

## ***Pat Ryan Has A History Of Mismanagement Under His Watch As Ulster County Executive – Most Recently, One Of His Top Aides Was Accused Of Mismanaging Roughly \$400,000 In COVID-19 Relief Funding***

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**New York Post Headline: “Top Aide To Rep. Pat Ryan Mismanaged COVID Relief Funds: Audit”** (Jon Levine, “Top Aide To Rep. Pat Ryan Mismanaged COVID Relief Funds: Audit,” [New York Post](#), 9/23/23)

**A Top Aide To Pat Ryan Was Accused Of Mismanaging Roughly \$400,000 In COVID-19 Relief Funds.** “A top aide to Democratic Rep. Pat Ryan has been accused of mismanaging roughly \$400,000 in COVID-19 relief funds — resulting in about half the grants going to ineligible businesses.” (Jon Levine, “Top Aide To Rep. Pat Ryan Mismanaged COVID Relief Funds: Audit,” [New York Post](#), 9/23/23)

### **As A Result, Unclear Contract Language And Shoddy Program Administration Caused Half The Grants To Be Awarded To Businesses That Were Ineligible For The Money.**

“Unclear contract language and shoddy program administration resulted in half of the grants awarded through the county’s CARES II program being given to businesses that were ineligible for the money, according to an audit by the county Comptroller’s Office. According to an audit report issued Friday, the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, which administered the grant program, ignored contractual requirements, provided misleading marketing for the program, sent ineligible applications to the scoring committee and miscalculated the data used to determine final the final scores of grant applications.” (Patricia R. Doxsey, “Ulster Comptroller’s Audit Finds Unclear Language, Shoddy Administration Resulted In Half Of Grants Improperly Awarded,” [Daily Freeman](#), 8/4/23)

- **“The Audit Has Revealed Significant Failures In Governance, Inadequate Internal Controls, And Poor Oversight Within The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance (UCEDA) Pertaining To The Implementation Of The Grant Program,’ The Report Stated.”** (Patricia R. Doxsey, “Ulster Comptroller’s Audit Finds Unclear Language, Shoddy Administration Resulted In Half Of Grants Improperly Awarded,” [Daily Freeman](#), 8/4/23)
- **“The Presence Of Unclear Contractual Language And The Subsequent Disregard Of Contractual Requirements In Program Administration Are Deeply Concerning,’ The Report Stated.”** (Patricia R. Doxsey, “Ulster Comptroller’s Audit Finds Unclear Language, Shoddy Administration Resulted In Half Of Grants Improperly Awarded,” [Daily Freeman](#), 8/4/23)

**The Audit Found That 17 Of The 42 Businesses Originally Awarded Grants Were Given To Business Owners Who Showed Adjusted Gross Income That Exceeded The Contractual Thresholds.** “The audit found 17 of the 42 businesses originally awarded grants were given to business owners who showed adjusted gross income that exceeded the contractual thresholds, one grant was awarded to a company whose owner lived outside Ulster County and another was given to a company with more than 25 employees. Gallagher said that two not-for-profit organizations that were not eligible for the program were also awarded grants.” (Patricia R. Doxsey, “Ulster Comptroller’s Audit Finds Unclear Language, Shoddy Administration Resulted In Half Of Grants Improperly Awarded,” [Daily Freeman](#), 8/4/23)