

Project Profile



Location:

16-22 West Street
Galeton, PA

County:

Potter

Description:

Business Expansion
Loan

Total Project Cost:

\$207,000



Cimino Hardware, Inc.



People:

Not long ago, hunters, fishermen and other visitors to Galeton had to drive a long way to purchase camping supplies. The selection of gear in town was thin. When Tony and Julie Cimino bought a hardware store that leased space in a 19th Century tannery, they wanted to dedicate more space to outdoor sports.

Progress:

The Cimino's went looking for financing. Local official Susan Keefover contacted The Progress Fund, which then called Tony. "The Progress Fund was easy to work with, and the rate on one state loan they arranged was phenomenal," he says. In all, the Fund raised \$189,000 in financing.

Impact:

Tony and Julie bought the building in which they had previously leased space, and turned the entire second floor into a hunting and fishing emporium. Now outdoorsmen are spending their money in town, rather than driving off when they need supplies. That just makes sense in a place where friendly service meets unspoiled wilderness. After all, says Tony: "It's kind of what the area is known for."

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