


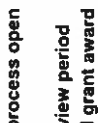





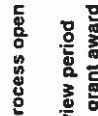


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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
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FOR
DECEMBER
2019**

2020 Grant Schedule									
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PROGRAM	OPEN	DUE	AWARD	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Special Events Grant	1/3/2020	2/28/2020	3/19/2020						
Renaissance Block Program	12/15/2019	3/31/2020	4/16/2020						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #1	1/3/2020	4/30/2020	5/21/2020						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #2	1/3/2020	9/30/2020	10/15/2020						
Community Assets - Parks Field Trails	2021								
Community Assets - Arts Culture Heritage	4/15/2020	8/31/2020	9/17/2020						
Anchor Building	2/1/2020	5/30/2020	6/18/2020						
Community Assets - Community Centers	2021								

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Ridge Policy Group Activity

ECGRA Nov 15 – Dec 6 Report

(NOTE: Given the early board meeting, this does not include activity for any entire 30 days but only through Dec. 6)

Relevant Activity

- RPG has been working directly with the North East Borough to identify funding opportunities for their Sustain NE concept. This has included:
 - Having bi-weekly calls set up to help support their activities
 - Reviewing and sending information on funding available to support them (outlined in the grant opportunities below)
 - Offer to coordinate a visit from EDA to better understand their activities
- Mark Holman and Mark Campbell have had informal calls/ emails with Perry throughout the month to discuss other priorities.

Grant Opportunities

North East Commission

After reviewing their proposal, we do think that there is opportunity for funding under EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. One example of funding they use in their description is "EDA might provide funding to a city to support the construction of a publicly-owned multi-tenant business and industrial facility to house early-stage businesses," though it would not need to be used for that directly.

A couple of other things to note:

- The project must be in line with EDA's investment priorities, found here. As we understand your project, there could be implications on both the Critical Infrastructure and Workforce Development priorities.
- The average size of an EAA investment has been approximately \$650,000 and investments generally range from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000. Historically, EDA has awarded funds for between 70 and 140 EAA projects a year.
- Generally, the amount of an EDA award may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project. The other funding can come from local or state funding sources.



Funding Opportunities	Awards
Erie School District/Mercyhurst University – PASmart Award	\$ 500,000
Greater Erie Community Action Committee – pre-apprenticeship program	\$ 49,995
ARC Grant – Investing in Appalachia’s Future: ARC 5-year Strategic Plan	\$ 200,000
EDA – Regional Innovation Strategies Assistance to Coal Communities Program	\$ 1,000,000
Millcreek School District Foundation – tax credit	\$ 20,000
City of Erie/Erie Innovation District (ARC POWER grant)	\$ 500,000
Erie Innovation District (EDA grant)	\$ 2,000,000
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TOTAL:	\$ 4,269,995



Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
11:30am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

- I. Parks, Fields, & Trails Review
- II. Community Centers Review

PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

2019 COMMUNITY ASSETS GRANT PROGRAM:

PARKS, FIELDS, & TRAILS

13 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

\$198,839.60 REQUESTED

\$150,000 AVAILABLE

1. Asbury Woods – Meadow Trail Restoration

Amount of Request - \$14,918.23

Project Total - \$ 29,836.46

Previous Grants - \$46,492.80 (\$35,838 Community Assets & \$10,654.80 Special Events)

Project Summary

Asbury Woods proposes to upgrade a parking lot adjacent to its meadow trail, a former baseball field, to encourage greater awareness and use. Project includes signage, trailhead kiosk, and a new asphalt surface.

Match will be Asbury Woods' cash.

2. Bayfront Eastside Task Force - The Three Forts of Presque Isle and Interpretive Center Masterplan

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$75,000

Previous Grants - \$49,592 (\$25,000 Renaissance Block; Human Services, Pilot Project)

Project Summary

The Bayfront Eastside Task Force (BEST) will hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and create a management and site plan to build three replica forts in the East Bayfront neighborhood where they originally stood in the 1700s. The study will gauge the economic impact of the project and prepare an analysis of the new attraction along with proposed exhibits and cost estimates for the complex.

Erie Community Foundation has awarded \$20,000 for the project.

3. Borough of Edinboro – Thompson Park Renewal

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$149,000

Previous Grants - \$110,350 (Mission Main Street)

Project Summary

The Borough of Edinboro will upgrade playground equipment in conjunction with a basketball court improvement project in Thompson Park, which is in the heart of the borough. The park is located in an area of low to moderate income families.

The previous playground equipment had to be removed due to safety concerns. The new playground will be ADA compliant and be lighted to extend the use of the park and enhance security. The park project has public support and the support of borough council.

The project match is CDBG funds devoted to the park and is scheduled for May 2020 construction.

4. City of Erie – Tree Planting

Amount of Request - \$10,500

Project Total - \$21,000

Previous Grants - \$303,000 (\$250,000 Mission Main Street, \$50,000 Parks, Fields Trails)

Project Summary

The city of Erie proposes to plant 60 trees in city parks.

The match is cash.

5. Edinboro University Foundation – Youth Therapeutic Recreation (skiing)

Amount of Request - \$3,500

Project Total – \$7,000

Previous Grants - \$100,434 (\$57,000 – Beehive Grant; Community Assets, Special Events)

Project Summary

Edinboro University Foundation will provide ten high school aged clients at Hermitage House with an opportunity to learn skiing for the purpose of building self-confidence and positive interaction with people. Students at Hermitage House are from Erie County and have a variety of emotional and behavioral problems.

Students will use the facilities at Mt. Pleasant, which is located in Erie County.

Faculty will measure outcomes using a Response to Street Questionnaire - Outdoor Adventure Version. Outdoor adventure programs are becoming increasingly common as intervention and treatment tools for adolescents (Bandoroff & Scherer, 1994; Russell & Hendee, 2000). The benefits touted by these programs include increased self-sufficiency, cooperation with others, responsibility, and community involvement and reductions in substance abuse, court adjudication, and various delinquent behaviors (Gass, 1993; Outward Bound USA,).

Match is EU Foundation cash.

6. Erie County Conservation District - Headwaters Park Nature Play Area

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$50,000

Previous Grants - \$26,751 – Parks, Fields, & Trails, 2018

Project Summary

The Erie County Conservation District will construct a “nature play” playground and community garden at Headwaters Park. The improvements are part of a masterplan created with public input in 2015.

