno Oil Co. Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	2,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Kuno Oil Co. Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	12,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
LeBerge & Curtis	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	5,000
(CANTON)	New Worker Training		
Norco Farms, LLC	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	4,000
(HOPKINTON)	New Worker Training		,
North Country This Week	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	7,500
(POTSDAM)	New Worker Training	·	,
Sharrow's Home Repair & Renovations	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	1,000
(STAR LAKE)	New Worker Training	*	1,000
Tri-Town Kids	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	14,000
(BRASHER FALLS)	New Worker Training	*	1.,000

ORKFORCE NEW & EXISTING WORKER PROGRAMS		AWARDED	
Adirondack Flavor & Fragrance Farm	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	7,500
(Parishville)	Existing Worker		
Amtech Yarns	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	880
(MASSENA)	Existing Worker		
Amtech Yarns	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	2,000
(MASSENA)	Existing Worker		
Arconic US LLC.	Resolution IDA-23-08-28	\$	4,040
(MASSENA)	Existing Worker		
Atlantic Testing Laboratories	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	1,500
(CANTON)	Existing Worker		
Breen, Patrick	Resolution IDA-23-06-22	\$	1,148
(COLTON)	Existing Worker		
Canexsys	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	2,700
(OGDENSBURG)	Existing Worker		
CEL CLASSES	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	1,600
(MULTIPLE)	4 COMPLETED Existing Worker		
Doyle Builders Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	1,305
(OGDENSBURG)	Existing Worker		
Empire State Mines	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	7,500
(GOUVERNEUR)	Existing Worker		
Foster the Plant Café	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	2,569
(Potsdam)	Existing Worker		
Gouverneur Volunteer Rescue Squad	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	6,575
(GOUVERNEUR)	Existing Worker		
Hoosier Magnetics Inc	Resolution IDA-23-10-35	\$	1,400
(OGDENSBURG)	Existing Worker		
LeBerge & Curtis Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	1,870
(CANTON)	Existing Worker		
LeBerge & Curtis Inc.	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	1,600
(CANTON)	Existing Worker		
Potsdam Specialty Paper Inc.	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	7,500
(Potsdam)	Existing Worker		
Small Town Supply	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	7,500
(GOUVERNEUR)	Existing Worker		
St. Lawrence County ARC	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	7,500
(Canton)	Existing Worker		
Structural Wood	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	7,500
(WADDINGTON)	Existing Worker		
Tradesman Contracting LLC	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	2,200
(RENSSELAER FALLS)	Existing Worker		, -
United Helpers - Northern Light Home Health Care	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	4,528
(CANTON)	Existing Worker		,
	Total Awarded	\$	277,415
	Funding Balance Available	\$	72,585

WORKFORCE - HEAVY EQUIPMENT	TRAINING	A	WARDED
		\$	100,000
Heavy Equipment Operator	Heavy Equipment Operator - Feb 2023 class	\$	47,100
(MULTIPLE)	12 Participants in c	lass	
Heavy Equipment Operator			
(MULTIPLE)	ADVERTISING COSTS		
		\$	47,100
	Funding Balance Available	\$	52,900
WORKFORCE - HEALTHCARE SKIL	LS DEVELOPMENT	A	WARDED
		\$	25,000
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant		\$	9,912
(MULTIPLE AREAS)	3 Enrolled	·	- ,-
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant			
(MULTIPLE AREAS)	ADVERTISING COSTS		
		\$	9,912
	Funding Balance Available	\$	15,088
WORKFORCE - WORKFORCE TALE	NT PIPFI INF	A.	WARDED
WORKFORCE - WORKFORCE TALE		\$	25,000
		\$	
		\$	_
	Funding Balance Available	φ \$	25,000
		Ψ	20,000
CHILD CARE TRAINING PROGRAM	- SEPARATE FUNDING STREAM	A	WARDED
	Budgeted	\$	200,000
SUNY Canton - ChildCare Program		\$	20,000
(MULTIPLE AREAS)			
		\$	20,000
	Funding Balance Available	\$	180,000
CDL-A PROGRAM - SEPARATE FUN	DINC STDEAM	•	WARDED
CDL-A FROGRAM - SEFARATE FUN	Budgeted	<b>A</b>	287,000
CREST Center, SUNY Canton	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	• \$	287,000
(Multiple locations)	Resolution 1DA-22-11-20	φ	24,500
CREST Center, SUNY Canton	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	77,080
,	Resolution 1DA-25-05-17	φ	77,000
(MULTIPLE AREAS)	Resolution IDA-23-09-31	\$	20.000
CREST Center, SUNY Canton	Kesolution IDA-23-09-51	Ф	30,000
(MULTIPLE AREAS)		\$	131,580
	Funding Balance Available	э \$	151,580
	r unung balance Available	Φ	155,420

TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOSPITALITY CAR	PACITY BLDG GRANT	AV	AWARDED	
	Budgeted	\$	350,000	
Black Lake Association	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	40,000	
(BLACK LAKE)	Cut water chestnuts, milfoil, imp. water quality			
Boondockers Sno Club, Inc	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	40,000	
(RUSSELL)	Puchase used tractor with front end loader			
Chase's Riverside Dining	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	30,000	
(LOUISVILLE)	Four season event space			
Cranberry Lake Mountainerrs Snowmobile Assoc.	Resolution IDA-22-09-18	\$	40,000	
(CRANBERRY LAKE)	Purchase groomer			
Cycle Endurance & Sports	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,000	
(POTSDAM)	Rehabilitate bus for bike tours			
Fish Massena, Town of Massena	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	35,00	
(MASSENA)	2023 season - 5 events			
Heuvelton Historical Association	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,00	
(HEUVELTON)	Audio-Video			
Inn at the Elms	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	10,00	
(WADDINGTON)	Event space			
Morristown Gateway Museum	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	20,00	
(MORRISTOWN)	Exhibit - The Small Fish of Black Lake			
North County Children's Museum	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	25,00	
(POTSDAM)	2nd floor expansion, 6 new exhibits			
Ogdensburg Historical Association	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,00	
(OGDENSBURG)	Event space			
St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Assoc.	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	40,00	
(Piercefield)	Bridge to connect Adk Rail Trail to Lake Placid			
St. Lawrence County Trails	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	40,00	
(Colton/Parishville)	Bridge to connect Colton & Parishville trails			
Thousand Island Land Trust	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	5,00	
(HAMMOND)	Advertise trails and events to visitors			
	Total awarded	\$	350,00	
	Funding Balance Available	\$	, í	

TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOSPITALITY			VARDED
	Budget		350,000
Big Shotz Golf	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	5,28
(POTSDAM)	Market Business and promote local area		
Black Lake Chamber of Commerce	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	8,00
(BLACK LAKE)	Create Marketing Plan & Implement		
Cycle Endurance & Sports	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	4,000
(POTSDAM)	Promotion of bus tours		
Edwards Opera House	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	5,000
(EDWARDS)	Marketing Plan & Implemenation		
Fort La Presentation Association	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	4,00
(OGDENSBURG)	Traveling Outreach Exhibit		
Frederic Remington Art Museum	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	5,944
(OGDENSBURG)	Promotion of Tour Bus market		
The Grist Mill Brewery	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	3,000
(MASSENA)	Marketing and implementation		- ,
Hammond Scottish Festival	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	1,03
(HAMMOND)	Advertize Scottish Heritage Event	Ŧ	-,
Inn at the Elms	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	1,00
(WADDINGTON)	Marketing and implementation	Ψ	1,00
Massena Int'l-Richards Field Airport	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	25,00
(MASSENA)	Airport promotion	Ψ	25,000
Morristown Gateway Museum	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	2,00
(MORRISTOWN)		φ	2,00
North County Children's Museum	Create Marketing Plan & Implement Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	7,50
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(POTSDAM)	New Website - promote expansion	¢	C 00
Norwood Village Green Concert Series	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	6,00
(NORWOOD)	Promote 50th anniversary	¢	25.00
Ogdensburg International Airport	Resolution IDA-22-11-26	\$	25,00
(OGDENSBURG)	Airport promotion	<b>.</b>	
Potsdam Chamber of Commerce	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	4,00
(POTSDAM)	Marketing and implementation		
St. Lawrence County Arts Council	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	10,00
(POTSDAM)	North Country Arts Festival Promotion		
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	5,00
(MADRID)	National Allis Chambers Tractor Show		
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	4,00
(MADRID)	Promotion of Fort Tribute		
Swing Time Golf	Resolution IDA-22-12-28	\$	5,00
(CANTON)	Create online presence, advertising		
SLC Chamber of Commerce	Resolution IDA-23-03-09	\$	150,00
(ST LAW CO)	Out of Area Destination Marketing Campaign		
St Lawrence County Historical Assoc.	Resolution IDA-23-05-19	\$	10,00
(CANTON)	New Website, Branding & Marketing Campaign		,
The River Course at Louisville	Resolution IDA-23-02-03	\$	10,00
(LOUISVILLE)	Create Marketing Plan & Implement	Ψ	10,00
· · · ·	Resolution IDA-23-12-45	\$	5,00
White Pillars		Φ	5,00
(LOUISVILLE)	Marketing of Extended Stay	<i>•</i>	
	Total awarded	\$	305,771
	Funding Balance Available	\$	44,22

