



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM/In Person  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
June 19, 2025

ZOOM Meeting Information:

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86544890771>  
Password: not required

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2025
5. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS
6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. PRESENTATION
  - a. ELRC: Childcare Update & Request  
– Elana Como
  - b. Maher Duessel: Annual Audit 2024-25  
– Michelle Bryan, Amanda Jaros
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Treasurer’s Report
  - b. Strategic Planning Committee
  - c. Update from County Council
  - d. Update from County Executive’s Office

10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Amendment to Resolution 14, 2025

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 16, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Renaissance Block Program – Round 2
- b. Resolution Number 17, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Multi-Municipal Collaboration grant – Round 1
- c. Resolution Number 18, 2025 – Resolution to fund a feasibility study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie through the Jefferson Educational Society

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting  
Location: 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510; Board Room  
ZOOM meeting – details to follow



## **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**

**May 15, 2025**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on May 15, 2025 in the Jordan Room; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 8:31 am.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Amatangelo, Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Hess, Mr. Oberlander, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Winschel are present in person. Mr. Copeland is present via zoom but joins in person during the meeting. Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are present in person.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the agenda. Motion carries 6-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 2025

Ms. Amatangelo makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

There are no comments from the Board of Directors.

#### **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Ms. Hess has no comment at this time.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present.

## PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Winschel: There are a couple items I'd like to point out. If you take a look at the Profit & Loss and the income statement you'll see that the interest from the savings and CDs almost represent the administrative expense for the month. So, that was the strategy when we first started to make our money work harder so more of the money we receive from the gaming can be used for grants. So, that strategy is working quite well.

If you take a look at some of the distributions, as far as the Balance Sheet there, you'll see that total of the checking, the savings, and the money market and CDs represent \$21,600,000. Now, if you take a look at the breakout report, the new Cash Asset Report we created, I think we've kind of got that now to where hopefully the members can easily tie that into the \$21,613,000 on the bottom. So, we have our checking account, we have the savings account and the sub accounts earning 2.32%. You'll see our money market at 4.25% and then the CDs at 5.15%, 4% 5.33%, and 4.46%. So together, that represents the \$21 million.

Perry and I talked about there is a million-dollar CD coming due at FNB next week at 5.15% as well as the restricted funds above from the gaming revenue that we can't really touch for a year. That should become available in the beginning of the year. However, that \$4.5 million that's currently earning 2.32% perhaps we could do a six-month CD or something to double that rate, which would generate approximately \$40,000 of additional revenue for us.

So, all in all, Perry, I think maybe you and I should talk, because if you take a look, we have the majority of those CDs coming due in the next four months. We've got one coming due in May, two in August and one in September and perhaps we should take a look at maybe putting those out a little bit more, depending on your forecast of cash needs for grants and things like that. I think the Federal Reserve will probably be cutting rates here before the end of the year where we see inflationary numbers come down. It might make sense to lock some of those in for seven or nine months maybe, or kind of like how we started the strategy; it's starting to compress again, and we don't want to get back to where we were six months ago when we started.

As far as the Budget vs Actual, this is the first month of the new fiscal year. There was only one out of whack and I think it's more of the timing of the payment, it's the Accounting Fees. Everything else is pretty much in line. And then you'll see the distribution of some of the grants. If we move to the Transaction List, move to those transactions are payments for payroll, benefits, grant payments, some office expenses, such as phone and rent which are in line. You'll see the credit card bill, which you'll see is primarily for office supplies, meeting expenses, subscriptions and then there are the details of the Amazon bills of the books. So, that's a brief synopsis of the Treasurer's Report. Any questions? If not, thanks.



Ms. Amatangelo makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 6-0.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. Wood: I think Angie and Mark were the only ones not present at the Strategic Planning meeting, so let me give a quick overview of what we talked about. Arts, Culture, & Entertainment grants were reviewed; that's going to be a resolution on the agenda today. Secondly, two Renaissance Blocks were reviewed, both Union City and Impact Corry, and both were found favorable by the committee. That'll be another resolution.

Then the third item was we had a presentation from the Northwest Institute of Research on the Educator Retention Awards. They zoomed in and went over the results with us; that's another resolution. It's almost \$1 million worth of grants. And I just want to remind everybody that this is a historical moment for ECGRA because we have never given a grant to a for-profit agency. But based on the need, based on the ARPA guidelines, and based on discussions with this board, we are going to do it for the first time with these early childhood facilities. I think it's a good thing. I'm just pointing it out because after being here for 14 years and not doing it, it's interesting. And I think it opens the door for further discussion.

Mr. Cleaver: Are you opening Pandora's Box?

Dr. Wood: Not necessarily. It's still this board that decides, so it's the seven of you that decides if Pandora's Box is opened.

Mr. Oberlander: Haven't there been other for-profit businesses that have applied over the 14 years?

Dr. Wood shakes his head,

Mr. Oberlander: Never? Okay.

Dr. Wood: We also took a look at grant guidelines for the next round of early childhood development funding. Rock, can you hear me okay?

Mr. Copeland: Yeah, I can. I can hear fairly well.

Dr. Wood: Phase two of childcare is the Startup and Expansion grant; we took a look at those guidelines as well. The Board had some feedback on that and we're ready to move forward with breaking those out.

We also talked about strategic things that are in the future. We're going to see a presentation from Harborcreek who is engaged in a Multi-Municipal Collaboration on ambulatory services. So, we've asked them to come in and present. Then we will have Mercyhurst University come in and talk about their venture studio concept; that's where they help companies gain access to angel and venture capital funding. And then we're almost done with our review of the Manufacturing Competitiveness Center at Behrend and we'll see a Downtown Girard Renaissance block grant as well.

There were two other concepts that we discussed. One was just briefly discussed; we have a letter of interest from the RDA, something we're calling the Main Street Matters fund, that's the working title, and it would be a new fund for microloans. So, \$50,000 and under -

that's a gap in the market that was something that Bridgeway was tackling and they're currently not tackling it. So, we want to explore RDA and if they can do that. They have a significant amount in the pipeline of projects to fund. I think that's part of our discussion with them; Tim and I talked about this. They need to quantify the need for us, show us the types of companies that are coming that you can't fund because you don't have the current capital. And they did get a \$500,000 USDA loan that they can match in order to create this fund. So, I think minimum we look at a half million dollars to inject into that. But let's talk about that as it comes through.

Then finally, I didn't have time to discuss this, but the PA 250; Tim's a commissioner of it, Dr. Ferati is a commissioner of it. We haven't funded anything for the PA 250 commission yet. There's a concept coming forth that has to do with the War of 1812 Museum that we may want to take a look at. So, I'll bring that to you as soon as we get something; I think maybe we have those folks come in and present on it and talk a little bit further.

Are there any questions about Strategic Planning?

c. Update from County Council

Mr. Copeland has nothing to report.

d. Update from County Executive's Office

Mr. Sinnott is not present for an update.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: You all got my Director's Report if you want to thumb through it. The only thing I'll mention is we're getting close to having the Auditor General release his report on ECGRA. I am very pleased with the preliminary results. Of course, we can't talk about it publicly yet, so we'll wait for that.

The other thing to consider is, and we've discussed this at some length at Strategic Planning, the public discussion around the future of the casino is an important topic for this organization, since that's where our revenue comes from. There have been multiple perspectives floating out there publicly on the future of the casino and there are folks that are concerned about it, and I think anyone who is an ECGRA grant recipient should be concerned about it. I don't know where that conversation is going to take us. We may have to have some type of follow-up discussion at some point to decide on whether or not we need a stronger government relations presence with our state legislative delegation.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: I was emailing Tammi last night and she had sent me, at my request, the notices from the Department of Revenue regarding payments from 2024. I will start the reconciliation process, at least the spreadsheets, to figure out what we have received and what we think we should have received from the County, so that we can be prepared for that conversation in the future.

