

Cattaraugus County Economic Sustainability and Growth Corporation, Inc.

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2025 Annual Report on Operations and Accomplishments

The Cattaraugus County Economic Sustainability and Growth Corporation (CCESGC) is a non-profit corporation formed to promote economic growth in the County through the attraction of new business and industry while retaining existing businesses by providing resources that enable development and advance the well-being of the communities.

Staff support to the organization is provided by the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism (EDPT).

01/29/25 Board Meeting held

- Election of 2025 Officers – Motion to leave officers as is was made and accepted by the Board.
- Microenterprise Assistance Program Application was submitted, just waiting on word from NYS.
 - Board asked for an update of the recipients from the last round of MAP
- Discussion was held regarding helping startup businesses.
- Discussion was held regarding the CRF Program currently run by CCEDPT for municipalities. CCEDPT is looking to expand this program and change the design to help more businesses.

04/23/25 Board Meeting held

- Cattaraugus County was awarded \$300,000 for the Microenterprise Assistance Program
- Presented Board with list of past MAP recipients as requested
- Discussion was held regarding the two RFP's received for administration services for the MAP Program. Motion was made and accepted to contract with The Harrison Studio.
- Discussion was held again regarding the CRF Program. CCEDPT will work on updating the guidelines and criteria and will present to the Board at a later meeting.

07/29/25 Board Meeting held

- Discussion was held regarding MAP press release. Applications will be received from August 1, 2025 thru October 31, 2025.
- Discussion was held regarding the CRF Program as there is a partner interested in donating \$25,000 towards it once the new structure is approved.

12/3/25 Board Meeting held

- The Harrison Studio representatives, Mike Thomas and Greg Merriam, presented the completed MAP applications to the CCESGC Board
 - Approved the following for funding: Janiga's Sugar Works (\$35,000) and Rabbit Repair (\$27,000)
- Discussion was held regarding the other seven applications that were received. Three were denied and the other four were sent back to the applicants for more information.