

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 17, 2016

### Resolution to adopt the ServErie Lincoln Elementary School Project

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of supporting collaborative citizen groups working together in a public-private partnership to address neighborhood renewal by supporting the education of young people;

Whereas, independent, academic research has shown a correlation between building quality and capital investment to higher test scores and academic achievement, teacher motivation, school leadership, and student time spent on learning;

Whereas, ECGRA's Strategic Plan recognizes that investment in youth and education is essential to creating long-term economic competitiveness in the workforce of Erie County;

Whereas, ECGRA believes, as a good steward of the Gaming Funds, that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Erie County to pilot an unproven concept such as neighborhood renewal in a specified public school, to learn from the pilot program, refine it, and deliberate on its merits before offering eligible neighborhood renewal associations throughout Erie County the opportunity to implement the refined and then proven neighborhood renewal program;

Whereas, eligible neighborhood renewal associations concerned with the proactive revitalization of respective public schools are a regional asset to be supported at a later date if deemed successful by a pilot project;

Whereas, ECGRA has selected ServErie to launch said pilot concept with a project grant of \$20,000, which will be matched 1-1 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A";

Whereas, ECGRA declares the following milestones to be measured and analyzed as part of the pilot project:

1. Project completion and satisfaction
2. Total number of volunteers and partners involved in the project
3. Estimated economic impact of the project due to the alleviation of expenses that would otherwise be incurred by Erie's Public Schools and tax base
4. Morale and student achievements that are noted by teachers and administration to be linked to facilities improvements

Whereas, ServErie shall report to ECGRA within 12 months as to the successes, failures, and obstacles encountered so that ECGRA may determine whether to refine the program prior to considering whether to offer the neighborhood renewal program to eligible neighborhood renewal associations throughout Erie County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves to adopt the ServErie Lincoln Elementary School pilot project to the extent outlined in this document and attachments.

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

This resolution was passed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
July 14, 2016

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA