

Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism and the Cattaraugus County Economic Sustainability and Growth Corporation are excited to announce the launch of our recently awarded Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) awarded through a Community Development Block Grant from the New York State Office of Community Renewal.

This program provides grants of up to \$35,000 to eligible microenterprise businesses located in Cattaraugus County. A 10% equity contribution by the business is required. Funds from this grant can be used for fixed assets like machinery and equipment, furnishings and fixtures. Uses that enhance the long-term viability of the business such as the creation of a website or e-commerce system or purchase of a point-of-sale or CRM system are encouraged. Grant funds cannot be used for building improvements.

To qualify for the MAP grant, businesses **must** have five or fewer employees (including the owner) and be owned by a low-to-moderate income person *or* will have to, as the result of the grant, create at least one full-time equivalent job that is made available to low-to-moderate income persons. We encourage participation by start-up businesses and those that will fill a vacant storefront.

All applicants should keep in mind that this is a reimbursement grant program for eligible expenses incurred after a fully approved MAP application and the completion of Entrepreneurship Training. A business plan is required to be submitted for both start-up and existing businesses.

Cattaraugus County EDPT will be accepting applications from August 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025.

For more information or to apply for the program visit <https://ccBizHelp.com/MAP-Grant> or contact Devon Winters at 716-938-2242