For the record, Mr. Copeland has entered the meeting in person.

## OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 12, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreements with thirty (30) community organizations and municipalities engaged in Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the resolution. Ms. Amatangelo seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Resolution Number 13, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2025 Renaissance Block Program, Round 1

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Smith seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- c. Resolution Number 14, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreements with Early Learning Childcare agencies for the Educator Retention Awards as part of the Erie County Investing in Families Initiative

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Amatangelo makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion.

Mr. Winschel: I just have a question for Perry. Perry, I know that this whole initiative is first retention, which we did today, and then facility improvement so there are spots. I only bring this up today because there were a couple of news article news on a national news today and local news, about the cost of sending your kids to daycare, right? So, we can have a lot of facilities, we can expand them, we can retain them, but the affordability of sending someone there, is there anything like a consultant to say what we can do to help?

Dr. Wood: Would you like to propose someone?

Mr. Winschel: I'm just saying I think you can have all the spaces you want, but if it's out of the reach for a lot of people to send their kids there. I'm not saying subsidies or something like that but for consultants ever bring that up or talk about that but help families that might not be able to afford it.

Dr. Wood: There are scholarship funds at the Erie Community Foundation and United Way does something in the area of daycare. And then, of course, the state of Pennsylvania, is the

number one provider of subsidies, Head Start being largest. Head Start in our region is \$55 million dollars that the federal government spends on that service.

Mr. Winschel: That's for income qualified, right?

Dr. Wood: Yes, income qualified.

Mr. Winschel: I just thought I'd bring that up.

There is no further discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- d. Resolution Number 15, 2025 – Resolution to adopt the childcare Startup & Expansion Grant Guidelines as part of the Erie County Investing in Families Initiative

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Amatangelo moves to adjourn. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 8:49 am.

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Executive Board of Directors

**From:** Elana Como, ELRC Director

**Date:** June 19, 2025

**Subject:** Update on YMCA Grant Applications and Recommendation for Inclusion of Pre-K Counts Educators

At the time of submission for the YMCA grant applications, the YMCA Director included eight (8) Pre-K Counts (PKC) teachers in the staff count on the application spreadsheet. However, the funding allocations specific to those PKC teachers were inadvertently omitted from the submission. The applications were submitted reflecting only the dollar amounts for child care staff.

The Director's understanding was that if additional funds became available, the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) would follow up to confirm availability and subsequently apply the funding to support the PKC teachers. In alignment with this expectation—and due to the availability of sufficient funds—the ELRC has now added the appropriate funding allocations for these eight PKC educators to the YMCA's original grant application.

As a result, the total proposed grant award for the Erie YMCA will increase from **\$144,251** to **\$186,234.50**, representing a difference of **\$41,983.50**.

### **Recommendation:**

We recommend the Board approve the inclusion of these 8 Pre-K Counts educators in the grant award, as adequate funds are available and their roles were initially included in the staff counts, aligning with the intent of the original application.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional details.

Respectfully,

Elana Como

Early Learning Resource Center Director

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**Erie County Gaming  
Revenue Authority**

Financial Statements

Year Ended March 31, 2025  
with Independent Auditor's Report

**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

**Board of Directors  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (Authority), a component unit of the County of Erie, Pennsylvania as of and for the year ended March 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Authority, as of March 31, 2025, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.



### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or

historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Date XX, 202X

# ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

MARCH 31, 2025

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,539,041
Certificates of deposit	9,266,508
Prepaid expenses	17,591
Notes receivable	<u>2,098,506</u>
Total current assets	23,921,646
Noncurrent assets:	
Notes receivable, net	<u>4,047,118</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 27,968,764</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Unearned revenue	\$ 2,720,891
Accrued compensated absences	<u>29,566</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,750,457</u>
Net Position:	
Restricted - economic development	<u>25,218,307</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<b><u>\$ 27,968,764</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# **ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY**

## **STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

### **Operating Revenues:**

Gaming revenue	\$ 6,101,289
Governmental grants	648,517
Recovery of provision for uncollectible notes	2,172
Interest income - note receivable	133,716
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Total operating revenues	6,885,694
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### **Operating Expenses:**

Economic Development:	
Grants awarded	5,923,919
Employee costs	354,541
Professional fees	89,346
Office space	20,130
Marketing and communications	9,355
Office expenses	13,600
Data processing	20,701
Insurance	15,881
General and meeting	7,919
Loan forgiveness	45,329
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Total operating expenses	6,500,721
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<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>384,973</b>
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### **Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):**

Interest income	698,880
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<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>1,083,853</b>

### **Net Position:**

Beginning of year	24,134,454
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End of year	\$ 25,218,307
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

### Cash Flows From Operating Activities:

Cash received from gaming revenue	\$ 6,101,289
Cash received from governmental grants	2,500,000
Cash received from borrowers	133,716
Cash received from recoverability from borrowers	50,901
Cash paid to employees and for employee benefits	(324,975)
Cash paid as grant awards	(5,923,919)
Cash paid for operating expenses	(179,880)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>2,357,132</u>

### Cash Flows From Investing Activities:

Interest income	419,149
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(8,986,777)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(8,567,628)</u>

**Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents** (6,210,496)

### Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Beginning of year	<u>18,749,537</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 12,539,041</u></u>

### Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Flows Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:

Operating income (loss)	\$ 384,973
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Recovery of provision for uncollectible notes	(2,172)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses	(2,948)
Notes receivable	96,230
Compensated absences	29,566
Unearned revenue	<u>1,851,483</u>
Total adjustments	<u>1,972,159</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u><u>\$ 2,357,132</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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### 1. General Information

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (Authority) was established in February 2008. The Authority was formed pursuant to the provisions of the Economic Development Financing Law, the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, and the Home Rule Charter of the County of Erie (County). The purpose of the Authority is to administer municipal grants and otherwise perform the functions of the County's Economic Development Authority.

The Authority's Board of Directors (Board) consists of nine Board members. Two of the members are ex-officio, non-voting members, namely, the Chairman of County Council, and the County Executive or designee. The remaining members consist of one resident from each of the seven districts within the County who shall be appointed by the County Executive with the consent of County Council.

Under the guidelines for determining the definition of the reporting entity, the Authority has been determined to be includable as a component of the County, the primary government. These financial statements reflect only that portion of the activities and transactions which are attributable to the Authority. The accounts and operations of the County are addressed in separate general purpose financial statements.

The Authority is dependent on gaming revenues generated from the Presque Isle Downs and Casino and federal grant funds. These revenues are passed on to the Authority from the County as restricted funds.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The Authority is considered a special purpose government entity operating a single government program. Non-operating revenue and expenses consist of those revenues and expenses that are related to the financing and investing type of activities.

Net Position

The Authority only reports restricted net position which represents constraints placed on net position used through external restrictions, reduced by liabilities related to those assets. The Authority's net position is restricted for economic development grants and loans. Of the total restricted net position, approximately \$4.1 million represents notes receivable (net) from various borrowers as described in Note 5, and approximately \$650,000 represents grant funding committed via award agreements but not yet spent. The remaining funds are restricted by the County for economic development.

The Authority's policy is to use funds in the order of the most restricted to the least restrictive.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cash on hand, as well as demand deposits in checking and savings accounts and investments with maturities of three months or less at a local financial institution.