The playground encourages physical activity and incorporates educational displays as well. The playground and gardens will be ADA accessible and build on the investment made by ECGRA in 2018 which enhanced trails on the property.

2019 Community Assets Grant Program Summaries – Parks, Fields, & Trails

The match has been secured through a DCNR grant and can begin in spring of 2020.

7. Humane Society – Walking Trails and Dog Park Enhancement

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$50,000

Previous Grants – \$8,077.10

Project Summary

The Humane Society proposes to add walking trails, fencing, and lighting to its property on Zimmerly Road in Millcreek Township for use by the general public. The trails and the adjacent dog park will be open to the public from dawn to dusk without charge.

Match will be financed by the Humane Society.

8. Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park (LEAF) – Pathways Project

Amount of Request - \$14,712.37

Project Total - \$29,424.75

Previous Grants – \$17,585.41 (\$6,200 Community Assets/\$11,385.41 Special Events)

Project Summary

LEAF proposes to reconstruct existing trails and add new trails within the city of Erie's Frontier Park. The trails will use crushed limestone and be ADA accessible.

Plans call for 462 linear feet of new trail and 3,500 linear feet of existing trails which are both 12' wide.

Cash match is in hand and project can begin in spring 2020.

9. Lake Erie Region Conservancy (LERC) - West Road Access Area Trail Improvement -

Amount of Request - \$12,459

Project Total - \$25,000

Previous Grants – \$11,400

Project Summary

The project is located on 46.6 acres in McKean Township that was permanently conserved by LERC in 2008. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) holds a 4,900 ft. fishing easement on this property which follows along Elk Creek. LERC would like to improve 1) the trail to the creek, 2) access from West Road into the property, 3) parking, & 4) signage.

The property is owned by the Lake Erie Region Conservancy, Inc. which purchased it on 12-09-2018. The property is permanently conserved and is available for public passive recreational use, e.g. fishing, hiking, hunting, trapping, etc. The property contains 4,900 feet of frontage on Elk Creek. The PFBC holds a fishing easement which runs the length of the creek on this parcel and which extends from the creek to 35 feet from top of each stream bank. Improvements will extend to the fishing easement area.

LERC has a grant from the PA Fish and Boat Commission for the required match and can begin in spring 2020.

10. Platea Borough – Borough Park Improvement

Amount of Request - \$2,500

Project Total - \$5,000

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Borough of Platea proposes to install two new playground equipment pieces for toddlers and install 80 yards of engineered wood fiber surface at the playground. Installation to be completed by volunteers. The park hosts a number of activities during the year including visits by the county library's bookmobile and family gatherings.

Match has been committed by the borough from its general fund.

11. ServErie – Harry T. Burleigh Performance & Visual Garden

Amount of Request - \$20,000

Project Total - \$53,530

Previous Grants – \$65,399 (\$58,000 Renaissance Block; Special Events, Pilot Project)

Project Summary

ServErie proposes to develop a performance and visual arts garden on a vacant lot located at 623 East 8th Street. The garden will include a performance space, seating and landscaping. It will have access to electricity and eventually water so the space can be used for picnics and family reunions.

ServErie purchased the property measuring 35 feet wide by 70 feet long from Erie County's repository for \$250. A small home was located on the lot at the time of purchase. Originally, ServErie planned to rehabilitate the home for use as an office and community meeting space. After further inspection, the building was judged unsalvageable and removed.

\$11,424 of the match is secured.

12. Springfield Township – Bicentennial Park Improvements

Amount of Request - \$3,750

Project Total - \$7,500

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The township proposes to plant 11 maple trees to define boundary on Sanford Rd. and provide shade for people walking in the park; 6 Flowering crab apples will be planted in a radius to form a focal point and define an additional pedestrian entrance in the northeast corner where Main St. and Sanford Rd. come together; and with park boundaries, plant 16 flowering trees bordering Main St. to improve beautification and add color for people driving on the main thoroughfare and using the park. All trees planted will be excavated to a 5' radius, mulched, and protected to encourage root growth and prevent damage from lawn equipment.

A custom-made sign to mark the northeast pedestrian entrance will be installed.

A youth soccer field will be created including grading the site, adding topsoil and grass seed, and placing the goal posts. A community member has offered to fabricate the soccer goals.

Match has been committed by the township and community members.

13. Washington Township – Inspiration Park Trail Project

Amount of Request - \$16,500

Project Total - \$33,000

Previous Grants – \$41,000 – Multi-Municipal Collaboration

Project Summary

Property for Inspiration Park was acquired by Washington Township in 2018. The township plans to use the 70 acre site for a public, year-round recreational facility. They propose walking/cross country ski trails, picnic areas, and pavilions as the starting point for this multi-year project.

Match will be included in the township's 2020 budget.

Proposal Summaries

2019 Community Assets Grant Program

Community Centers

16 Proposals Submitted

\$185,769 Requested

\$150,000 Available

1. Academy Neighborhood Association – Tool Lending Library

Amount of Request - \$3,000

Project Total - \$ 6,000

Previous Grants - \$11,250 Renaissance Block Program

Project Summary

The Academy Neighborhood Association will purchase two shipping containers to expand its free tool lending library. The library has been open for two years and continues to grow.

Match has been secured.

2. Booker T. Washington Center (BTW) – The Big Assist Program

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$35,000

Previous Grants - \$34,000

Project Summary

The staff at the BTW Center will provide tutoring and mentoring to area high school students including six field trips for career exploration. Program is needed to increase high school graduation rate and acquaint students with various career possibilities they may otherwise not be familiar with.

The Erie Community Foundation has committed \$20,000 towards the project.

3. Borough of Girard – Girard Borough Social Hall

Amount of Request - \$5,000

Project Total - \$10,080

Previous Grants - \$185,000 (Mission Main Street)

Project Summary

The Borough of Girard proposes to replace three entry doors on its borough social hall built in 1940. The Borough has made recent capital improvements including a new roof. The hall is used as a voting location and used by many civic organizations.

The borough will include the match costs in its 2020 borough budget.

