

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 15, 2019**

### **Resolution to enter into agreement with the Jefferson Educational Society (JES) to fund a pilot project for community engagement in the planning and design of an iconic connection between downtown Erie and the waterfront**

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

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of infrastructure, placemaking, walkability, and smart urban design in promoting Erie County and its competitive advantages; and

Whereas, the PA Economic Development Financing Law finds that alternative means of financing infrastructure are important to the encouragement of economic development, and as its purpose such authorities are permitted to finance, through grant and loan funds, projects of public infrastructure that alleviate unhealthy conditions; and

Whereas, the JES, in partnership with the City of Erie and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, is engaged in economic and community development for Erie County in leading a coalition of entities to engage Kent State University's Urban Design Collaborative in a planning and design exercise; and

Whereas, the JES expertise in community engagement of complex community coalitions makes it an ideal candidate to shepherd pilot project funding in the planning and design of an iconic connection between downtown Erie and the waterfront; and

Whereas, the eligible applicant is awarded a pilot project grant totaling \$5,000 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A";

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 enter into agreement with the JES so Erie County can plan for and design an iconic connection between Erie's downtown and the Waterfront.

On the motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

This resolution was passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

October 17, 2019

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA