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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
MAY
2021**

Sparber, James

From: RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Sparber, James
Subject: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Dear Mr. Sparber:

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act 42 of 2017, the Department is required to distribute quarterly the Local Share Assessment collected for interactive gaming and slots to the municipalities in which a licensed gaming entity is located. This distribution is based on the interactive gaming and slots local share assessment amount collected plus the slot machine license operation fee amount collected over Summit Township's budget limitation.

Erie County: \$738,698.22
Land Bank Jurisdiction: \$738,698.22

An ACH for the first quarter of 2021 payment in the amount of \$1,477,396.44 should be deposited in your bank account within 5 - 7 business days. This payment includes the interactive gaming local share assessment of \$11,986.76, the slots local share assessment of \$390,322.68 and the slot machine license operation fee of \$1,075,087.00. Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Jennifer Heckert | Division Chief
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\$1,477,396.44

Bank 067
① Erie County 067-021010-042100
\$738,698.22 x .55 = \$406,284.02
② ECGRA 067-021050-042100
\$738,698.22 x .45 = \$332,414.20
③ Land bank 067-021018-042100
\$738,698.22

March 2021

Meeting with Executive Director
Ongoing Social Media Management
Ongoing Consulting
March Comms

IMPLEMENTED | Social
Nineteen March posts

IMPLEMENTED | Special Events Grants
22 Graphics Made – 9 Posted in March
Release

IN PROGRESS
Holiday Graphics
2021 Grant graphics for socials
Bridgeway Capitol Report



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

Passcode: 128266

AGENDA

1. University Impact
Dr. Keith Taylor – Gannon University
Dr. Steve Mauro – Gannon University
Dr. Ralph Ford – Penn State Behrend
Amy Bridger – Penn State Behrend
2. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

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AGENDA

1. Public Safety
John Grappy
Dale Robinson
Andrew Pennock
Patrick Deck
2. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

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AGENDA

1. Human Services
Danny Jones
Al Messina
David Gonzalez
2. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

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Economic Development

1. Amy Murdock – Erie Regional Chamber
2. Tina Mengine, Chris Groner – Erie County Redevelopment Authority
3. TJ Bogdewic, D. Seckler, Cathryn Easterling – Bridgeway Capital
4. Good of the Order



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April 20, 2021

Mr. Perry N. Wood III, Executive Director
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Rd Ste 201
Erie, PA 16510-4672

Dear ^{Perry}Mr. Wood:

I write to send my most sincere appreciation for your gift. Please know your gift means more now than ever to our students. Together, we are moving mountains and forging pathways for the next generation of educators, lawyers, authors, historians, artists, medical professionals, social workers, journalists, accountants, geologists and more. Your gift reflects our steadfast commitment to student success and retention. Most importantly, it helps us change lives.

We are beyond grateful to have your loyalty and trust. We want you to know that our students, faculty and staff appreciate all you do to ensure the mission of Edinboro endures. Edinboro will continue to instill a love of learning in its students and empower them for a lifetime of leadership because of opportunities offered by you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Kindest Regards,

Amanda Brown Sissem
Interim Assistant Vice President

P.S. The impact of your gift to Edinboro University may be doubled or possibly tripled! Please check with your HR Representative to see if your company sponsors a matching gift program.

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**Gift Amount:** \$1,212.00  
**Gift Type:** Foundation  
**Designation:** Highland Games (Foundation)

*Your contribution may be tax deductible as provided by law. Please retain this document for tax filing purposes. Unless otherwise indicated, no substantial donor benefits were associated with this gift.*





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April 22, 2021

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Gift Amount: \$81,000.00
Gift Type: Foundation
Designation: ECGRA Grant Beehive Innovation Spaces

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April 14, 2021

Dear PACA Contractor/Supporter, CECRA

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote to the Erie Times News in which I was able to publicly thank the various contractors and supporters of the Performing Arts Collective Alliance in our latest round of infrastructure improvements.

I know that many of you “worked the numbers” to give us the absolute best deal possible. I know that the timetable was stepped up for us. I know that everyone’s work was well executed and conscientious.

I am not sure if you were able to see the letter in print, but I want you to know that I am personally grateful for your efforts. I hope to see you at a show in the future.

Sincerely,

Mark Tanenbaum
PACA Executive Director



OPINION *This piece expresses the views of its author(s), separate from those of this publication.*

Letter: PACA couldn't thrive without support from the Erie community

Erie Times-News

Published 11:12 a.m. ET Apr. 12, 2021

In this time of COVID-19, the Performing Arts Collective Alliance, like all theaters, shut our doors. During this hiatus, our board of directors applied our attention to revitalizing our building. In the past year, PACA completed five major projects. We installed a new 14,000 square-foot roof, built two new Americans with Disabilities Act-approved wheelchair accessible bathrooms, erected a new LED facade sign, upgraded our fire suppression system and created a new art gallery we are naming The Skinny Gallery.

We could never have done this alone. We first want to thank our generous funders including Erie Insurance Exchange, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, the Erie Community Foundation and the many private donors who make this work possible. We also want to say thank you to Northwest Savings Bank and the city of Erie Economic Development department for their help in financing.