4. North East Borough - North East Senior Center

Amount of Request - \$10,300

Project Total - \$20,600

Previous Grants - \$291,540.80 (\$140,000 Mission Main Street, \$100,000 Multi-Municipal Collaboration, \$50,000 Renaissance Block)

Project Summary

The North East Borough Senior Center provides services for approximately 4,000 senior citizens in the North East community. On average 100 seniors are served. North East contracts with GECAC to provide programming. Project will replace flooring, kitchen storage, and entry doors.

Match will be included in the 2020 Borough budget.

5. Community Health Net – Advanced Eye Examination Equipment

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total – \$155,000

Previous Grants - \$10,000

Project Summary

This project will replace equipment - in use since the initiation of eye care in 1986 - with up to date equipment for general eye care and new advanced equipment to improve care and compliance with accessible local appointments instead of out of town referrals.

Local eye care for diabetes and glaucoma is not well served for low income and uninsured patients in Erie. Due to lack of advanced equipment at CHN and lack of local providers willing to accept uninsured and low-income patients, many patients are referred 100 miles away to Pittsburgh, where it can be difficult to make and keep appointments. CHN serves over 13,000 patients with medical, dental, and vision care. Local primary eye and vision examinations will improve the overall quality of life for this patient population, which has been shown to be generally less aware of the importance of comprehensive eye exams throughout all stages of life in delaying, reducing, or preventing vision loss. The new equipment in this project will expand the number of vision exams and the types of exams and care available locally.

Match has been secured from a number of sources including the Erie Community Foundation.

6. Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation – Eagle's Nest After School Program

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$62,935.00

Previous Grants – \$50,000

Project Summary

The Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation partnered with the Erie School District to establish the Eagle's Nest School of Academic Distinction - a public school for 5th and 6th graders. In addition to traditional learning, they offer an after-school program for students challenged in reading and math.

One guaranteed method of enhancing the quality of one's life and thereby their community is education. Studies show that students who participate in a tutoring program benefit both academically and socially. Tutoring programs such as that offered by the Eagle's Nest assists struggling students not only with the necessary requirements for graduation but also helps improve study skills, organization skills, motivation, and classroom participation. Students will receive individualized learning which progresses them step-by-step from where they are academically in a way that they may not be able to receive in a classroom setting.

The after-school program will use the Read 180 and System 44 technology. This combined model uses a multi-tiered, adaptive approach for students in both general and special education. It provides digital tools, real-time data, progress monitoring, professional learning, and personalized and engaging material that helps students become proficient in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking no matter their level of ability.

The expectation is to be able to continue to help all Scholars (students) progress in their reading and math while accelerating those who are struggling to grade-level proficiency (or at least show substantial growth).

Match will be sponsor cash and the Erie School District.

7. Edinboro Legion Pool Inc. – Edinboro Legion Pool Improvements

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$38,890.60

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc., which is owned by the American Legion, provides recreational activities to the public each summer. The primary focus is to provide affordable, healthy recreational activities to local citizens. The pool is a valuable resource to local groups such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Edinboro University soccer camps, and the County YMCA Blue Dolphin Swim Team. The pool is a welcoming, safe environment for children and adults with special needs, local foster parents, and senior citizens who participate in water aerobics classes and Silver Sneakers programs. Replacing aging equipment and renovating the women's restroom will enable them to provide a safer, healthier environment for their customers. Equipment requested includes a new pool pump, new bathroom stalls and new clothes-changing stalls, a refrigerated sandwich and salad preparation table, a stainless-steel fryer, and 18 new chairs. They plan to purchase the requested equipment in March 2020 and complete the ladies room renovation in April-May 2020 so that it will be ready for a June 4th, 2020 opening.

A grant from DCNR will serve as the match.

8. John F. Kennedy Center – Floor Care Equipment

Amount of Request - \$2,954

Project Total - \$5,908

Previous Grants – \$23,796

Project Summary

This project will provide three major pieces of floor equipment to replace one 45-year old scrubber/polisher unit that can no longer be repaired. This floor care equipment is needed to care for 13,335 square feet of tiled floor space within the John F. Kennedy Center's facility.

The John F. Kennedy Center has 13,335 square feet of tiled floor to keep clean and maintained. Areas include a regulation-size gymnasium, two kitchens, a clinic, one youth dining room, one computer lab, an adult/youth education room, and a youth homework assistance/tutoring area.

Every day, an average number of 175 individuals receive services at the John F. Kennedy Center. These clients include 40 seniors, 70 children, 45 women/infants/children, 10 sickle cell patients, and 10 tax payers.

A new 20" walk-behind scrubber is needed to scrub the gymnasium floor. The scrubber puts the cleaner down, scrubs the floor, and sucks up the water/detergent. It will take about 45 minutes to scrub the entire gym with the new unit. It currently takes about two hours for one staff member to mop down the gym. A new high speed 20" burnisher is needed to finish the tile floors throughout JFK and to keep an excellent gloss on them. A 17" combination scrubber/polisher is needed for the two kitchens. A separate unit is needed for the kitchens in order to get into the smaller spaces around the ovens, grills, freezers, refrigerators, sinks, and steel tables.

Match is secured.

9. MLK Center – Workforce Development and Self-Sustainability

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$111,026

Previous Grants – \$48,969

Project Summary

This project is part of phase 2 of an overall transformation of the technology capabilities of the community center to increase effective and efficient service delivery. Phase 1 was a grant from the ECF to purchase and setup the computers for public use for afterschool work and workforce training. Through its active partnership between the community centers, they are going to facilitate the gathering and screening of 50 low-income adults to funnel down to 20 recruits that are ready and willing to be trained in progressing careers that provide family sustaining wages. If any of the first 20 chosen recruits are already employed, they are going to improve their soft skills to gain better employment. Key activities are mandatory modules that outline workforce development, education, and financial literacy. The outcomes will be to help 20 low-income adults obtain a job or find a better job.

Erie Community Foundation (ECF) has provided \$10,513 as match. MLK has applied for an additional \$50,000 from ECF.

10. Mercy Center for Women – Parking Lot Repaving

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$100,000 Anchor Building Grant - 2019

Project Summary

Mercy Center for Women (MCW) will hire McCormick Construction to repair and resurface a portion of the parking lot that serves MCW and the future Holy Rosary building that will be converted to apartments.

11. Northwest Community Center – Equipment Upgrade

Amount of Request - \$3,000

Project Total - \$6,000

Previous Grants - None

Project Summary

The project is intended to replace and expand available equipment for youth recreation within the Northwestern Community Youth Center. The goal of the project is to appeal a larger interest base of youth, increasing attendance.

The Northwestern Community Youth Center has been serving the students of Northwestern School District since 2007. Its mission is to provide programs and activities that encourage a positive lifestyle for youth in a safe and well supervised environment. The youth center is a free drop-in center where they welcome Northwestern School District students from 6th grade to 12th afterschool. Various activities are provided including a pool table, table games, air hockey, foosball, crafts, video games, computer lab, and a gym. It facilitates a variety of clubs and programs depending on the students' interests.

The project is intended to replace and expand available equipment for youth recreation within the Northwestern Community Youth Center. New equipment would include a pool table, updated video game consoles, couches, bike rack, gym equipment, TV, and piano tuning. The goal of the project is to attract a larger interest base of youth, increasing attendance. The current equipment is in disrepair, which is not appealing to many students.

The focus is to encourage a positive lifestyle, social interaction, and recreational opportunities for area youth. They would like to improve the resources available for everyday use. Enhancing the youth center equipment will increase the aesthetic and appeal of the facility, increasing average daily attendance.

Organization is in the process of raising matching funds.

12. Stairways Behavioral Health – Bloom Collaborative Erie's Healing Center

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$43,338

Project Summary

Stairways Behavioral Health and its community healing arts center, Bloom Collaborative, request funding to continue support for the growing demand for quality arts programming and hands-on creative experiences in one of the most underserved areas of the city of Erie.

Programming on the 4-acre Bloom campus – consisting of ceramics, sculpture, fused and cast glass, and most major studio arts – is offered in two spacious art production studios: The Carriage House Studio, which is located in a renovated carriage house and accommodates up to 60 people; and Blossom's Clay Studio, equipped with pottery wheels and kilns, and also accommodates up to 60 people.

Bloom integrates the arts and mental wellness through programs that enhance art experiences, especially for the most disadvantaged who are underserved by arts programming. Bloom increases access to arts by providing high-quality, multidisciplinary, collaborative programming that has a major impact on reducing the stigma of mental illness and focuses on the mental and physical health benefits that it can deliver.

The match has been secured through the GE Employee Community Service Fund.

13. Urban Erie Community Development Corporation (UECDC) – Housing Assistance Program and Technology Upgrade

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$92,865

Project Summary

1.) UECDC will establish a housing assistance fund for families at risk of losing housing due to delinquent rent or losing housing they are approved to move into due to lack of funds to pay first month's rent/security deposit. 2.) UECDC will also replace outdated equipment for staff and classrooms.

UECDC will establish a fund to assist families at risk of losing current or approved housing. Applicants will be approved based the following:

*Preference will be given to Housing Authority residents who are New Americans who have at least one minor child in the household. *Special consideration will be given to families who are participating in the HACE/UECDC Family Self Sufficiency Program

UECDC will create a basic application process, which will be simple enough to address quickly in emergency situations. It is expected that the UECDC Board will create a subcommittee tasked with program funding approvals.

They expect to assist 10-20 families meet their housing obligations, assuming needs of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per family. This assistance will support maintaining family and neighborhood stability. They expect 100% of the families we assist to demonstrate that the funds provided by UECDC have allowed them to reach the goal of their application: maintain current housing they are at risk of losing due to delinquent rent, or move into more appropriate housing they are approved for but are at risk of losing because they are unable to cover security deposit or first month's rent fees.

Complimentary to the center's programming, UECDC seeks funds to replace outdated staff computers and damaged whiteboards.

Match has been requested from the Erie Community Foundation and Erie County.

14. YMCA of Corry – Capital Improvements

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$554,000

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Raise the Roof campaign will build upon the work done in previous campaigns. This campaign, totaling \$550,000 in scope, will work to:

- Provide for scholarship / subsidizing activities
- Large capital project: Roof replacement
- Maintenance projects and fitness center equipment
- Grow endowment

ECGRA funds would be used to replace aging HVAC units at the fitness center.

The YMCA has pledged its own funds to match an ECGRA grant.

15. Erie YMCA – Community Learning Center Teaching Kitchenette

Amount of Request - \$11,515

Project Total - \$23,030

Previous Grants – \$42,334

Project Summary

The downtown YMCA proposes to install a functional kitchen including island, stove, kitchen hood, dishwasher, storage, serving space, etc. needed to implement a culinary arts program for low-income youth that participate in the Y's Teen Center (located in the Community Learning Center).

The project's goals are to provide youth-centered, hands-on food literacy education that highlights general nutrition, food safety, selection, preparation, and cooking skills. Effort will be taken to build upon existing skills each week in order to improve skills while empowering the youth by building upon their food-related self-esteem and self-efficacy. A pre/post cooking skills assessment questionnaire will be used to monitor participants' progress and allow for a baseline comparison. Teen Center programming is open to youth 12-18 years of age. Currently, Erie's Public Schools do not offer food literacy education in the middle schools - culinary arts is offered at Erie High only.

Match will come from YMCA capital reserves.

16. Erie Downtown Partnership (EDP) – Community Wellness Programming

Amount of Request - \$15,000

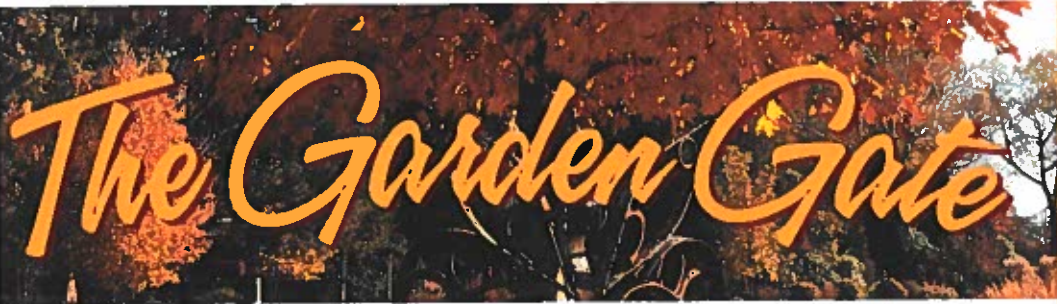
Project Total - \$60,000

Previous Grants – \$368,554

Project Summary

In 2020 the Erie Downtown Partnership will expand upon the success of its 2019 pilot programming to bring more free programming to the public centered on health, wellness, and children's activities through yoga, meditation, story times and STEM activities, as well as a Day of Play.

Match is committed by the EDP and Erie Insurance.



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Bank Barn preservation project continues

Siding replaced on southern elevation



Thanks to the generosity of donors, like you, Goodell Gardens & Homestead was able to replace the siding on the southern elevation of their historic circa 1885 this year!

The barn, which was originally put on its current foundation by George Goodell in 1885, was once home to the dairy cattle and horses on the Goodell family farm. Today it's used for storage of equipment for events and gardening. Once the multi-year restoration project is complete, the building will be used for programmatic and events space.

This fall marks the second year the siding project has taken place. The western elevation on the barn was re-sided during the fall of 2018 and now the two most public-facing elevations have been completed. Other renovation work to date includes replacing the roof with a metal standing-seam-style roof in 2013, funded in part by Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority; foundation re-pointing and re-setting over several years, funded in part by Erie Community Foundation an anonymous donor and donors like you; and the addition of a modern electrical service entrance just outside of the barn with temporary lights and power to the barn also funded in part by the Erie Community Foundation & donors like you.

The current slate of work for 2020 will address the northern elevation of the building and will include updating and repairing the doors and the ramp leading to them.

Thank you so much to our generous donors and granting agencies whose incredible generosity makes this project possible.



Interior before photo



Interior after photo



Erie Gives Record Set!

WOW! Together our donors, like you, gave more than \$9,000 to Goodell Gardens on Erie Gives Day! Together we raised \$9,142.48 toward the purchase of new tractor! Please join us in thanking the following donors & sponsors for their generosity:

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Goodell Gardens Board Member
Linda Cook (far left), Board
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Goodell Gardens receives ECGRA Grant to fund tractor purchase!

Please join us in thanking the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for their continued support, as they recently approved a \$10,000 grant toward the purchase of a new tractor! The purchase will be made in the spring, and will help improve the efficiency of our staff. Thank you so much, ECGRA!



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ERIE CONFERENCE ON DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Hosted by Talk Minority Action Group (TMAG)

November 13, 2019

Mr. Perry Wood
Executive Director
Erie County Gaming Revenue
Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite 201
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Mr. Wood:

Supporting our work as a Sponsor of the TMAG Erie Conference on Diversity & Inclusion on October 26, 2019 was invaluable and we want to Thank you.

Our outreach across Pennsylvania grows each year empowering under-represented citizens breaking the cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

TMAG's focus remains strengthening and elevating the conversation on improving affordable housing availability, educating communities on the importance of civic engagement, promoting healthy lifestyles and improving equity for minority businesses.

We appreciate your generous support of our work; it is vital, and we look forward to working together in the future.

Sincerely,

Luther J. Sewell, Jr.
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November 15, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Wood:

I write to send my most sincere thanks for your recent gift. Edinboro University thrives today because of the support of its alumni and friends. Looking ahead, we have much to achieve in the coming years, and I am confident that we will approach each new challenge with our tradition of recilency and perserverance.

We are fortunate to have your loyalty and trust. Thank you for making our students a philanthropic priority. Every student's story is different, but each one has been impacted because of donors like you. In that spirit, I greatly appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make the university a place of opportunity and excellence for our students. Together, your gifts help to ensure that we remain an innovative leader in higher education, and I am grateful that you share our dedication to that goal.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Goellner, '01 '17, CFRE
Vice President

Thank you for the Board's generosity!

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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September 30, 2019

Dear Friends,

First let me start with a sincere **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to our 2019 German Heritage Festival Sponsorship & Program Book campaign! We were very happy to have received such great corporate support from so many businesses and advertisers.

In this day when many companies are dropping aid for such programs as ours, it is indeed gratifying to know that **YOU** value what we do and have continued to support us! **On behalf of the entire committee, we are enclosing a copy of your ad and we hope you are pleased with it.**

This year's Festival was held on the Labor Day weekend and even though the weather didn't always co-operate, it still drew very nice crowds. We know in all that 4,000 or so attendees really enjoyed the great family fun in the old world German tradition that our Fest has become noted for.

We hope you are pleased with our progress and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call us! Again we value your support and we hope you plan on staying with us as we move into next year and our 24th Annual German Heritage Festival!

Sincerely,

The German Heritage Festival Committee



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November 26, 2019

Mr. Perry Wood  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Road, Ste. 201  
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Perry:

I'm so glad you were able to join us for our Old Main and Universitas Society induction ceremony. It is nice to say "thank you" in a letter, but much sweeter to extend a hand of thanks in person.

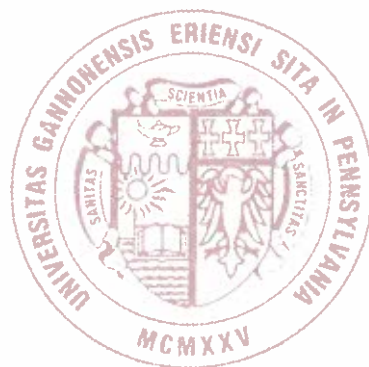
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authorities' support reaches far into the lives of our students and the neighborhood we live in. We so appreciate your partnership with us in serving Erie through the Beehive Innovation space, GO College, and Our West Bayfront.

Again, welcome to the Old Main Society. Your organization is part of the backbone of Gannon and is foundational to our success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KT", written over a faint, larger blue ink signature.

Keith Taylor, Ph.D.  
President



## Renaissance grant open to select Corry neighborhoods

BY SARA JUKES  
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Residents in homes and apartments within Corry's center may have found an informational flier on their front door Thursday telling them about a Renaissance Block Matching Grant Program, and Impact Corry wants everyone to know this is a real offer.

The flier was delivered to inform residents of an informational meeting on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Corry Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 264, 1151 Mead Ave.

Impact Corry Community Development Director Chuck Gray said that volunteers are canvassing neighborhoods from Washington Street, north to Bond Street, west to Mead Avenue and east to Wayne Street to let residents know of a new opportunity.

Renaissance Block Matching Grant Program is a grant program offered by Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority that is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant home beautification program.

This is a recurring grant program in which \$150,000 can be awarded every year to beautify a neighborhood.

Each homeowner will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per family home or multifamily structure.