Certificates of Deposit

The Authority has certificates of deposit totaling \$1,025,637 at March 31, 2025, which are reported in the accompanying statement of net position at cost plus accrued interest. The certificates bear interest of 5.15% and mature on May 21, 2025. These certificates of deposit are insured by FDIC or are collateralized in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 72 of 1971.

The Authority has certificates of deposit totaling \$1,026,129 at March 31, 2025, which are reported in the accompanying statement of net position at cost plus accrued interest. The

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**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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certificates bear interest of 4.00% and mature on November 21, 2025. These certificates of deposit are insured by FDIC or are collateralized in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 72 of 1971.

The Authority has certificates of deposit totaling \$2,063,221 at March 31, 2025, which are reported in the accompanying statement of net position at cost plus accrued interest. The certificates bear interest of 4.46% and mature on September 26, 2025. These certificates of deposit are insured by FDIC or are collateralized in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 72 of 1971.

The Authority has certificates of deposit totaling \$5,151,521 at March 31, 2025, which are reported in the accompanying statement of net position at cost plus accrued interest. The certificates bear interest of 5.33% and mature on August 28, 2025. These certificates of deposit are insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) for \$250,000 and the local financial institution purchases an additional policy for another \$250,000.

**Notes Receivable**

As described in Note 5, the Authority has issued various economic development related notes. Notes receivable are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible. It is the Authority's policy to provide for future losses on notes based on an evaluation of the current portfolio, current economic conditions, and such other factors which, in the Authority's judgement, may impact collectability for specific notes. While management uses available information to recognize losses on notes receivable, future additions to the allowance may be necessary based on changes in economic conditions. The allowance for uncollectable notes totaled \$1,577,553 as of March 31, 2025. As of March 31, 2025, none of the notes receivable are in default.

From time to time, the Authority awards convertible loans to organizations ("Awardee") which are required to loan those funds to third parties ("Recipient"). If the Recipient defaults on the loans to the Awardee, the Authority's loan to the Awardee converts to a grant. If the Recipient pays the loan back to the Awardee, the Authority will continue to receive its payments from the Awardee. Based on the convertible nature of these provisions, the Authority recognizes these awards as grants, since the likelihood of receiving funds cannot be determined, nor can they be quantified, at the time the grants are awarded.



**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY****NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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Unearned Revenue

The Authority received grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in the amount of \$4,000,000 during the 2022 fiscal year. Approximately \$221,000 of ARPA funds are included in unearned revenue at March 31, 2025. An additional \$2,500,000 of ARPA funds were received during the fiscal year 2025 related to childcare initiative. Approximately \$2,500,000 of ARPA funds are included in unearned revenue at March 31, 2025. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as unearned revenue as of March 31, 2025. Unearned revenues will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are earned in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

Compensated Absences

The Authority recognizes a liability for compensated absences for leave time that (1) has been earned for services previously rendered by employees, (2) accumulates and is allowed to be carried over to subsequent years, and (3) is more likely than not to be used as time off or settled (for example, paid in cash to the employee) during or upon separation from employment. Based on the criteria listed, two types of leave qualify for liability recognition for compensated absences – vacation and sick leave. The Authority's policy permits employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick leave benefits which are eligible for payment at the employee's current pay rate upon separation from employment. The liability for compensated absences is recorded as incurred in the financial statements.

Risk Management & Contingencies

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts (mitigated through the Pennsylvania Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act), theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; error and omission, and natural disasters for which the Authority carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant changes in insurance coverage since the prior year.

The Authority receives federal and state funding that may be subject to audit from funding agencies. Applicable laws and regulations are complex and subject to interpretation and as a result an audit could lead to disallowed costs. The Authority management believes that audits of existing programs will not result in any significant liabilities to the Authority.

The Pennsylvania Auditor General issued a Performance Audit Report of ECGRA's operations on May 15, 2025. The Audit Report indicated ECGRA "did not receive \$538,248 in gaming revenue it was due from Erie County for the period April 1, 2021 to March 31,

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2024." ECGRA is currently in discussions with the County of Erie regarding the reconciliation of the gaming revenues identified within the audit period, as well as subsequent periods. Revenues anticipated to be received as a result of this reconciliation process have not been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

**Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Adopted Pronouncements**

GASB Statement No. 100, (Accounting Changes and Error Corrections) was adopted for the year ended March 31, 2025. This statement had no significant impact on the Authority's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2025.

GASB Statement No. 101, (Compensated Absences) was adopted for the year ended March 31, 2025. The value of unused vacation and sick time owed to employees upon separation of employment is recognized as an estimated amount of leave earned as of year-end that will be used by employees as time off in future years as part of the liability for compensated absences.

**Pending Pronouncements**

GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years, including Statement Nos. 102 (Certain Risk Disclosures), 103 (Financial Reporting Model Improvements), and 104 (Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets). Management has not yet determined the impact of these statements on the financial statements.

**3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of March 31, 2025, \$6,014,759 of the Authority's bank balance of \$12,474,870 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution and \$6,460,111 was

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covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The remaining balance is collateralized in accordance with Act 72 of the Pennsylvania state legislature, which requires the financial institution to pool collateral for all governmental deposits and have the collateral held by an approved custodian in the institution's name. These deposits include amounts with a book balance as of March 31, 2025 of \$12,539,041, which are reported as cash and cash equivalents in the statement of net position.

**4. Irrevocable Gifts to Erie Community Foundation**

The Authority has entered into an irrevocable gift agreement with the Erie Community Foundation (ECF). This fund is under the control of the ECF and subject to their policies and as such, is not recorded on the books of the Authority. The market value of this fund as reported by the ECF as of March 31, 2025 was approximately \$16.8 million. A donor designated fund, called the Lead Asset Endowment Fund, was established to perpetually provide financial assistance to organizations designated by the settlement dated December 13, 2010 (Erie County Lead Regional Assets). During the fiscal year, \$609,656 in distributions from this fund were awarded directly to Erie County Lead Assets.

**5. Notes Receivable**

On September 13, 2012 and August 13, 2013, the Authority entered into loan agreements with the Enterprise Development Fund of Erie County, Inc. (Fund) for \$500,000 and \$800,000, respectively. The purpose of the loan was to provide loans to various entities in the County area to create and retain jobs. In March 2018, the loans were restructured and combined into one loan agreement. The loan agreement requires quarterly interest-only payments at a rate of 1% per annum, until March 31, 2028. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$1,300,000 as of March 31, 2025. The Authority was notified in 2016 that an entity related to the Fund, The Greater Erie Industrial Development Corporation (GEIDC), filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The management of the Fund was transferred to another entity in Erie and has been stabilized. The bankruptcy of GEIDC has not impacted the collectability of the loan. The Fund is current on the quarterly interest-only payments.

