



This year's community partnerships included:



The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate MetroAction, were awarded one of only 50 America's Best Communities (ABC) Planning Grants.

As part of this project, a comprehensive plan was developed that expanded the downtown area to include educational institutions, healthcare providers and multiple specialty practices. Under the "Eds and Meds" platform, the plan included jobs, people, business and infrastructure improvements to showcase the Electric City's strengths— first-rate educational institutions and world class medical services.

MetroAction partnered with the Scranton Area Foundation (SAF) to launch the Women in Philanthropy (WIP) program. WIP, through its Small Business Development initiative, will provide small business loans between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to economically disadvantaged women or women with a limited credit history. The program also matches potential applicants with seasoned mentors to provide training, education and financial literacy counseling.

MetroAction assisted the SAF with establishing a loan review process, loan policies and procedures and loan documentation. Moving forward, MetroAction will provide underwriting and loan servicing for all WIP applicants and borrowers.

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PoweredBy Lackawanna is a joint economic development initiative led by the Chamber, MetroAction and Lackawanna County.

The PoweredBy website, www.poweredbylackawanna.org, introduces entrepreneurs to a range of business development tools including loan programs, tax incentives, business plan support, venture capital and



networking opportunities.

Our Impact

Loan Program Portfolio 1997-2016

- 230 loans closed
- \$7.1 million capital disbursed
- 296 jobs created
- 546 jobs retained

2015-2016

Small Business Loan Program

- 4 loans closed
- \$148,000 capital disbursed
- 13 jobs created
- 16 jobs retained

Luzerne County Loan Program

- 8 loans closed
- \$494,000 capital disbursed
- 29 jobs created
- 38 jobs retained

MetroAction is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.