FUNDING IDA TO ALLOCATE	\$ 2,900,000
SMALL BUSINESS AND NON PROFIT AWARDS	\$ 190,000
FACIILTY & INFRASTRUCTURE AWARDS	\$ 978,400
WORKFORCE -NEW AND EXISTING WORKER AWARDS	\$ 277,415
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING AWARDS	\$ 47,100
HEALTH CARE SKILLS TRAINING AWARDS	\$ 9,912
WORKFORCE TALENT PIPELINE AWARDS	\$ -
TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOSPITALITY CAPACITY BLDG AWARDS	\$ 350,000
TOURISM, TRAVEL & HOSP PROMOTION AWARDS	\$ 305,771
TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED FROM 2.9 THRU 12/31/2023	\$ 2,158,598
TOTAL REMAINING TO ALLOCATE	\$ 741,402
SEPARATE FUNDING IDA ADMINSTERS	\$ 487,000
CDLA & FCCTP - ALLOCATED TO DATE	\$ 151,580
TOTAL REMAINING TO ALLOCATE	\$ 335,420
COMBINED ARPA FUNDING IDA ADMINISTERS	\$ 3,387,000
TOTAL APRA FUNDING AWARDED	\$ 2,310,178
BALANCE REMAINING TO ALLOCATE	\$ 1,076,822
TOTAL COMBINED FUNDS REMAINING	\$ 1,076,822

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# ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 2024 Marketing Plan





### St. Lawrence County

Industrial Development Agency



#### Summary

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency will continue to promote St. Lawrence County as a business investment destination to our targeted geographies and industry sectors. As part of these promotional efforts, the Agency will focus on the activities and action steps highlighted in the 2023 St. Lawrence County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy ("CEDS").

As outlined in the CEDS, the County's strategy for growing its economy starts by recognizing that jobs and tax base are created by the success of **profitable enterprises**. As a result, the County must concentrate on expanding existing operations and growing new operations, while pursuing a strategy which consistently demonstrates how it helps: (1) existing enterprises to become/stay profitable and expand their operations and/or (2) identify and create new enterprises that can start or locate profitable operations in the County.

While it is important for the County to ensure the continuing operations of enterprises that have reached maturity, the County can only reverse its economic deterioration by helping existing enterprises to expand and/or grow or to locate new enterprises in the County.

Four key objectives related to marketing and business outreach must be accomplished in order to achieve the goals of expanding and increasing the County's employer base, they are:

- Encourage and assist existing employers to maintain their current operations (hereafter "retention") that provide stable employment and traditional products and services to customers within and outside the County.
- Encourage and assist existing employers in the County to expand their operations (hereafter "expansion") by using the tools at the developers' command to help them to become more cost-efficient, to develop new products and services, and to locate new customers.
- Identify entrepreneurs already resident in the County and encourage them to start up new businesses in the County (hereafter called "already here" startups).
- Identify entrepreneurs and businesses located outside the County who could profitably start businesses in the County and/or profitably move their businesses to the County (hereafter called "come here" startups).

The resources to reach both existing in-County and outside individuals and enterprises are limited by cost and staff time available to commit on the sustained basis necessary to reach all, or even most, potential markets. As a result, in marketing resources will be focused on the highest probability, and most cost effective, outreach efforts. This includes the IDA managing its own series of promotional and sales activities and, especially, supplementing these efforts by partnering with other local, regional and State development organizations.



The 2024 marketing plan for the Agency will also include efforts to advance the "Research Agenda" outlined in the County's CEDS. For example, exploring such questions as the destinations of "round" wood harvested in but exported from the County and whether and how turning such an exported resource into value-added products in the County could give an enterprise a competitive advantage by locating here.

As it has historically, the Agency will highlight our border location, available power assets, and the collaboration opportunities with our local colleges and universities. We will undertake initiatives to target alumni of the colleges in specific industry sectors who might be enticed to return to the area either as entrepreneurs or as decision-makers with current companies.