In January 2016, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Bridgeway Capital for \$1,000,000. The purpose of the loan was to create the Erie Growth Fund. The loan requires interest-only quarterly payments at a rate of 3% per annum. The entire principal is due

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January 2026. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$1,000,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In April 2017, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with The Progress Fund for \$1,000,000. The purpose of the loan was to provide capital to rural businesses that create jobs and invest in Erie County. The loan requires interest-only quarterly payments at a rate of 2% per annum. The entire principal is due January 2026. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$1,000,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In December 2017, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with 1855 Capital Fund for \$500,000. The purpose of the loan was to provide capital to technology-based businesses that create jobs and invest in Erie County. Minimum Interest, as that term is defined in the loan agreement, is due to ECGRA semiannually. Outstanding Minimum Interest, Fixed Interest, Participating Interest, and Principal are due on the Maturity Date, as that term is defined in the loan agreement. The entire principal is due December 2027. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$500,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In September 2018, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Bridgeway Capital for \$2,500,000. The purpose of the loan was to create the Erie Inclusive Fund. The loan requires interest-only quarterly payments at a rate of 1% per annum. The entire principal is due December 2028. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$2,500,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In January 2019, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Blue Highway Capital for \$250,000. The purpose of the loan was to provide capital to rural businesses throughout Erie County. Minimum Interest, as that term is defined in the loan agreement, is due to ECGRA semiannually. Outstanding Minimum Interest, Fixed Interest, Participating Interest, and Principal are due on the Maturity Date, as that term is defined in the loan agreement. The entire principal is due in January 2029, unless extensions are exercised. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$250,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In March 2020, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Bridgeway Capital to develop two separate coronavirus COVID-19 emergency loan funds, one to provide loans to small businesses within Erie County that have demonstrated actual negative economic impact due to effects of coronavirus COVID-19 in the amount of \$520,000, and one to provide loans to small Erie County nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing the nonprofit organization with resources to aid in their mission based on local response to the pandemic in the amount of \$100,000. The loan bears zero interest. The entire outstanding balance is due in October 2026. During the 2025 fiscal year, the Board approved of partial

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forgiveness of the loan for \$45,329. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$574,671 as of March 31, 2025.

In August 2020, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Erie Center for Arts & Technology for \$500,000. The purpose of the loan was to rehabilitate Wayne School building in support of workforce development, educational, and healthcare programming anchoring a distressed neighborhood. Minimum Interest, as that term is defined in the loan agreement, is due to the Authority quarterly. Outstanding Minimum Interest, Fixed Interest, Participating Interest, and Principal are due on the Maturity Date, as that term is defined in the loan agreement. The entire principal is due in August 2027, unless extensions are exercised. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$500,000 as of March 31, 2025.

In January 2022, the Authority entered into a loan agreement with Youth Leadership Institute of Erie for \$188,000. The purpose of the loan was to create the Community Enterprise Financing Loan as a funding stream to make mission-related investments within Erie County for the purpose of assisting established community-based entrepreneurs that do not have access to available bank financing to provide upfront and startup capital to fund startup costs related to the receipt of a grant or service contract to provide a community enriching program. The Authority has designed this program as a means for gap financing, as banks often require collateral to make lines of credit available, leaving small budget or undercapitalized organizations no alternatives but to use high-interest loans. This is a zero-percent interest rate loan with an original maturity date of February of 2023. Subsequent to the original maturity date, the Authority and the Youth Leadership Institute of Erie agreed to extend the maturity date until approximately June 2025. Subsequent to year end, the Authority began the process to undergo a default workout agreement, however it has not been finalized. The loan has an outstanding principal balance of \$98,506 as of March 31, 2025.

**6. Cash Benefit Plan**

The Authority established a defined contribution Benefit Plan (Plan), which is administered by PMRS, on January 1, 2021. All employees of the Authority are required to participate in the Plan. Members are eligible for retirement at 65 years of age or early retirement at 60 years of age with the benefit being actuarially reduced for each year or partial year prior to the attainment of age 65. The Authority contributes 8% of each member's compensation.

# ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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Contributions made from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 by the Authority were \$18,287.

# Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

## Profit & Loss

### May 2025

	May	YTD	Budget YTD	2025-26 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	277,807.70	277,807.70		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue				
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	11,324.59	22,772.59		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth				
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		5,000.00		
46424.5 · Interest Income - 1855 Capital				
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct	3,250.00	3,250.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive				
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway				
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT				
46450 · Dividend Erie Bank MMKT	20,237.45	40,451.66		
46451 · Dividend Erie FCU CD_12	22,848.68	44,866.14		
46452 · Dividend Flagship CD_7	21,937.79	21,937.79		
46453 · Dividend FNB CD_3				
46454 · Dividend FNB CD_6	9,861.65	9,861.65		
46455 · Dividend FNB CD_9	12,637.89	12,637.89		
Total Income	379,905.75	438,585.42		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	5,850.66	18,320.82	13,776.00	82,650.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,797.08	3,594.16	3,700.00	22,200.00
65000 · Office Administration	927.27	1,862.59	3,216.00	19,300.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,717.58	5,943.77	9,500.00	57,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	26,216.53	52,433.06	53,376.00	320,250.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	0.00	8,710.00	36,814.00	220,891.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	0.00		
Total Expense	37,509.12	90,864.40	120,382.00	722,291.00
Net Ordinary Income	342,396.63	347,721.02		

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# Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

## Profit & Loss

### May 2025

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2025-26 Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		4,290.00		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	69,451.93	69,451.93		
70070 · Special Events	4,834.74	183,042.81		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration				
70100 · Mission Main Street				
70120 · Summer Jobs Program				
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing				
70136 · Ignite Erie_Beehive				
70140 · Pilot Projects		6,890.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block				
70180 · Anchor Building				
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
70300 · Transformational Grants				
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>74,286.67</u>	<u>263,674.74</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(74,286.67)</u>	<u>(263,674.74)</u>		
Net Income	<u>268,109.96</u>	<u>84,046.28</u>		



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 31, 2025

	<u>May</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings/Money Market</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	2,045,249.14
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	820,733.00
10102 · Restricted Funds	4,576,016.89
10104 · ARPA Fund	212,181.12
10105 · ARPA Childcare	2,500,000.00
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	(1,890,468.78)
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	<u>6,218,462.23</u>
10110 · Erie Bank Money Market	<u>3,272,974.33</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
10300 · Erie FCU CD <a href="#">8/28/25</a>	5,196,387.48
10400 · Flagship CD <a href="#">9/26/25</a>	2,076,038.29
10510 · FNB CD_7 <a href="#">8/21/25</a>	1,035,990.27
10520 · FNB CD_9 <a href="#">2/2026</a>	<u>2,038,274.81</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings/Money Market/CDs</b>	21,883,376.55
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12004 · NR - BWC - Erie Growth	1,000,000.00
12005 · NR - Progress Fund	1,000,000.00
12010 · NR - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · NR - EDF Restructured	1,300,000.00
12060 · NR - BWC - Inclusive Erie	2,500,000.00
12070 · NR - Blue Highway	250,000.00
12080 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Sm Bus	482,922.27
12085 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Nnprofit	100,000.00
12090 · NR - eCAT	500,000.00
12500 · NR - Youth Leadership Institute	98,506.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,553,881.00)
12000 · Notes Receivable - Other	<u>37,077.73</u>
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	6,214,625.00
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	14,689.87
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>6,229,314.87</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>28,112,691.42</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>28,112,691.42</u></u>

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**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 31, 2025

	<u>May</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
20100* · Deferred Revenue	2,500,000.00
20300 · Unearned Revenue	220,891.10
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>2,720,891.10</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,720,891.10</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	22,380,689.86
Net Income	84,046.28
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>25,391,800.32</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>28,112,691.42</u></u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Cash Asset Analysis**  
**as of May 31, 2025**

**CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

FUND	LOCATION	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY DATE	LIQUIDITY
<b>Checking Account</b>	Erie Bank	<b>\$2,045,249.14</b>	0.00%	N/A	daily
Committed Funds		\$820,733.00		N/A	daily
Restricted Funds		\$4,576,016.89		N/A	yearly
ARPA Fund		\$212,181.12		N/A	daily
ARPA Childcare		\$2,500,000.00		N/A	daily
Savings - Other		-\$1,890,468.78		N/A	daily
<b>Total Savings</b>		<b>\$6,218,462.23</b>	2.32%	N/A	daily