"It's a neighborhood building initiative that lets neighbors collaborate to save money and gives them a one-to-one match to improve their properties," Gray said.

This meeting is to encourage residents to apply for this grant, provide details of the requirements and to gauge interest. Attendees will learn how the program works.

Gray explained that ECGRA expressed the importance of improving areas one neighborhood at a time, so part of the meeting will be to find out how many groups of neighbors, within targeted neighborhoods, are willing to participate in a matching grant program that can help fund home and land improvements.

"We were encouraged to look at it as neighborhood clusters and we were encouraged to think about it as coming back to them again and again," Gray said. "Start with one neighborhood, move to the next neighborhood and keep going throughout Corry."

To reserve a seat, call Shelby Scouten at 814-664-3884, ext. 7.

## UC's Historic Preservation Plan unveiled to public

BY ALEX TOPOR  
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**UNION CITY**  
— Members of the Union City community attended a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, to learn more about the borough's Historic Preservation Plan.

It was the third such public meeting with the first two happening in June and August. All three meetings were hosted at the American Legion LeBaron Post 237, 9225 Route 6, Union City.

The plan began in May by examining the conditions of Union City's commercial historic district,

which is defined as a 0.2-mile portion of Main Street. The first two public meetings allowed the planning team to gather feedback from local property owners, community members and elected officials.

The plan's overall goal is to provide design and development guidance for the borough, specifically commercial property owners interested in making building repairs and improving their building facades. It aims to prevent the decline of the downtown and transition the town away from a manufacturing community.

To orchestrate the plan, the borough hired a consultant team of consisting of citySTUDIO, T&B Planning and Milton Ogot Architect. The team has combined experience in preservation planning, historic building preservation and rehabilitation.

"There has been a lot of time put into the development of the plan and I think it will be very helpful to us in the future as we continue to see improvements and change here in town," Cindy Wells, Union City Borough secretary said.

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## Historic

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Partial funding for the plan was provided by a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Additional funding was provided by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, the Union City Community Foundation and the Borough of Union City.

A draft of the full plan is available at the Union City Borough Hall, 13 S. Main St., and the Union City Public Library, 2 Stranahan St. A copy is also available online at unioncitypa.us.

The plan includes a history of Union City's downtown commercial district, an overall description of the plan and details recommendations for improvements in public spaces, signage, lighting and buildings.

"The historic district is just the commercial area, none of the residential areas," said Nicole Kubas, a representative from citySTUDIO. "There are four overall open spaces downtown we have recommended for improvements."

The plan aims to create more green space and parking in the historic area. Signage would be installed to guide visitors to the new and existing parking lot while a large sign be would built in a new green space at the corner of Market and Main streets.

"The plan also talks

about pedestrian improvements like sidewalks, street crossings and lighting," Kubas said. "Then it goes on about amenities for cyclists that would promote them coming through Union City."

The biggest part of the plan explains architecture and upgrades to businesses in the downtown. There is a detailed explanation of improvements for several different properties on North Main Street.

"The plan talks about the specific architecture such as roofs, windows, doors, structural upgrades and a similar color palette," Kubas said.

Ryan England, also a representative from citySTUDIO, talked about the plan creating an identity for the downtown.

"If everyone buys into the color schemes it will create a strong neighborhood identity for the downtown area. We want to be very present for the property owners so we will be here throughout the winter and the spring," England said. "As far as the actual plan goes, we wanted to make it very accessible to the public. It spells out in detail and plain language exactly what steps would enliven the historic details of the buildings of the downtown."

"We encourage everyone to look through the plan and contact us if you have any questions."

A far as actually completing the plans, property

owners are encouraged to seek funding opportunities through a Mission Main Street grant funded by ECGRA. ECGRA awarded the borough \$200,000 to be used to improve the downtown area from 2019-2021.

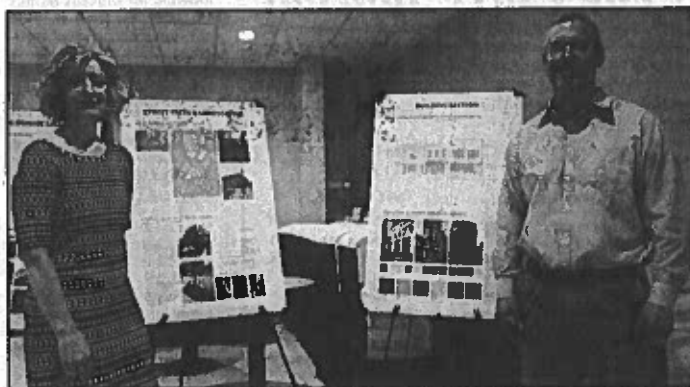
"We were able to provide up to \$10,000 for projects on Main Street for a business owner and \$30,000 was used in 2019 from the grant. All of that has been used or will be spent on Main Street," Wells said. "In 2020, there will be \$42,500 available just for facade improvements. The maximum amount for a business owner would be \$12,000, which would require matching funds."

Applications for the grant are due Jan. 31, 2020. Grant applications are available at the Union City Borough office.

Additional funding will be available to help with the structure of properties. The funds are also from the \$200,000 from ECGRA and part of the Mission Main Street grant. The application period for grants related to structure will begin in March or April, Wells said.

All grant project requests must be related to the Historic Preservation Plan to be accepted.

Those with any questions about the Union City Historic Preservation Plan or interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to call Wells at 814-438-2331 or email her at secretary@ucborough.us.



From left, Union City Borough Secretary Cindy Wells and Union City Community Foundation Vice Chairman Kyle Blakeslee stand in front of several examples from the Union City Historic Preservation Plan. The plan was presented to members of the Union City community at a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the American Legion LeBaron Post 237, 9225 Route 6, Union City.