There are a number of former industrial or otherwise under-utilized properties which will be promoted for economic development re-use throughout the year as well, including the 100 Paterson Street facility in Ogdensburg, the industrial properties in Newton Falls and Star Lake, the excess Alcoa and Arconic sites and buildings and St. Lawrence Centre mall and former Hannaford spaces available in Massena. While some of these properties are currently vacant or not in productive use, the availability of these sites, each of which still have key infrastructure in place, is an asset to the County's redevelopment efforts.

Specific to the 100 Paterson Street facility, The IDA has already secured one tenant and has been showing the building to several other potential occupants. The goal of this year's plan will be to build on this success.





#### Assets, Strengths & Value Proposition





#### **Focus Areas**

- NYPA Marketing Initiatives/Power Allocated for Use in St. Lawrence County
- Canada
- College-Based Outreach
- Upgrading Web and Technology-Based Tools
- Coordinated Regional Outreach
- Come Back Here/Come Here Initiative
- Research Agenda



#### **Schedule of Activities**

The IDA will carry out specific marketing activities as outlined in the pages that follow which serve to further its 2024 objectives. In addition, our efforts consist of many supporting activities that are performed on an ongoing basis throughout the year. These include:

- Collaboration with local partners on tradeshows and site visits
- Coordination with local, regional and State partners on lead fulfillment
- Participation in local and regional marketing efforts and initiatives
- Service on various local, regional and State boards and committees
- Membership in strategic organizations; participation in events and seminars
- Investigation of improved ways to outreach existing businesses and entrepreneurs
- Maintaining awareness of issues that impact economic development in County

### First Quarter: January - March

- Continue promotional efforts to prospective companies for the marketing of available space in the 100 Paterson Street Building in Ogdensburg
- Design and print collateral materials and order promotional materials for tradeshow distribution
- Advancing our efforts with the IDA website and other media platforms, focusing on resources and tools for promoting available sites & buildings, power resources, workforce, and incentives
- Print Advertising: North Country This Week Progress Edition and Northern New York Newspapers Business Outlook
- Television Streaming: Targeted outreach to potential Canadian business prospects
- Local Event: Business Connections Spotlight on Resources (program/tour of BOCES). January 23<sup>rd</sup> Seaway Tech in Norwood and March 26<sup>th</sup> Northwest Tech in Ogdensburg
- Recruitment Event: Fort Drum Career Fair, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Outreach to transitioning soldiers and families
- Promotional efforts for the various ARPA related training programs: Family Childcare, CDL, Heavy Equipment Operator, and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Fuzehub's Quebec NY Transportation Rendezvous and B2B, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Plattsburgh
- Strategic outreach, including media placement and e-marketing, highlighting local businesses and industries and various assistance programs



### Second Quarter: April – June

- Outreach (e-marketing, college alumni) highlighting attendance at upcoming tradeshows
- Local Event: Business Resource Mixer at Best Western University Inn in Canton on April 30th
- Tradeshow: SIAL Canada, Montreal, Canada (05/15 05/17)
- Recruitment Event: Fort Drum Career Fair, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Outreach to transitioning soldiers and families
- Local Events: Advertising and/or Attendance at local events that draw large crowds of people home to St. Lawrence County (Festivals, Alumni Reunions, Fishing Tournaments, etc...)
- Print Advertising: North Country This Week Visitor's Guide
- Print Advertising: NNY Newspapers Vacation Guide
- Collaborative outreach with colleges to alumni
- Social media: Local business profiles, quality of life, general economic development outreach
- Ongoing promotion and highlights of St. Lawrence County sites and buildings with Empire State Development
- Research and outreach agenda: Industries using milk (cheese, yogurt, baby formula, and other miscellaneous milk processing)





### Third and Fourth Quarters: July - December

- Recruitment Event: Fort Drum Career Fair, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Outreach to transitioning soldiers and families
- Digital Ad Campaign & Print Advertising: Marketing to former residents returning to the area for the summer, and the holidays. Social media outreach to identify potential alumni
- Initiation of Canadian based lead generation and business development engagement
- Direct Mailing: POWER for potential upcoming tradeshows & collaboration with colleges and universities to target alumni returning for campus events
- Tradeshow: EpTech, Montreal, Canada (09/10)
- Tradeshow: Advance Design and Manufacturing Expo, Toronto, Canada (11/13-11/14)
- Tradeshow: Select USA-Canada (Date TBD)
- Ongoing promotion and highlights of St. Lawrence County sites and buildings with Empire State Development
- Implementation of enhanced Contact Management System







## St. Lawrence County

Industrial Development Agency

