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Small Business Relief Program Brief

Lackawanna County Commissioners approved \$4.725 million in CARES Act funding to provide grants to more than 200 Lackawanna County businesses that applied for assistance through the COVID-19 Relief Statewide Small Business Assistance program.

"Small Businesses are the backbone of both our local and national economy. The pandemic has severely impacted the operations of our area's small business community. We funded the Small Business Assistance Program to invest in our companies and to help strengthen their future. We want to assist them in keeping their doors open to provide all types of services to residents up and down the valley," explained the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners.

MetroAction, the small business affiliate of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, will provide technical assistance to those chosen for grant awards on behalf of Lackawanna County.

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