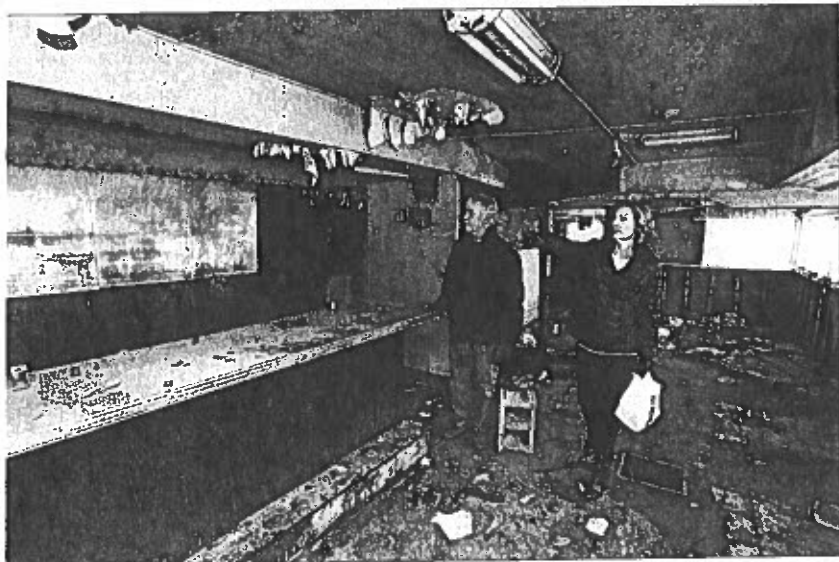
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## United for Union City



Steve Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation, and Cindy Wells, Union City Borough secretary/treasurer, are shown Wednesday at the former Union City Diner. The town has received grant funding for major improvements to the downtown. (JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

### Local leaders, funding agencies collaborate to revitalize the town

By Valerie Myers  
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UNION CITY — Erie isn't the only local community working to reverse decline. After decades of plant closings, eroding population and bruised community self-esteem, Union City officials have

plans to reverse the town's fortunes — and have a small fortune in grant money to do it.

Union City Borough and Union City Pride, a non-profit created to support and promote the community, together have almost \$625,000 to spend to improve Union City's downtown and parks.

The money includes \$258,000 from the Erie Community Foundation,

### More online

See photos from Union City. Local officials are looking to make downtown improvements after receiving grants: [www.GoErie.com/photos](http://www.GoErie.com/photos)

\$250,000 from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, \$30,000 from the Union City Community Foundation and \$1,500 from Union City Borough.

ECGRA's Mission Main Street program really got the ball rolling, said Union City Borough Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wells.

The program provided \$15,000 grants that communities could use to match investments in building facade improvements, as Union City did, and for smaller improvements.

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### UNION

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"The game-changer was when ECGRA made Mission Main Street grants of up to \$50,000 available, and by happenstance almost, the Erie Community Foundation started its Shaping Tomorrow program," said Steve Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation.

"They essentially said to us, 'Give us your big ideas,'" Bishop said.

Union City Borough, Union City Community Foundation and Union City Pride officials pitched projects to improve the community and attract new residents and businesses.

"We gave them our big ideas and even had to scale them back a bit. But there still are a lot of meaningful things we can do," Bishop said.

Chief among them will be dressing up the northern gateway to the town, at Main and High streets.

Union City Pride bought the former Union City Diner and an adjacent brick building at the intersection for \$62,532 this fall and is seeking architectural proposals for how they might figure into an improved gateway.

"People here have a lot of memories of the diner. It's pretty iconic in town," Bishop said. "We're looking for conceptual drawings of the gateway — from the diner and Oldm building to borough green space across High Street, and to the southeast corner, where the Ace Hardware building is — to tie all the elements together."

The diner has been closed for decades and is in rough shape.

"We're asking architects to tell us if it can be saved, and if it can be saved, for what kind of uses," Bishop said. "And if it has to be removed, how we can pay homage to it, retain some elements of it and retain that history."

The deadline for gateway proposals is Dec. 13. Community officials expect to hire an architect for the project in mid-January.

Additional plans for the downtown include the construction of a public parking lot on South Main Street and structural assessments of individual buildings.

The parking lot will be built next year on vacant

lots across from Union City Public Library. The lots are owned by the library board and Union City Pride.

The off-street parking will help attract customers down town, Wells said.

Architects previously hired to prepare a Historic Preservation Plan for the downtown will do structural assessments of most downtown buildings. The \$76,000 project will provide the assessments building owners at no charge, as early as this coming spring. Work to improve structural issues identified in the assessments will be eligible for up to \$5,000 in matching funds from Union City Borough funded by the ECGRA grant.

The assessment will include suggestions on how mostly vacant upper floors each building might be used in their heyday, the commercial buildings general housed stores or services on the ground floor and living space or offices upstairs.

"That downtown business model is broken," Bishop said. "It worked basically from the 1880s until the 1980s, and then shopping malls and later the internet drew customers away."

Big-box stores and chain retailers further drain away downtown customers, said Steve Jones, chairman of the Union City Community Foundation.

The structural assessment will build on the facade improvement program already underway in the borough. The storefront improvements are funded by local match money and smaller ECGRA Mission Main Street grant.

A final draft of the Historic Preservation Plan was presented to the pub Thursday and will be the unofficial blueprint for downtown improvement, Wells said.

The plan includes suggestions to improve building facades and tie them together in a common downtown theme. It also recommends improving green spaces downtown, lighting, plantings and other street-scape improvements.

The plan was funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Foundation and matching funds from ECGRA, Union City Borough and Union City Community Foundation.

Park Improvements will



Union City has received grant funding for major improvements to businesses and visitors. The intersection of High and Main streets is the focus. (JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

# VIEWPOINT

## OUR VIEW

### Union City poised for great change

**The issue:** Localism stirs in Union City  
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**U**nion City, like so many communities here, telegraphs its life story — both the triumphs and trauma — in its streetscapes. The borough straddles French Creek and is crossed by rail lines — both of which helped give rise to the community and its proud chair manufacturing heritage. The streets are packed with historic structures that testify to this past prosperity, but also in their sad, blighted condition, the crippling loss of jobs and people wrought by globalization.

Erie, with similar problems, in recent years gave up awaiting relief from afar. Leaders stepped from silos and looked to capitalize together on native assets, capital, and grit to deliberately chart a new course forward for the downtown, neighborhoods and the economy, informed by careful planning.

As reporter Valerie Myers detailed, that same spirit and will now powers efforts to restore Union City. When the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority through its Mission Main Street program and the Erie Community Foundation via Shaping Tomorrow grants put money on the table in transformative sums and called on communities here to think big, Union City did. Now with nearly \$625,000 in grant funding, Union City Borough, Union City Pride and the Union City Community Foundation are moving forward to take their ongoing revitalization work to new heights.

