

## County to receive monies under small cities grant

ELIZABETHTOWN – The Governor’s Office for Small Cities recently announced Essex County, in conjunction with the Essex County Industrial Development Agency, is the recipient of a New York State Community Development Block Grant Small Cities for \$200,000 for the MicroEnterprise program.

Essex County Chairman, George Canon stated, “the funding from New York State Community Development Block Grant, will allow the County to replenish the revolving loan fund administered by the Essex County IDA, from which financial support in the form of loans will be made to local small businesses for job creation and retention. These loan funds will assist in the County’s commitment to enhance downtown revitalization efforts and increase year round employment opportunities.”

Carol Calabrese, Co Executive Director commented, “The Essex County IDA’s Revolving Loan Program has been a very effective economic development tool for small business start-up and expansions in the County. In the last several years, the Essex County IDA’s Revolving Loan fund has been in great demand and the infusion of funds from the MicroEnterprise Program will significantly assist leveraging public and private financing for businesses in the County. In the past several years, the Revolving Loan fund has assisted more than a dozen start up and expanding businesses in the County, creating over 100 new jobs and retaining dozens.”

For anyone interested in more information on the Essex County IDA Revolving Loan Program, call 873-9114 or go to the Essex County IDA web site to download the loan application at [www.essexcountyida.com](http://www.essexcountyida.com).