

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18, 2025

Resolution to fund a feasibility study for a national War of 1812 Museum in Erie under the direction of the Jefferson Educational Society

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of revitalizing neighborhoods and main street corridors, combating blight, strengthening small business, and catalyzing innovation;

Whereas, the Jefferson Educational Society will partner with several national and local sources, such as the New Localism Associates, Douglas Brinkley, the Erie Maritime Museum and Flagship Niagara League, Hagen History Center, City of Erie and Erie County governments, and local philanthropic and business leaders;

Whereas, ECGRA declares the following project benefits as part of the Pilot Project:

1. Erie County residents will benefit through potential job creation, economic growth, and enhanced civic pride,
2. Local businesses will gain from increased heritage tourism,
3. Students and educators will access expanded history programming,
4. Civic and cultural pride groups will find new opportunities for collaboration.

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 ECGRA Bylaws, resolves to enter into an agreement to fund this Pilot Project to the Jefferson Educational Society in the amount of \$75,000 to the extent outlined in the attachment.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 17th day of July 2025 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA