

### **About the program**

Town of Montgomery Industrial Development Agency State Disaster Grant Program: The New York State Legislature has granted IDA's temporary authority to provide grants to qualified local small businesses and non-for-profit organizations that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Is my business or non-profit eligible for a grant even if we do not operate in the Town of Montgomery?
  - a. Answer: NO, your businesses/non-profit must operate in the Town of Montgomery to be eligible for a grant from the Town of Montgomery IDA.
2. How much can I request in grant funding?
  - a. An applicant may request **up to** \$10,000 in grant funding for the purchase of PPE or related fixtures needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
3. Is my business or non-profit eligible for a grant if we were closed before the state disaster emergency declaration?
  - a. NO, your business or non-profit must have been financially viable PRIOR to the state disaster emergency declaration.
4. When was the State Disaster Declaration declared?
  - a. Governor Andrew Cuomo signed executive order No. 202, Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York on March 7, 2020.
5. If my business or non-profit is awarded a grant from the Town of Montgomery IDA, can I use it for something other than PPE or fixtures to prevent the spread of COVID 19 (such as plexiglass barriers)?
  - a. NO, grants must be used exclusively for PPE or fixtures that prevent the spread of COVID-19.
6. How do I show that my business or non-profit was financially viable prior to the state disaster declaration?
  - a. As provided in the program application, please submit three (3) years' worth of financial statements and tax returns, with the most recent information included. If you do not have three (3) years' worth of financial information for your business or non-profit, please submit the information that you have.
7. Can grants be used to reimburse PPE and fixtures that I have already purchased?
  - a. YES, but you must provide receipts and/or proof to show that the PPE and/or fixtures were purchased on or after June 17, 2020. Any purchase(s) made prior to June 17, 2020 are NOT eligible for reimbursement.
8. Who can I contact for more information on the grant program?
  - a. You can contact Conor Eckert, Executive Director of The Agency at [executivedirector@montgomeryida.com](mailto:executivedirector@montgomeryida.com)