"Small businesses are the backbone of New York's economy, and many of these hardworking entrepreneurs have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. That's why I helped pass a state budget that provides critical relief to small businesses."

- Assemblyman Al Stirpe





As chair of the Assembly's Committee on Small Businesses, Al Stirpe fought to include a historic **\$1 billion investment** in New York State's small business economy in the new state budget. He worked to provide \$35 million for Restaurant Return-to-Work tax credits, \$25 million for the NY Restaurant Resiliency Grant Program and \$40 million for not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations.

Stirpe also helped create a new \$800 million COVID-19

Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program,
which gives priority to microbusinesses, minority and
women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses
and businesses that did not previously qualify for federal
assistance and are located in economically distressed
areas. The grants can be used for:

- Payroll
- Rent and mortgage payments
- Local, property or school taxes
- Insurance
- Utilities

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)
- Other machinery-related costs necessary for compliance with COVID-19 health and safety regulations

Questions? Concerns? I'm here to help.

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