**MONEY MARKET / CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT**

FUND	LOCATION	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY DATE	LIQUIDITY
<b>Money Market</b>	Erie Bank	<b>\$3,272,974.33</b>	4.25%	N/A	daily
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	FNB	<b>\$1,035,990.27</b>	4.00%	8/21/2025	7 month
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	Erie FCU	<b>\$5,196,387.48</b>	5.33%	8/28/2025	12 month
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	Flagship	<b>\$2,076,038.29</b>	4.46%	9/26/2025	7 month
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	FNB	<b>\$2,038,274.81</b>	4.00%	2/1/2026	9 month

**Total Checking/Savings/MMKT, CD      \$21,883,376.55**

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**May 2025**

	May	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	6,800.00	8,150.00	(1,350.00)	83.44%
62130 · Professional Services	3,000.00	6,000.00	40,000.00	(34,000.00)	15.00%
62140 · Legal Services	2,757.50	5,334.50	30,000.00	(24,665.50)	17.78%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	93.16	186.32	1,500.00	(1,313.68)	12.42%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>5,850.66</b>	<b>18,320.82</b>	<b>82,650.00</b>	<b>(64,329.18)</b>	<b>22.17%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
62890 · Rent	1,797.08	3,594.16	20,200.00	(16,605.84)	17.79%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,797.08</b>	<b>3,594.16</b>	<b>22,200.00</b>	<b>(18,605.84)</b>	<b>16.19%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	164.99	201.98	2,000.00	(1,798.02)	10.10%
65020 · Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
65040 · Office Supplies	60.72	304.57	2,000.00	(1,695.43)	15.23%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	153.31	3,000.00	(2,846.69)	5.11%
65060 · Copier Lease	0.00	345.95	4,200.00	(3,854.05)	8.24%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	664.89	664.89	100.00	564.89	664.89%
65080 · Bank Fees	30.00	30.00	300.00	(270.00)	10.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	6.67	161.89	3,500.00	(3,338.11)	4.63%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>927.27</b>	<b>1,862.59</b>	<b>19,300.00</b>	<b>(17,437.41)</b>	<b>9.65%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	215.00	6,000.00	(5,785.00)	3.58%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	155.71	5,000.00	(4,844.29)	3.11%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,157.61	2,315.22	18,000.00	(15,684.78)	12.86%
65120 · Insurance	1,559.97	3,119.94	18,000.00	(14,880.06)	17.33%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	0.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	137.90	4,000.00	(3,862.10)	3.45%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>2,717.58</b>	<b>5,943.77</b>	<b>57,000.00</b>	<b>(51,056.23)</b>	<b>10.43%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	23,155.33	46,310.66	276,000.00	(229,689.34)	16.78%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,496.36	2,992.72	20,000.00	(17,007.28)	14.96%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
66700 · PMRS	1,564.84	3,129.68	22,100.00	(18,970.32)	14.16%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>26,216.53</b>	<b>52,433.06</b>	<b>320,250.00</b>	<b>(267,816.94)</b>	<b>16.37%</b>
<b>67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)	0.00%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	0.00	8,710.00	212,181.12	(203,471.12)	4.10%
<b>Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,710.00</b>	<b>217,681.12</b>	<b>(208,971.12)</b>	<b>4.10%</b>
<b>7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes</b>					
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>37,509.12</b>	<b>90,864.40</b>	<b>719,081.12</b>	<b>(628,216.72)</b>	<b>12.64%</b>

# Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

## Schedule of Grant Reserve

as of  
May 31, 2025

	May	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	4,576,016.89		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	820,733.00		
<b>ARPA Funds</b>	212,181.12		
<b>ARPA Childcare</b>	2,500,000.00		

### 2024 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)

First Quarter Gaming Revenue 69,451.93 69,451.93

1,234,700.88 / 2 = 617,350.44 (land bank/county)

617,350.44 \* .55 = 339,542.74 (county)

617,350.44 \* .45 = 277,807.70 (ECGRA)

277,807.70 \* .75 = 69,451.93

Second Quarter Gaming Revenue

(land bank) =

(county)

(ECGRA)

Third Quarter Gaming Revenue

(county)

(ECGRA)

Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue

(county)

(ECGRA)

**69,451.93**

### 2025 Interactive Gaming Revenue

FY 2025-2026

(county)

(ECGRA)

**0.00**

### Total Gaming Revenue

**69,451.93**

### FY Disbursements:

First Quarter Disbursements 74,286.67 272,384.74

Second Quarter Disbursements

Third Quarter Disbursements

Fourth Quarter Disbursements

**272,384.74**

# Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

## Schedule of Grant Reserve

as of

May 31, 2025

### Disbursements Detail

#### Grants/Settlements/MRIs

	May	YTD	Subtotal
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>			
<b>Settlements</b>			
Summit Township	31,253.38	31,253.38	
Greene Township	7,639.71	7,639.71	
McKean Township	7,639.71	7,639.71	
Millcreek Township	7,639.71	7,639.71	
Waterford Township	7,639.71	7,639.71	
Erie County	7,639.71	7,639.71	
			<b>69,451.93</b>

#### Multi-Municipal Collaboration

#### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

##### Erie County Investment Playbook

#### NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

##### Anchor Building

##### Mission Main Street

##### Renaissance Block

#### PILOT PROJECT

Mercyhurst University

6,890.00

**6,890.00**

#### QUALITY OF PLACE

##### Community Assets

##### Arts, Culture, & Heritage

##### Community Centers

Bethany Outreach Center

13,000.00

**13,000.00**

##### Parks, Fields, Trails

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**May 31, 2025**

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>Special Events</b>			
Albion Area Fair, Inc.		12,777.05	
AmeriMasala	1,366.99	1,366.99	
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.		2,828.85	
Borough of Edinboro		1,265.90	
Borough of Wesleyville		1,071.00	
CAFE		15,000.00	
Community Blood Bank of NWPA		1,190.00	
Community Resources for Independence		2,975.00	
Compton's Table		425.00	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc,		3,151.20	
Downtown North East, Inc.		3,825.00	
Dr. Gertrude A Barber Foundation		8,911.07	
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest		3,867.50	
Edinboro University Foundation		2,295.00	
Erie Art & Music Festival		5,525.00	
Erie Cancer Wellness Center		448.21	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		4,731.31	
Film Society of Northwestern PA		3,267.53	
French Creek Council - Boy Scouts	3,467.75	3,467.75	
Friends of the Erie County Library		1,062.50	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		2,475.25	
Greater Erie Economic Development Corp		12,750.00	
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team		600.25	
Harborcreek Township		1,396.60	
Heberle's Heartstrings		2,397.00	
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church		6,948.75	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		15,000.00	
Lake Erie Ballet		6,397.74	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		2,507.50	
Mercy Center for Women		1,790.31	
NAMI Erie County PA		850.00	
Nonprofit Partnership		3,545.25	
Presque Isle Audubon		1,062.50	
Presque Isle Light Station		1,289.92	
Presque Isle Partnership		6,226.25	
Saint Patrick Church		6,698.13	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		6,498.89	
Waterford Community Fair Association		8,223.75	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		12,672.66	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		4,260.20	
			<b>183,042.81</b>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Schedule of Grant Reserve  
as of  
May 31, 2025

	May	YTD	Subtotal
SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING			
TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS			
YOUTH & EDUCATION			
Total Funds Disbursements	74,286.67	272,384.74	272,384.74