PACA prides itself on utilizing local companies. These companies bend over backwards to make our projects a success. We would like to thank: McCreary's Roofing, Adelhardt Builders, Karr Electric, Pilewski Plumbing, G&F Steel Supply, Wm. T. Spaeder and Co., Maya Brothers Inc., Mark Aldrich, Mueller's, Frontier Lumber, L&W Supply, Plyler Entry Systems and Lake Effect Home Services.

It was a remarkably busy year. When the theaters in our community reopen fully, please consider purchasing a ticket, even a season's ticket. Think of the arts during Erie Gives Day. Without your support, local arts cannot survive.

Mark Tanenbaum, PACA executive director, Erie

Special events return this year with ECGRA grants to help

BY KATHLEEN SPINAZZOLA
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More than \$118,000 in grant money has been awarded to Erie County nonprofits and municipalities to help usher in the return of some beloved community events.

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority late in March awarded 22 organizations from around the county what are known as Special Event Grants. The grants fund up to 5% of an event's costs.

ECGRA in this most recent move has designated \$118,967.75 to help the events in their economic and cultural promotion of the region.

Among the grant recipi-



ents are the Corry Area Arts Council and Corry Area Chamber of Commerce, which have received \$2,000 for CorryFest.

The Corry Higher Education Council has been awarded \$500 for its 30th anniversary celebration this year.

The Hi-Ed is planning a

public outdoor event to mark its 30th year in existence. The celebration will be held in conjunction with Downtown Corry Business Association's First Fridays event on June 4.

More details and other events for the Hi-Ed's 30th anniversary will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

"We applied for the grant

for our 30th anniversary celebration, and the money will go toward the overall budget for it," said Corry Hi-Ed Executive Director Brody Howard. "We're so fortunate to have been given the grant, and we're excited about the celebration."

Union City Borough has been given \$300 for its

French Creek Festival fireworks.

The Wattsburg Agricultural Society, which presents the Erie County Fair at Wattsburg, was awarded \$9,700.

To date, ECGRA has awarded more than \$1.5 million in Special Event Grants alone.

"Now more than ever, events are so important in promoting a sense of community, and giving people something to look forward to," said Perry Wood, ECGRA executive director. "These nonprofits should be commended not only for their commitment and creativity in organizing these public events with COVID restrictions still in place, but also helping to strengthen our economy."

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Businesses can help revitalize Corry; receive tax credits

BY SARA JUKES
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Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits can benefit businesses who donate toward revitalization efforts in Corry and presentations are taking place on two different dates as a guide.

One is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at The Library Bar and Grill, 203 N. Center St., and a second session will be on Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m. at The Fork and Barrel Restaurant, 554 Country Club Road.

A mingle time will be at 6 p.m. and the presentation will start at 6:30 p.m. on both days.

These informational sessions were organized by Impact Corry's Housing and Neighborhood team, formed through its Community Strategic Plan.

Community Development Director Chuck Gray will be leading the presentation to guide local business owners through the maze that is NAP tax credits, with more speakers to be announced.

If a company pays taxes in Pennsylvania, it can direct its dollars to Corry rather than Harrisburg to help support programs to fight blight and encourage homeowners to invest in their properties, Gray said in an interview.

"We have this opportunity through NAP tax credits, that

anybody who wants to help fund these programs can do so and receive 75% tax credits in return for their donation," Gray said. "After they deduct them from state and federal reporting, most companies end up with an 85 to an 88 cent return on their investment."

For every dollar that is donated to those types of programs, 75 cents in tax credits can be received, Gray said.

"This program would support such initiatives as Impact Corry's current effort on 'Renaissance Block Revitalization' and 'Paint the Town' as well as many other neighborhood assistance initiatives," said Brad Allen, Housing and Neighborhood team member.

A Renaissance Block Revitalization program gives homeowners an opportunity to receive a match for exterior improvements up to \$5,000.

A \$100,000 Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Renaissance Block Program grant was received to fund the program in 2020.

"To date, 12 homes have been finished and they have received a little over \$50,000 in support for the work they're doing," Gray said. "There are seven properties that will be finished in the next month."

In late May, Gray said, the team will find out if they will



Contributed photo

Presentations on Neighborhood Assistance Program tax credits will take place Tuesday and Thursday and can benefit local improvement programs such as Renaissance Block Revitalization, which helped, from left, Lori, Andrew and Nick Adams, to update their windows.

receive a new round of funding to use toward the next homes on the list.

Gray said she is continuing to raise money to fund these types of programs.

The NAP tax credits are a great method to transfer a business' tax obligations from the state, keep tax dollars in Corry and have direct impact on the community, Allen said.

"Besides financial contributions, there will be opportunities for businesses to earn tax credits for in-kind services and real estate donations," Allen said. "Impact Corry is aiming to raise \$666,666 in total financial pledges, in-kind services and real estate donations."

Gray said during the presentation, she will cover the basics to the Community

Strategic Plan, talk about the work being done in Corry to revitalize housing neighborhoods, which are in need of funding, and explain how the NAP tax credits work.

Anyone from sole proprietors to large businesses can benefit.

The biggest message in all this, Gray said, is tax dollars can be spent in Corry to help improve neighborhoods.