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Dear friend,

We are very excited to announce ECGRA's third round of Mission Main Street Grants opening April 9, 2015!



Mission Main Street Grants (MMS) target Erie County's commercial corridors that we know as "main streets". In communities where main streets are well maintained, there is a sense of vibrancy and civic pride. Main street revitalization creates jobs, promotes tourism, and impacts the region's economy.

If you are a 501(c)(3) or an Erie County municipality dedicated to the revitalization of a main street, apply for an MMS Grant online at www.ECGRA.egrantusa.com.



ECGRA Partners with Penn State Behrend and Mercyhurst University to Ignite Erie's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority has made a three-year, \$750,000 commitment to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, and Mercyhurst University to lead the Ignite Erie™ Industry+University Business Acceleration Collaborative.

ECGRA launched the industry+university grant program in December 2014 to spur innovation by students, faculty, local industry, and emerging entrepreneurs. It is part of ECGRA's three-part, \$3.9 million initiative to catalyze small business development and advance industrial innovation and strengthen the region's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The authority's board of directors authorized the funding on March 12, 2015. [Click here to read more...](#)



Look for our 2014-15 Annual Report coming to ECGRA.org on May 1st!

We hope you'll share this e-newsletter with your friends and colleagues and help spread this good news about our Erie community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Perry'.

Perry Wood
Executive Director