The iconic, long-shuttered Union City Dinor in some fashion will play a role in a new community gateway at Main and High streets, Steven Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation said. Buildings will be structurally assessed and money made available for needed improvements.

The ultimate vision, laid out in the just-completed Union City Historic Preservation Plan, is stirring. It features coordinated paint schemes for buildings, new green spaces with views on French Creek, outdoor areas for gathering and new parking areas for those who want to visit.

Looking at the plans, one can picture a charming downtown with power to draw small niche businesses, expanding local businesses, cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts and people who crave authentic small town life — either for a day or a lifetime.

Union City Community Foundation Board Chairman Steve Jones said in a release that the ambitious Union City plans spring from residents' love of their hometown — a potent resource more in this region should look to leverage.

For so many communities here, viability is no longer a given, but a hard choice — languish in the status quo to await certain ruin or imagine and will something new.

Kudos to the Union City residents rising to secure a bright future for their hometown and to ECGRA and the Erie Community Foundation, for helping to identify and make this game-changing survival strategy possible for the entire region.



## Blue Zones

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### Blue Zones gains more funding, well-being index

BY SARA JUKES

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Corry Blue Zones Project has had several recent developments: The gain of two new funding partners and the reveal of a Blue Zones blueprint for the Corry community.

Blue Zones Project is a community initiative that is designed to help improve the well-being of the residents so they can live longer, healthier lives.

At a press conference Monday, Erie County Executive Kathy Dalhkemper announced donations from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and National Fuel.

Perry Wood, executive director of ECGRA, said its \$100,000 donation is an experiment for ECGRA, who has never donated to a healthy initiative before.

"This is an experiment for ECGRA," Wood said. "The idea of health care being significant to economic development. We all believe it, we all know it to be true, but we haven't ventured out on that branch yet."

Vice President of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation and member of the National Fuel Gas Co. Foundation board Michael D. Colpoys said the \$30,000 from National Fuel was given with pride.

"Our foundation is a fund made up of shareholder dollars that contributes more than a million dollars annually to nonprofits throughout our service territory," Colpoys said.

Initiative started by Corry Blue Zones for the community include formation of social groups, developing an active transportation plan and working with local organizations and businesses on healthy initiatives to name a few.

◀ See Blue Zones, P.2

Some of the local organizations currently working with Blue Zones to improve the well-being of their employees are Corry Counseling Services, Corry Area School District, Corry YMCA, D and E Machining Ltd. and Corry Memorial Hospital, an affiliate of LECOM Health.

Results from a well-being index survey that was mailed to everyone in the 16407 ZIP code in mid May were revealed Tuesday.

The results create a baseline for Blue Zones to use to measure the improvements in Corry going forward.

As plans for healthy community improvements are carried out, another survey will be sent out to collect new results to compare with the baseline created from these 2019 results.

It is estimated that there are 11,000 people living in the 16407 ZIP code, which is bigger than just the city of Corry. The last census count, taken in 2010, had a population count of 6,605.

There were 888 responses to the mailing of the well-being index survey out of 4,477 surveys mailed, which factors as a 19.8 percent response rate. A 20 percent response rate is expected from any surveyed community, so 19.8 percent is on target, according to Jenn Furler, vice president center of excellence Blue Zones Project.

Furler spoke via phone call to a room of community representatives to give the results of the well-being survey. Part of the survey collected income and found that 24.2 percent of respondents have an income below \$24,000, 26.4 percent have an income between \$24,000 and \$47,999, 31.3 percent

have an income between \$48,000 and \$89,999 and 18.2 percent have an income above \$90,000.

There are 20 categories that will be asked again to measure improvement rates in the future.

"There are metrics we have to meet to become a Blue Zones community," Corry Blue Zones Project community program manager Jennifer Eberlein said. "We have to improve so many of those at the end."

The metrics are based on survey questions that include people, places and policy. The data has been compared to responses from Pennsylvania state residents and national residents.

Response averages are broken down into categories including the feeling of thriving in life, feeling like goals have been reached, the ability to use strengths daily and feeling like friends and family give positive energy daily.

In all categories, Corry residents scored at least two percent lower than Pennsylvania and nationally surveyed residents.



## Improved Corry website to include all community assets

BY SARA JUKES  
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A website is being developed by Impact Corry that will represent all things Corry with promotions, events and even Google Earth.

Impact Corry Community Development Director Chuck Gray has been working on gathering data for website development as part of a Mission Main Street grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

A Mission Main Street grant is currently funding a number of project throughout the city including a facade project, a renaissance project and the development of a logo, among others.

The website will use background software called Trumba. Trumba is event management software.

It can provide calendars, provide event listings and give promotional opportunities.

Google Earth is integrated as a wayfinder for users.

Area locations and events are sorted by categorical options of interest, date, keyword and location.

"The software helps you locate events by calendar, location and category," Gray said.

It will enable all businesses, organizations, churches and locations of interest in Corry to have events, sales and other things listed in conjunction with each other, all on one website.

Gray said Trumba is powerful and needs input of huge amounts of data to be an effective tool for the community.

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## Website

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"The data points we are going to collect include: photos; videos; GIS (Global Information System Mapping Data); asset names; hours; details; philosophies; contact information; narratives; website links; events; categories of offerings; keywords; and as many pages of organizational, asset or event information as we are able to collect," Gray said. "As we get going, we will even be able to host event registration online."

The collection of data has already started, but it will take some time.

Data collection is done through one on one interviews, outings and documentation by photographers, videographers and writers.

"We hope to develop information about every opportunity to explore, stay, play, learn, dine, shop, participate in events, and live in Corry," Gray said.

The website is estimated to go live in the next year and a half, according to Gray.

"The thing is, this software, the start up costs are decently high because it is so powerful," Gray said.

Examples of websites that use Trumba are the Smithsonian website, [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu) and Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau's website, [www.tourchautauqua.com](http://www.tourchautauqua.com).

While Gray said she intends to continue to conduct door to door meetings with organizations, business and building owners, Mission Main Street informational fliers are available at The Painted Finch Gallery, 32 N. Center St., and the Corry Area Chamber of Commerce, 221 N. Center St.

Impact Corry and Corry Community Foundation are inviting the public to an open house of their new offices at 4 S. Center St., on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 10 p.m.