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**May 31, 2025**

		<u>May</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Committed Funds:</b>				
<b>N&amp;C</b>	<b>Renaissance Block 2018</b>			
	1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00
	2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2022</b>			
	Borough of Edinboro		50,000.00	100,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2023</b>			
	Borough of Edinboro		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Borough of Union City		50,000.00	100,000.00
	<b>Anchor Building 2020</b>			
	Borough of Union City		15,000.00	64,375.00
	<b>Mission Main Street 2022</b>			
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development		62,500.00	125,000.00
<b>MUN</b>	<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration 2021</b>			
	Borough of North East		50,000.00	100,000.00
<b>SB</b>	<b>Beehive Network</b>			
	<b>Community Enterprise Financing Loan</b>			
<b>QP</b>	<b>Transformational Grants</b>			
	Erie Center for Arts & Technology		125,983.00	229,060.00
	Fly Erie Fund LLC		125,000.00	250,000.00
<b>PP</b>	<b>Pilot Program</b>			
<b>Y&amp;E</b>	<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>820,733.00</b>	<b>1,668,935.00</b>
<b>ARPA Transformative Funds</b>				
	<b>Subawards</b>	0.00	206,681.12	3,622,025.00
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	0.00	5,500.00	273,274.00
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	0.00	0.00	93,406.00
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	0.00	0.00	11,295.00
<b>Total ARPA Funds</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>212,181.12</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Transaction List Detail**  
May 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/02/2025	EFT	VISA	2025 April Statement	-232.38
05/07/2025	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2025 May Rent	-1,797.08
05/07/2025	EFT	The Hartford	2025 May Disability Insurance	-109.39
05/07/2025	EFT	Kate & Co., Inc	2025 May Pofessional Services	-3,000.00
05/07/2025	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2025 May Phone/IT	-1,157.61
05/07/2025	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	04/19/2025 to 05/02/2025 Payroll	-10,074.98
05/07/2025	EFT	Fidelity Investments	04/19/2025 to 05/02/2025 Simple IRA	-500.00
05/07/2025	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 05/02/2025	-782.42
05/09/2025	EFT	Highmark Health Insurance	2025 May Health Insurance	-3,594.89
05/14/2025	EFT	ComDoc, Inc.	2025 Q1 Copy Fees	-664.89
05/14/2025	EFT	Summit Township	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-31,253.38
05/14/2025	EFT	Greene Township	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,639.71
05/14/2025	EFT	McKean Township	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,639.71
05/14/2025	EFT	Millcreek Township	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,639.71
05/14/2025	EFT	Waterford Township	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,639.71
05/14/2025	EFT	Erie County	2025 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,639.71
05/19/2025	EFT	AmeriMasala	2025 Special Events	-1,366.99
05/19/2025	EFT	French Creek Council, BSA	2025 Special Events	-3,467.75
05/21/2025	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	05/03/2025 to 05/16/2025 Payroll	-10,074.98
05/21/2025	EFT	Fidelity Investments	05/03/2025 to 05/16/2025 Simple IRA	-500.00
05/21/2025	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 5/16/2025	-782.42
05/21/2025	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2025 May Legal	-2,757.50
05/30/2025	EFT	Erie Bank	Wire Fee for FNB CD Wire	-30.00

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**VISA**

**SCORECARD** CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/15/2025

**Account Summary**

Billing Cycle	04/09/2025
Days In Billing Cycle	30
Previous Balance	\$326.79
Purchases	+ \$232.38
Cash	+ \$0.00
Balance Transfers	+ \$0.00
Special	+ \$0.00
Credits	- \$0.00
Payments	- \$326.79-
Other Charges	+ \$0.00
Finance Charges	+ \$0.00

**NEW BALANCE \$232.38****Credit Summary**

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,767.62
Available Cash	\$39,767.62
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

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**Payment Summary**NEW BALANCE **\$232.38**MINIMUM PAYMENT **\$232.38**PAYMENT DUE DATE **05/04/2025**

*NOTE: Grace period to avoid a finance charge on purchases. pay entire new balance by payment due date. Finance charge accrues on cash advances until paid and will be billed on your next statement*

**Corporate Activity**

TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY					\$326.79-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount	
04/03	04/03	1645544955	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$326.79-	

**Cardholder Account Summary**

TAMMI MICHALI #### #0581	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$232.38	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$232.38
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**Cardholder Account Detail**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
03/10	03/11	PBUS01	24137465070001353242187	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$6.67 mtg exp
03/19	03/20	PBUS01	24137465079001362364940	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.99 o.s.
03/20	03/21	PBUS01	24906415079224822290612	At-A-Glance US 800-6439923 IL	\$36.44 o.s.
03/21	03/21	PBUS01	24692165080104728800589	GANNETT MEDIA CO 888-426-0491 VA	\$11.99 subscript

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

**Closing Date**

04/09/25

**New Balance**

\$232.38

**Total Minimum  
Payment Due**

\$232.38

**Payment Due Date**

05/04/25

\$

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Cardholder Account Detail Continued					
Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
03/22	03/23	PBUS01	24492165082100010454739	ROBLY DIGITAL MKT ROBLY.COM NJ	\$153.00 <i>subscript.</i>
03/27	03/30	PBUS01	24121575087000086270098	KOLDROCK WATERS, INC. 000-0000000 PA	\$16.00 <i>C.S.</i>
04/04	04/06	PBUS01	24137465095001509453010	GET GO #3090 ERIE PA	\$6.29 <i>C.S.</i>

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#### ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 04/08/2025

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2025

#### Finance Charge Summary / Plan Level Information

Plan Name	Plan Description	FCM <sup>1</sup>	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
<b>Purchases</b>									
PBUS01001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.93750%(M)	11.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$232.38
<b>Cash</b>									
CBUS01001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.93750%(M)	11.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00

\* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily

\*\* includes cash advance and foreign currency fees

<sup>1</sup> FCM = Finance Charge Method

Days In Billing Cycle: 30

APR = Annual Percentage Rate

(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.



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**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
JUNE  
2025**



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## ECGRA Communications Services Report

### May 2025 Comms.

BiWeekly Meeting with ECGRA Executive Director

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

### IMPLEMENTED

May social media posts  
Invite: Early Childcare Educator Retention Award  
Media Advisory-Release: Early Childcare Educator Retention Award  
BiWeekly planning meeting with the Executive Director  
Talking Points-Run of Show: Early Childcare Educator Retention Awards  
Photos: Early Childcare Educator Retention Award Press Conference  
Outreach  
Media Release: Performance Audit  
Social Media Graphic: Performance Audit

### IN PROGRESS

Annual Report 2024  
Media Outreach Child Care Initiative

### IN PLANNING

Event planning /scheduling (Special Events Press Conference, Childcare Press Conference)  
  
Graphics – Future grant opportunities, grant summaries



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June 6, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Wood:

On behalf of the Edinboro University Foundation, I would like to say thank you for investing in the lives and futures of PennWest Edinboro students with your generous gift – we are grateful for you!

