

## Economic Development & Planning Legislative Committee Report May 1, 2020

100% of staff is working. No more than 1 allowed in the office at one time. All others have been set up with remote access. We are functioning adequately.

### COVID-19 Related activities

- Compiling data on returned surveys (255+ to date)
- Established COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund for small businesses

<u>Fund Summary</u>		<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
Opening Balance	\$475,000	
Rock Oak Lumber	\$25,000	4/28
Belva Lockwood Inn	\$15,000	4/28
Reilly Brothers Seafood	\$25,000	4/28
Hygge Home	\$10,000	4/30
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	

Inquiries	16
Recommended approvals	4
Recommended denial	1
In Process	10
Does not qualify	1

- Launched COVID-19 web landing page specific to business assistance
- Created Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council
- Established Foundation Coalition fund to assist NFP's with grants
- Participated in SBDC Lunch & Learn Seminar
- Participating in weekly Tioga County press conferences
- Participate in bi-weekly Economic Development Organization (EDO) meetings

### Other activities

- Received additional funding for Land Bank
- Census 2020 outreach on going- 56.7% self-response rate (4/28)- 5<sup>th</sup> highest in State
- Land Bank- working toward closing on sale of 6 properties
- Ag 8 year district review- ongoing
- DRI- continuing to work with Project Owners to complete gathering required information
- 239 Review (2)

- Town of Richford- site plan review, commercial plaza; recommended approval
  - Village of Owego- site plan review/area variances, Thompson's/brewery; recommended approval
- STN Broadband Study- in process
- Workforce Pipeline Study- interviews completed, draft report submitted
- Restore Projects (3)- working toward disbursements