



APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

Each applicant seeking assistance must complete this application and provide required supplemental form/documentation. A non-refundable application fee of \$350.00 must be included with this application. Make check payable to COMIDA. Please see page 10 for additional information on costs and fees.

Please answer all questions. Use "None" or "Not Applicable" where necessary. Information in this application may be subject to public review under New York State Law, except for information that is considered deniable by the Freedom of Information Law. This form is available at www.growmonroe.org.

I. APPLICANT

A. Name Zweigle's Inc.
 Address 651 Plymouth Ave N
 City/State/Zip Rochester, NY 14608
 Tax ID No. 160794196
 Contact Name Julie Camardo
 Title CEO/Owner
 Telephone (585) 546-1740
 E-Mail jcamardo@zweigles.com

B. Owners of 20% or more of Applicant Company

Name	%	Corporate Title
<u>Julie Camardo</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>CEO</u>
<u>Melissa M Camardo</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>Board of Director VP</u>
<u>Trust</u>		

C. Applicant's Legal Counsel

Name William Creary, Jr.
 Firm Creary Law Group, P.C.
 Address 18 North Main Street
 City/State/Zip Pittsford, NY 14534
 Telephone (585) 586-8480
 Fax (585) 586-8097
 Email wjcreary@crearyl原因.com

II. PROJECT

A. Address of proposed project facility
651 Plymouth Ave North
Rochester NY 14608
 Tax Map Parcel Number see attached document
 City/Town/Village Rochester
 School District City of Rochester
 Current Legal Owner of Property
Zweigle's Inc.

B. Proposed User(s)/Tenant(s) of the Facility
 If there are multiple Users/Tenants, please attach additional pages.

Company Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Tax ID No. _____
 Contact Name _____
 Title _____
 Telephone _____
 E-Mail _____

% of facility to be occupied by company _____

C. Owners of 20% or more of User/Tenant Company

Name	%	Corporate Title

D. Benefits Requested (Check all that apply)

Sales Tax Exemption
 Industrial Revenue Bond Financing
 Mortgage Recording Tax Exemption
 Real Property Tax Abatement

E. Description of project (check all that apply)

New Construction

Existing Facility

Acquisition

Expansion

Renovation/Modernization

Acquisition of machinery/equipment

Other (specify) _____

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND BACKGROUND ON USER(S) OF THE FACILITY
(Attached additional sheets as necessary)

see attached

II. PROJECT (cont'd)

F. Are other facilities or related companies located within New York State?

Yes No

Location:

Will the Project result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the Project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state?

Yes No

Will the Project result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Project occupant located within the state?

Yes No

If Yes to either question, explain how, notwithstanding the aforementioned closing or activity reduction, the Agency's Financial Assistance is required to prevent the Project from relocating out of the State, or is reasonably necessary to preserve the Project occupant's competitive position in its respective industry**:

G. Please confirm by checking the box, below, if there is likelihood that the Project would not be undertaken but for the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency?

Yes No

If the Project could be undertaken without Financial Assistance provided by the Agency, then provide a statement in the space provided below indicating why the Project should be undertaken with the Financial Assistance to be provided by the Agency**:

In the absence of the financial assistance provided

With the financial assistance, we will be able to i

**To be completed with Agency assistance.

H. PROJECT TIMELINE

Proposed Date of Acquisition

06/30/2019

Proposed Commencement Date of Construction

10/14/2019

Anticipated Completion Date

10/01/2020

I. Contractor(s)

Taylor the Builders

J. State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Act Compliance

COMIDA, in granting assistance to the Applicant, is required to comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). This is applicable to projects that require the state or local municipality to issue a discretionary permit, license or other type of Approval for that project.

Does the proposed project require discretionary permit, license or other type of approval by the state or local municipality?

YES - Include a copy of any SEQR documents related to this Project including Environmental Assessment Form, Final Determination, Local Municipality Negative Declaration, etc.

NO

In the absence of the financial assistance provided, we will not be able to move forward with the project. We could not absorb all the cost needed for the project. With the financial assistance, we will be able to increase sales and create new employment opportunities in Monroe County

III. PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT/PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT (PILOT)

Check One:

JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- Company must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is 6.

LEASEPLUS

Requirements:

- University and/or medical related facilities in which a 501(c)3 entity leases from a for-profit entity.
- Company must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is _____.

ENHANCED JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- A minimum \$15 million investment in new plant, machinery and equipment or renovation of existing building(s) AND
- A minimum of 100 new jobs from new companies locating in Monroe County, or existing companies expanding operations here.

GREEN JOBSPLUS

Requirements:

- LEED® Certification – Project must be rated as Certified, Gold, Silver or Platinum by the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating System.
- Company must commit to a 10% increase in full-time equivalent employment, measured on the existing impacted employee base, over a 3 year period. The required number of jobs is _____.

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for student housing or affordable housing projects.

Local Tax Jurisdiction Sponsored PILOT

NO PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT IS SOUGHT FOR THIS PROJECT

IV. APPLICANT PROJECT COSTS

A. Estimate the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipping of the project by the APPLICANT.

Building Construction or Renovation

- a. MATERIALS a. \$ 1,011,573
- b. LABOR b. \$ 1,517,359

Site Work

- c. MATERIALS c. \$ 156,647
- d. LABOR d. \$ 469,941
- e. Non-Manufacturing Equipment e. \$ 50,000
- f. Furniture and Fixtures f. \$ _____
- g. LAND and/or BUILDING Purchase g. \$ 450,000
- h. Manufacturing Equipment h. \$ 757,500
- i. Soft Costs (Legal, Architect, Engineering) i. \$ 175,000
- Other (specify) j. _____ j. \$ _____
- k. _____ k. \$ _____
- l. _____ l. \$ _____
- m. _____ m. \$ _____

Total Project Costs \$ 4,588,020

B. Sources of Funds for Project Costs:

- a. Tax-Exempt Industrial Revenue Bond a. \$ _____
- b. Taxable Industrial Revenue Bond b. \$ _____
- c. Tax-Exempt Civic Facility Bond c. \$ _____
- d. Bank Financing d. \$ 4,204,968
- e. Public Sources e. \$ _____

Identify each state and federal grant/credit

- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____
- _____ \$ _____

- f. Equity \$ 383,052
- TOTAL SOURCES** \$ 4,588,020

C. Has the applicant made any arrangements for the financing of this project?

Yes No

If so, please specify bank, underwriter, etc.

M & T Bank
US Small Business Administration

IV. COMPLETE FOR EACH USER/TENANT THAT IS SEEKING SALES TAX EXEMPTION USER(S)/TENANT(S) PROJECT COSTS

Use additional sheets as necessary

Company Name _____

A. Estimate the costs necessary for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and/or equipping of the project by the user(s)/tenant(s) for which a sales tax exemption is requested.

Estimated Costs Eligible for Sales Tax Exemption Benefit

- a. MATERIALS a. \$ _____
- b. LABOR b. \$ _____
- c. Non-Manufacturing Equipment c. \$ _____
- d. Furniture and Fixtures d. \$ _____
- Other (specify) e. _____ e. \$ _____
- f. _____ f. \$ _____
- g. _____ g. \$ _____
- h. _____ h. \$ _____

Total \$ 0

A non-refundable fee of 1/2% on TOTAL(a) above is due and payable upon issuance of a Sales Tax Letter to User(s)/Tenant(s)

User/Tenant Company

Signature _____, Title _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only	
Total Assessment Value	<u>2600 + 7500 = 10,100</u>
Land	Building
Applicant 2602-	<u>19-048A</u>
User/Tenant 2602-	
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VII. PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT

Complete for each Applicant or User/Tenant

Company Name: _____

Applicant: **or** **User/Tenant:**

You must include a copy of the most recent NYS-456 Quarterly Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting and Unemployment Insurance Return OR if you have multiple locations within New York State, the Bureau of Labor – BLS 3020 – Multiple Worksite Report

	Current # of jobs at proposed project location or to be relocated to project location	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be RETAINED	IF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED – project the number of FTE and PTE jobs to be CREATED upon THREE Years after Project completion	Estimate number of residents of the Labor Market Area in which the Project is located that will fill the FTE and PTE jobs to be created upon THREE Years after Project Completion **
Full time (FTE)	55.0	55.0	9.0	9.0
Part Time (PTE)	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Total	57.0	57.0	9.0	9.0

** For purposes of this question, please estimate the number of FTE and PTE jobs that will be filled, as indicated in the third column, by residents of the Labor Marker Area, in the fourth column. The Labor Marker Area includes: Monroe County, Orleans County, Genesee County, Wyoming County, Livingston County, Ontario County, Wayne County, Yates County, and Seneca County chosen at the Agency's discretion.

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VIII. LOCAL LABOR

To be completed by all Applicants and Users/Tenants of Projects which include the construction of new, expanded or renovated facilities:

Company Name Zweigle's, Inc
Applicant: or User/Tenant:

All project employees of the general contractor, subcontractor, or sub to a subcontractor (contractors) working on the project must reside within the following counties in the State of New York: Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming or Yates. The All-Local Labor criterion will be verified based on employment, payroll and related records.

COMIDA understands that at certain times local labor may not be available within the local area. Under this condition, applicants are required to complete a waiver request of the All-Local Labor requirement prior to beginning construction. Contractors do not have to be local companies as defined herein, but must employ local people to qualify under the All-Local Labor criterion.

The foregoing terms have been read, reviewed and understood by the Applicant or User/Tenant and all appropriate personnel. Furthermore, the undersigned agrees and understands that the information contained herein must be transmitted and conveyed in a timely fashion to all applicable subcontractors, suppliers and materialman. Furthermore, the undersigned agrees to post and maintain a sign, provided by COMIDA, in a prominent, easily accessible location, identifying the project as a recipient of COMIDA assistance and the local labor requirements associated with this assistance.

Furthermore, the undersigned realizes that failure to abide by the terms herein could result in COMIDA revoking all or any portion of benefits it deems reasonable in its sole discretion for any violation hereof.

Zweigle's, Inc

(APPLICANT or USER/TENANT COMPANY)

Julie C. Canard CEO 8/26/2017
Signature , Title Date

IX. FEES

1. Application Fee - Send with Completed Application

A non-refundable application fee of Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) shall be charged each applicant.

2. Administrative Fee - Paid at Closing

- (a) For tax-exempt IRB bond issues, the fee shall be one percent (1%) of the project amount. For projects that utilize a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, an additional one-quarter percent (1/4%) will be added.
 - (b) For lease/leaseback transactions and taxable bond issues, the fee shall be one-half percent (1/2%) of the project amount. For projects that utilize a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, an additional one-quarter percent (1/4%) will be added.
 - (c) For refunding outstanding COMIDA bond issues, the fee shall be one-quarter percent (1/4%) of the new issuance amount.
3. If a sales tax letter is required prior to closing, a non-refundable twenty-five percent (25%) of the Administrative Fee and Agency Counsel fee is payable at that time. This amount will be applied towards the Administrative fee and Agency Counsel Fee. The Sales Tax Letter shall only be for a three (3) month period. If the project does not have a formal closing within three (3) months of the sales tax letter being issued, and an extension is not granted, the balance of the Administrative fee and Agency Counsel fee become immediately due and payable.
4. Agency Counsel fee is one-third (1/3) of the Agency's Administrative fee, with a minimum fee for a lease/leaseback transaction of \$4,000.00.
5. Designated Bond Counsel fee is based on the complexity and amount of the transaction.

Zweigle's, Inc.

(APPLICANT or USER/TENANT COMPANY)

Julia Camacho CEO 8/26/2019
Signature , Title Date

X. CERTIFICATION

The undersigned company officer and/or user/tenant officer each hereby certifies, on behalf of the company and/or user/tenant, respectively (each singularly and together, the "Applicant"), as follows:

- A. The information contained in this Application, including employment information, is true and correct. The Applicant is aware that any material misrepresentation made in this Application constitutes an act of fraud, resulting in revocation of COMIDA benefits.
- B. The undersigned, on behalf of the Applicant, hereby certifies that the Applicant, and all parties which own a minimum of 20% of the Applicant are current and will remain current on all real property, federal, state, sales, income and withholding taxes throughout the term of any agreements made in connection with this Application.
- C. Compliance with N.Y. GML Sec. 862(1): Applicant understands and agrees that the provisions of Section 862(1) of the New York General Municipal Law, as provided below, will not be violated if Financial Assistance is provided for the proposed Project:

§ 862. Restrictions on funds of the agency. (1) No funds of the agency shall be used in respect of any project if the completion thereof would result in the removal of an industrial or manufacturing plant of the project occupant from one area of the state to another area of the state or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the project occupant located within the state, provided, however, that neither restriction shall apply if the agency shall determine on the basis of the application before it that the project is reasonably necessary to discourage the project occupant from removing such other plant or facility to a location outside the state or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the project occupant in its respective industry.
- D. Compliance with Applicable Laws: The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the owner, occupant, or operator receiving Financial Assistance for the proposed Project is in substantial compliance with applicable local, state and federal tax, worker protection and environmental laws, rules and regulations.
- E. False and Misleading Information: The Applicant confirms and acknowledges that the submission of any knowingly false or knowingly misleading information may lead to the immediate termination of any Financial Assistance and the reimbursement of an amount equal to all or part of any tax exemption claimed by reason of the Agency's involvement the Project.
- F. Recapture: Should the Applicant not expend as projected or hire as presented, the Agency may view such information/status as failing to meet the established standards of economic performance. In such events, some or all of the benefits taken by the Applicant will be subject to recapture.
- G. Applicant hereby releases the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency ("Agency") from, agrees that the Agency shall not be liable for, and agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Agency harmless from and against any and all liability arising from or expense incurred by (A) the Agency's examination and processing of, and action pursuant to or upon, this Application, regardless of whether or not this Application or the Project described herein or the tax exemptions and other assistance requested herein are favorably acted upon by the Agency; (B) the Agency's acquisition, construction, renovation and/or equipping of the Project described herein; and (C) any further action taken by the Agency with respect to the Project; including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all causes of action and attorneys' fees and any other expenses incurred in defending any suits or actions which may arise as a result of any of the foregoing. Applicant hereby understands and agrees, in accordance with Section 875(3) of the New York General Municipal Law, that any New York State and local sales and use tax exemption claimed by the Applicant and approved by the Agency in connection with the Project may be subject to recapture by the Agency under such terms and conditions as will be set forth in the Agent Agreement to be entered into by and between the Agency and the Applicant. The Applicant further represents and warrants that the information contained in this

Application, including without limitation, information regarding the amount of New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits, is true, accurate and complete.

APPLICANT COMPANY

Zweigle's, Inc.

Julie L. Comau CEO 8/26/2019
Signature , Title Date

USER/TENANT COMPANY

Signature , Title Date

Zweigle's Inc. is a 139 year old fifth-generation family owned business with state and national Woman owned business certification located in Rochester, NY. Recently, we have expanded our outside of NY State and we will continue to focus on expanding our geographic reach. We are currently evaluating expansion options within the City of Rochester and the Southeast region of North Carolina.

In order to expand our current location at 651 Plymouth Ave North, Rochester, NY 14608, we need to purchase the buildings surrounding our plant and secure additional parking for the expanded facility. This includes adding onto our to our existing production facility, which is currently 55,000 sq. ft., with an addition of 13,159 sq. ft. which will be 100% production space. Additionally, we will need to demolish two other properties adjacent to and across from our current location. This is inclusive of purchasing machinery and equipment in the first year of the project with costs of up to \$859,000. Zweigle's has been an integral member of the Rochester community for 139 years. Over 55% of our workforce is from the City of Rochester and average wages plus fringe benefits are just over \$30/hour. Our current facility is located in a high poverty area, with a high crime rate, heavy drug activity and prostitution. Having an established, longstanding business in this area provides level of comfort and safety- our neighbors and those in the surrounding areas. We have been a fixture in the Rochester community and our products are a staple that bring a sense of pride to many in the community.

Our company's growth strategy has been centered on the pursuit of private label and co-packing businesses with companies outside of New York State. The expansion is mandatory for us to keep pace with our current growth and financial assistance will be needed for us to stay in Rochester. The proposed plan provides increased space for our current link and spiral manufacturing areas as well as more refrigerated and frozen storage area. Additionally, the new plan will provide improved process flow and, better air handling and increased temperature control in manufacturing areas. Finally, the expanded facility will offer dedicated space for research and development activities and allow us to move the maintenance team into manufacturing area. Part of our growth has been due to our flexibility and ability to offer relatively low production minimums. That coupled with our "Artisan" approach creates a human resource intense operation. Unlike much larger companies, we are still very hands on with our manufacturing techniques and on the conservative side, we estimate that the expansion will drive the need for up to 9 new hires. The positions will vary and include general help, midlevel skilled labor, clerical and supervision and are expected to phase in over a 5 year period. Please note that during the expansion period we will look to automate certain areas of our process. This is in large part due to New York State's cost structure for insurance, workers compensation costs and labor due to annual forced wage increases. All of these costs place a higher burden on a company our size and make it a challenge to remain cost competitive with larger manufacturers.