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Sincerely,

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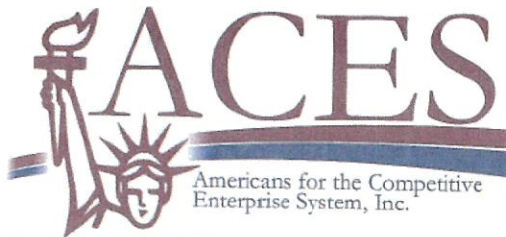
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June 6, 2025

Tammi Michali  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Rd # 201  
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Dear Tammi,

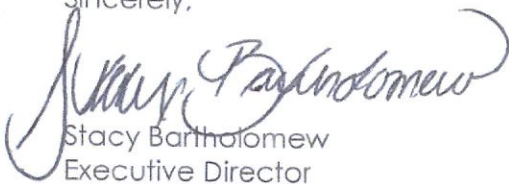
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Sincerely,

  
Stacy Bartholomew  
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## ECGRA awards nearly \$1 million total to 59 childcare providers



ECGRA awarded nearly \$1 million in grants to childcare providers across Erie County. A check presentation was held on May 23 at St. Martin Early Learning Center. The grants are funded by a \$2.5 million Rescue Plan investment. A.J. RAO/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

A.J. Rao Erie Times-News | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority awarded nearly \$1 million in grants May 22 to help 59 childcare providers recruit and retain qualified educators. • ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood said the grants — the Early Childhood Educator Retention Awards — serve to boost a vital sector in Erie County that's long been underfunded and understaffed.

"According to Start Strong PA, there are currently 93 unfilled early childhood educator positions in Erie County. If filled, these roles could serve 744 more children," Wood said at a check presentation Thursday at St. Martin Early Learning Center.

"That's why these grants are so important. They represent a crucial step forward in supporting the dedicated professionals who care for and educate our young learners."

The \$991,785 in grants were funded by a \$2.5 million investment of American Rescue Plan funds from Erie County government. ECGRA has also provided a \$2.5 million match in gaming revenue for a \$5 million childcare investment.

"An investment in childcare is an investment in workforce development — that is economic development," said Erie County Executive Brenton Davis. "Without parents being able to become dual income families, we're unable to lift our community up the economic mobility ladder."

Thursday's investment represents the first phase of a broader, multi-step initiative to strengthen Erie County's early learning infrastructure, according to ECGRA.

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Kenya Johnson, owner of Learning Ladder Early Child Care, said the grants will have a "real and meaningful" impact on her center, both in terms of retaining quality teachers and giving them some much-needed recognition.

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"For many of them, this extra income will make a difference in their personal lives — paying bills, putting gas in their car, covering groceries and that all matters," she said. "But beyond the money, it's the message that came with it. That message says: We see you, we appreciate you and we want to

keep you here doing what you do best.”

Asha Graeb, director of the St. Martin Early Learning Center, added that early childhood educators often have limited support and resources despite the crucial role they play in a child’s life.

“Our teachers work every day to create safe, nurturing environments where children can build confidence, spark curiosity and learn compassion,” she said.

#### **Grant recipients**

- A Child’s World Daycare & Learning; \$23,683
- Annie’s Bubble Care; \$6,459
- Barb’s Care A Lot; \$19,377
- Barbs Family Learning Group Daycare LLC; \$6,459
- Boro Babies Child Care Center;  
\$9,689
- Bright Horizons at Eric; \$29,066
- Corry Alliance Childcare Learning Center; \$8,074
- Creative Learning Childcare – iRock; \$35,525
- Cuddle Time Daycare; \$1,077
- Dr Gertrude Barber Corry; \$12,918
- Dr Gertrude Barber Happy Hearts;  
\$46,290
- Eagles Nest Group Daycare;  
\$6,459
- Early Connections City Center;  
\$16,148
- Early Connections Harbor Homes Early Learning Center; \$6,459
- Early Connections North East;  
\$6,459
- Early Connections Union City;  
\$23,683
- Early Learning Center; \$19,377
- Early Learning University;  
\$24,760
- Eastside YMCA; \$33,372
- Elk Valley Elementary YMCA;  
\$9,689
- EPS Pennbriar Childcare LLC;  
\$16,417
- Erie First Early Education Center;

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\$11,303

- Fit Kids; \$10,227
- Glenwood YMCA; \$17,224
- Growing and Learning Center;

\$43,060

- Handled with Care; \$37,678
- I Love It Daycare Learning Center;

\$15,071

- Javonne Beason; \$1,077
- Jumpstart Early Learning Center LLC; \$6,459
- KinderCare 1279; \$8,612
- Learning Ladder; \$18,301
- Little Explorers Christian Academy; \$5,378
- Lollipop U Daycare; \$8,612
- McKean Elementary YMCA; \$2,153
- Milestones Early Learning Academy; \$13,995
- Milestones Early Learning Center;

\$21,530

- Miss Julies Childcare; \$11,842
- Miss Rose's Learning Center;

\$8,612

- Montessori in the Woods; \$9,150
- My Terra Village; \$4,844
- New Horizons Early Learning Center; \$10,750
- Northwestern YMCA; \$8,612
- Playway Loving Childcare Center LLC; \$5,383
- Saint Benedict Center; \$52,749
- Saint Vincent Child Care Center;

\$34,448

- South Hills Child Development Center; \$37,139
- St. Martin Early Learning Center;

\$76,432

- St. Paul's Child Development Center; \$24,760

- Summit YMCA; \$6,459

- Teresa Jordan; \$6,000

- The International Institute of Erie;

\$10,765

- Tracy Heutsche; \$4,844

- Twinkle Time Child Care Center;

\$5,921

- Wat★rford YMCA; \$10,765 • Wattsb▶r★ Elementary YMCA;

\$9,688

- World of Care; \$12,918 • YMCA Camp Sherwin; \$2,153

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YMCA of Corry Daycare; \$47,366

- Young Environment; \$20,992 *A.J. Rao can be reached at [arao@gannett.com](mailto:arao@gannett.com). Follow him on X @ETNRao.*

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

# Why I am hopeful for the future of child care in Erie County | Opinion

**Michelle Harkins** Your Turn

May 28, 2025, 5:05 a.m. ET

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## Key Points AI-assisted summary ⓘ

Erie County is facing a child care crisis due to staffing shortages and low wages.

ECGRA, in conjunction with Erie County, is investing \$2.5 million in ARPA funds to address the crisis.

Statewide initiatives and advocacy groups are working to make child care investment a priority in Pennsylvania.

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There is a child care and early childhood education [crisis affecting children and families across Erie County](#). Many leaders and organizations [recognize this](#) and [have been advocating](#) for a solution. The [Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority](#), in partnership with Erie County, is taking tangible steps and providing funding where it's needed most. ECGRA was recently awarded \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds by Erie County. These funds are the first steps in fixing Erie's fundamentally damaged child care system.

Early Connections (formerly the YWCA) has operated in Erie County for over 130 years, providing outreach and programming to young children and families. At first, the YWCA primarily focused on providing housing, education and employment services for young women living in the Home for Girls. To meet the growing demand for child care, this expanded into opening the Children's Center in downtown Erie. After disaffiliating from the national YWCA and becoming Early Connections, we continued to focus on developing programs to meet the needs of our community.

Now, Early Connections provides high-quality early care and education programming at four sites, two in the city of Erie, one in Union City, and one in

North East. As an intermediary, Early Connections is dedicated to providing connections and supports for high-schoolers and nontraditional students working in the child care field. This strengthens the pipeline between high schools, employers and higher education institutions to help individuals become credentialed child care workers at little to no cost while improving the quality of child care centers.

For a long time, we've grown in this city and championed early childhood education.

According to [Start Strong PA](#), as of September 2024, Erie County faces a shortage of 93 staffing positions in early childhood education, with the potential to serve an additional 744 children if the positions were filled. A vast majority of centers reported teacher shortages, including difficulties recruiting new teachers and retaining current staff.

