

## Lackawanna County

2020 Impact Report | The COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance Program

Lackawanna County provided funds, distributed by the Network, that targeted small businesses impacted by the public health crisis—helping these businesses get the relief they desperately needed.

230
Total Businesses
Supported

\$415,000
Historically
Disadvantaged
Business Grants

\$4,085,000

Main Street
Business Grants

988
Jobs Retained



"Our business received a PA CARES Act grant with funding from the county—and we're incredibly grateful.

These funds allowed us to maintain consistent operations, despite the pandemic. It would have been difficult to stay in business without them."



## Grants provided through:

MetroAction, Inc., an affiliate of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

**Technical assistance provided through:** Rising Tide Community Loan Fund.

## **Providing Much-Needed Support**

When the pandemic hit, local business owners across industries clamored for a chance to stay afloat. Lackawanna County, together with the PA CDFI Network and the COVID-19 Relief Pennsylvania Statewide Small Business Assistance Program, provided \$4.5 million in grant funds for qualifying businesses—awarding 230 businesses who were eligible for assistance with much-needed funds. This includes 122 women-owned businesses and 24 Historically Disadvantaged Businesses.

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## **All Lackawanna County Grantees**

Grant Amounts for All Businesses	\$4,500,000
Number of Grantees	230
Businesses located in CDFI Census Tracts <sup>1</sup>	118
Low- and Moderate-Income Owners	159
Women-Owned	122
Priority NAICS Codes <sup>2</sup>	150
Losses greater than 75%	71
Did not receive any previous funding	87
Historically Disadvantaged Grantees	
Historically Disadvantaged Owners	24
Grant Amounts for Historically Disadvantaged	\$415,000
Women-Owned	12
Businesses located in CDFI Census Tracts <sup>1</sup>	18
Low- and Moderate-Income Owners	17
Priority NAICS Codes <sup>2</sup>	2
Losses greater than 75%	0
Did not receive any previous funding	9

- 1 Businesses located in disadvantaged areas defined as U.S. CDFI Fund Investment Areas, including those located in communities experiencing higher than average poverty rates, lower income (less than 80% of area median), higher than average unemployment rates and/or high population loss.
- 2 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used by federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. These classifications help small businesses get the funding they need.