

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS MILLS, LORIGO, RATH, AND TODARO**

**Re: Request for report on Back 2 Business program expenditures**

**WHEREAS**, business owners continue to struggle with the impact of Covid-19 related shutdowns, restrictions, and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES Act provided funding to local governments that is being used to aid small businesses to cover costs incurred as a result of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Erie County, in partnership with 43 North, has created the Erie County Back to Business Grant program, which provides direct grants to eligible local small businesses utilizing up to \$20 million in CARES Act funding; and

**WHEREAS**, transparency in the expenditure of taxpayer money is an important part of keeping the trust of the county's residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature hereby directs 43 North to provide this honorable body a report that includes a full accounting of how the federal CARES Act funding was spent and/or awarded through the Erie County Back to Business Small Business Grant Relief Program that they managed; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this honorable body hereby determines that a full accounting shall include the name of the applicant/business owner regardless of whether or not they received a grant, the name and address of the business, the type of business, the grant amount applied for, the grant amount awarded, a written reason for any applications that were denied or did not receive a grant award, the date of the grant award or the date of the decision to deny a grant application, the date the grant application was received, and the score or rating the application received; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that 43 North is hereby directed to provide the Erie County Legislature a written description of the algorithm they are using to score or analyze Erie County Back to Business Grant Program; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that 43 North is hereby directed to deliver this full accounting report to the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature, no later than January 15, 2021; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution shall be delivered to Erie County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz, Erie County Comptroller Stefan I. Mychajliw, Jr., 43 North President Colleen Heidinger, 43 North Chief Financial Officer Adam Petrie, and the Deputy Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury Richard K. Delmar.

Fiscal Impact: None for Erie County