

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20, 2016

Resolution to enter into a funding partnership with the Erie Community Foundation and Hagen Fund for Transformational Philanthropy to fund four nonprofit projects that were vetted through the Shaping Tomorrow process

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of local government, civic, and philanthropic entities working together in a public-private partnership to address economic and community development challenges;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states that economic insecurity due to unemployment is at any time a serious menace to the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth, especially in areas that have remained unimproved and where the residents of core areas of cities of this Commonwealth and in particular minority groups are denied the benefits of a balanced industrial, commercial and residential environment and a balance of employment, cultural and business opportunity;

Whereas, ECGRA's Strategic Plan recognizes that basic services like education and training, innovation, and blight mitigation improve neighborhoods by investing in people and place through nonprofits that create economic opportunity;

Whereas, the Erie Community Foundation (ECF) administered a process for making funds available to the nonprofit community to address community challenges in which a committee of the ECGRA Board of Directors participated;

Whereas, the process known as Shaping Tomorrow 2016 requested proposals from the nonprofit community in Erie County, worked with applicants to refine those concepts, then selected the best proposals to present jointly to the ECF and ECGRA boards of directors as well as representatives from the Hagen Fund for Transformational Philanthropy;

Whereas, after careful consideration, the boards of each organization agree to jointly recommend funding the top four proposals in the following amounts: Empower Erie: Community College \$4,000,000; Mercyhurst University: Downtown Erie Innovation District \$4,000,000; Erie City School District: Community Schools \$1,500,000; and Gannon University: East-West Bayfront Plan \$500,000;

Whereas, it is recommended that ECGRA's portion of funding will be 10% of the total recommended award of \$10,000,000, which is \$1,000,000, and is to be matched with 10% by the ECF and 80% by the Hagen Fund in addition to the sustainability match provided by each applicant;

Whereas, the ECF has and will continue to make available to ECGRA all information collected and analyzed in the administration of each grant listed to include, but not limited to financial documentation and outcomes reporting;

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, and for the reasons identified above, shall fund the following organizations in the amounts listed below pursuant to the proposals submitted as part of the Shaping Tomorrow grant-making process:

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| 1. | Empower Erie: Community College | \$400,000 |
| 2. | Mercyhurst University: Downtown Erie Innovation District | \$400,000 |
| 3. | Erie City School District: Community Schools | \$150,000 |
| 4. | Gannon University: East-West Bayfront Plan | \$50,000 |

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 12th day of October, 2016 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
October 12, 2016

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA