

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3, 2024

Resolution to adopt the Erie City Moms Pilot Project

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, businesses, and citizen groups working together in a public-private partnership to address neighborhood renewal;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law recognizes that the unavailability of private credit sources in areas needing redevelopment is detrimental to cities in the Commonwealth;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states expressly that entities like ECGRA may have as one of its purposes the alleviation or elimination of blight;

Whereas, ECGRA's Strategic Plan recognizes that basic services like housing and the resulting aesthetic improvements upon neighborhoods are important factors in achieving community satisfaction;

Whereas, ECGRA believes, as a good steward of the Gaming Funds, that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Erie County to pilot an unproven concept such as neighborhood renewal in a specified geographic area, 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 **community organizations** concerned with the proactive revitalization of respective geographic areas are a regional asset to be supported at a later date if deemed successful by a pilot project;

Whereas, ECGRA has selected **ERIE CITY MOMS, INC. (ECM)** to launch said pilot concept with an operational grant of **\$75,000**, which will be matched 1-1 by **ERIE CITY MOMS, INC.** to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A";

Whereas, ECGRA has selected **ERIE CITY MOMS, INC.** to partner with on launching a **homeownership initiative for single parents** to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "B";

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

1. **The successful rehabilitation of a blighted, two-unit residential building located at 226 East 10th Street in the city of Erie suitable for two families. The project will receive a rental license from the city of Erie.**
2. **The successful completion of a homebuyer education program by two initial participants including credit repair, first-time homebuying, home maintenance, and other support services.**
3. **Building of credit and savings accounts to be used for a down payment on the purchase of a house.**
4. **Home purchase by graduate of program within 18 months.**
5. **Creation of a safety and quality of life checklist that includes items such as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, age-appropriate child safety hardware, and a washer/dryer.**

Whereas, ECM 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 program to **eligible neighborhood development corporations or social service agencies** 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 **ERIE CITY MOMS, INC.** pilot project to the extent outlined in this document and attachments.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 21st day of March 2024 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
March 21, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary ECGRA