

Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board Secures \$400,000 CARES Act Recovery Assistance Grant for Economic Development Programs in 5-County Region.

Lake George—A \$400,000 grant has been awarded to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board by the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The grant was provided to the Regional Planning Board to create a five-county Recovery and Resiliency Plan and strengthen community programs in response to COVID-19.

“We are very excited to work with our federal, state and local partners to assist in the region’s economic recovery,” said **Beth Gilles, Director of the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board**.

“Funding from this grant will allow the Regional Planning Board to provide direct assistance to communities and businesses through regional planning efforts, funding for economic recovery grant preparation, fostering public and private partnerships, and capacity building,” said Gilles.

The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board is one of 850 EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD) that were invited to apply for supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

“We thank the Economic Development Administration for their continued support of the Regional Planning Board and look forward to working with all of our partners throughout Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren and Washington Counties,” said Gilles.

The impact of the grant award to the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board was recognized and endorsed by Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, and Dana Gartzke, performing the delegated duties of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board (LCLGRP) is one of nine regional planning and development organizations operating in New York State. The LCLGRP covers the five counties of Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, and Washington. Its mission is to promote sustainable economic development that strengthens communities, provides quality jobs, and preserves the unique natural, historical and cultural characteristics of the region. Programs are focused primarily on supporting local economic and community development projects.

The LCLGRP acts as a link between local needs and federal/state funding programs. The services provided are directed at aiding local efforts that promote sustained economic growth and essential community services and development projects.