

During 2023, the Agency collected Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) from its projects and distributed 100% of payments, or \$5,930,280, to the local taxing jurisdictions.

During 2023 the Agency continued to engage the services of the Partnership for Economic Development in Sullivan County, Inc., and to provide funding for the regional economic development advocacy group Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress through its membership contribution.

The Agency continues its efforts to foster Sullivan County's food and agriculture sector. In the fall of 2023, the Agency was awarded a Rural Business Development Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development to assist in the equipping of a commercial kitchen at the Catskills Food Hub in Liberty, for use by Sullivan Catskills Regional Food Hub, Inc. (SCRFH) and its collaborating partner A Single Bite. The Agency also entered into an agreement with Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation, which provides technical assistance to Sullivan County's agricultural businesses and supports large-scale initiatives to strengthen the County's overall farm and food economy.

Additionally, in 2023, the Agency was involved in the following projects:

- The administration of three loans through the Agency's Rural Micro-entrepreneur Assistance Program
- The administration of five loans through the Agency's Revolving Loan Fund Program
- The administration of two loans and nineteen equipment leases through the Agency's AgriBusiness Revolving Loan and Lease Fund Program
- The procurement of equipment to be leased to a local business under a new equipment lease through the AgriBusiness Revolving Loan and Lease Fund in 2024
- The administration of one building lease agreement, relating to the Catskills Food Hub
- The administration of 69 projects with Agency agreements, including 57 projects that made PILOT payments to the Agency and seventeen projects that held valid sales tax exemption letters.