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The child care staffing shortage is driven by low wages, which fail to meet the cost of living in Erie County. This creates challenges in hiring, retaining staff and expanding programs to serve more children. As a small program, we've certainly encountered these issues firsthand. The first round of ECGRA funding is designed to address this issue directly.

All industries are feeling a squeeze when it comes to staffing, but early childhood education faces unique challenges. Unlike retail or food service, we can't operate with fewer staff without compromising the quality of care. Early childhood education requires specific teacher-to-student ratios to ensure each child receives the support they need. Without enough staff, programs are forced to close classrooms that would normally be full of eager, learning children.

Addressing staffing from the state level, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro proposed approximately \$1,000 bonuses annually to all child care employees in recruitment and retention grants. If passed, this would be an investment of \$55 million in the child care workforce.



It's not only staffing that's an issue. Once the current empty classrooms are filled and additional children need to be served, capital improvement projects will be another hurdle to manage. A lot of Erie facilities are entirely tapped out on space and affordably acquiring new rooms is difficult or impossible, especially when factoring in the other challenges at play. This is yet another limiter for child care progress that can be addressed by future ECGRA, Erie County or state investment.

**Nick Scott Jr.:** [Child care and economic development in Erie - it is time for action](#)

**More:** [ECGRA, Erie County invest nearly \\$1 million to address shortage of early childhood educators](#)

The difficulties we face seem insurmountable when we just talk about them, but I think there's hope on the horizon in the form of tangible action. Thank you to ECGRA for investing in solutions that not only support families today but also help elevate the conversation around early childhood education both here in Erie and in Harrisburg. I'm encouraged by statewide advocacy efforts like [Pre-K for PA](#) and Start Strong PA, which are working alongside local leaders to make sustained, strategic investment in child care a priority across Pennsylvania.

*Michelle Harkins is the executive director of [Early Connections](#) in Erie.*

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# Downtown Corry businesses eligible to share \$225,000 grants for facade improvements



**Valerie Myers**

Erie Times-News

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## Key Points

The grants aim to revitalize downtown Corry and attract new businesses, jobs and customers.

Previous investments have already shown positive results in filling vacant storefronts, Corry community leaders said.

**CORRY** — Downtown Corry businesses can improve their storefronts with help from state and local grants.

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**Corry mayoral race:** [Corry City Councilman Jeff Fike resoundingly wins Republican nomination](#)

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Additional ECGRA funding for Corry's downtown will help pay costs to improve 20 more storefronts, Maggio said.

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## **AUDITOR GENERAL VALIDATES ECGRA PROCESS, POLICY IN CLEAN AUDIT**

*Auditor General Confirms ECGRA's Accounting, Finds Davis Administration Error  
County Ordered to Pay ECGRA \$538,248*

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**ERIE, PA (May 30, 2025)** – Auditor General Tim DeFoor issued a report today showing the Erie County Gaming Revue Authority (ECGRA) is following the letter of the law. ECGRA Board Chairperson, Kelly Hess issued the following statement regarding the state audit.

"The ECGRA Board of Directors and staff thank Auditor General DeFoor and his staff for their professionalism and thoroughness throughout the process and in his final audit findings.

"This audit is a powerful validation of ECGRA. The Auditor General's findings show not only that ECGRA has complied with the law, but that our process, rooted in transparency and excellence, *goes beyond the letter of the law*. The manner in which ECGRA - a public authority with a clear mission and unwavering commitment to transparency - has been treated is not appropriate.

"ECGRA is an exemplary public authority delivering on the legislative promise we have been charged to enact. We look forward to continuing to lead through impact investing in partnership with local economic development agencies and the Erie County communities we proudly serve.

"Under the leadership of Perry Wood, ECGRA has done phenomenal work to advance the economic and community development goals of Erie County. Now that the ECGRA model and process have been affirmed by the Auditor General - the state's chief fiscal watchdog responsible for using audits to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent legally and properly - we hope that these relentless and baseless attacks will end."

ECGRA has been working for years to attempt to get the County to recognize and rectify an underpayment to the gaming authority via its year-end reconciliation process. The Davis administration's refusal to distribute gaming funds in accordance with the law was identified by the Auditor General. The county was ordered by the Auditor General to pay ECGRA \$538,248 for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024.

"Our work has been validated, and we hope that this long-sustained attack against ECGRA will finally come to an end," said Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA. "What began as a baseless fishing expedition to discredit ECGRA is now validation that ECGRA works."

"ECGRA is something that Erie County should be proud of, and we appreciate the support of local officials who refused to engage in a public smear campaign and stood up for our team's integrity. ECGRA and its dedicated staff will continue to go to work each day on behalf of Erie County and deliver - just as we have through the last four administrations."

The Auditor General's report noted that in 2022, ECGRA accepted a 2021 closeout report for a \$6,300 grant to Erie Downtown Partnership. In agreement with the Auditor General's team, ECGRA is developing a closeout report checklist to ensure this minor error doesn't occur again.

The Auditor General's report was requested by County Executive Brenton Davis, state Senator Dan Laughlin, and several members of the local state delegation. State Representative Ryan Bizzaro, did not sign onto the request, calling it a baseless political attack.

## **ABOUT ECGRA**

An impact investing organization, ECGRA's mission is to empower the nonprofit sector, municipal governments, and economic development agencies to revitalize Erie County. ECGRA is endowed with local share gaming revenue from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania via the Horse Race Gaming Act. The local share

gaming revenue is an assessment of the licensed gambling industry in Pennsylvania. ECGRA administers local share gaming revenue on behalf of Erie County government.

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## PA audit says ECGRA complied with laws

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The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority has complied with the law.

That was the verdict of the state Auditor General's office, which on May 30, released a performance audit of two years of ECGRA's activities, to include the administering of grants and loans, public disclosure and spending requirements.

The audit, which was requested by state Sen. Dan Laughlin, Erie County Executive Brenton Davis and a slate of state lawmakers in early 2024, came after Davis raised concerns about ECGRA's finances and adherence to state laws.

The audit discovered that ECGRA was not only in compliance but entitled to gaming funds from the county.

"We found that due to an informal, unwritten agreement between ECGRA and Erie County related to quarterly fund distributions, ECGRA did not receive \$538,428 of the gaming funds it was entitled to for the period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024," the audit read.

The audit stated that a year-end reconciliation was never conducted to ensure the funds were properly distributed.

ECGRA Board Chairperson Kelly Hess noted in an April 29 letter to state Auditor General Tim DeFoor that ECGRA requested a reconciliation of the 2023 funding in January 2024 and followed up in June 2024 but did not get a response from the county.

The auditor general's office encouraged both parties to work collaboratively to conduct fiscal year-end reconciliations to make sure funds are distributed according to the law and any differences are settled.

The office also made a recommendation encouraging ECGRA and Erie County to formalize any agreement on how funds are distributed, reconciled and settled to avoid any issues in the future.

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The audit period for the first two objectives was April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024. The period for the third objective was April 1, 2021, through, March 31, 2024.

### Some findings

Among its findings, the audit showed that ECGRA:

- approved and denied grant applications in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and internal policies;
- monitored grant projects to ensure funds were spent according to grant guidelines, with one exception related to closeout documentation, which the audit referred to as an “isolated mistake;”
- adhered to the terms of the 2010 settlement agreement; and
- distributed loan funding to qualified organizations according to applicable laws and monitored loan money for compliance with the original loan agreements.

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# The Corry Journal

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Tuesday, June 3, 2025

## Corry receives \$225,000 in state funding for continued downtown revitalization

BY CAROL FIELDING  
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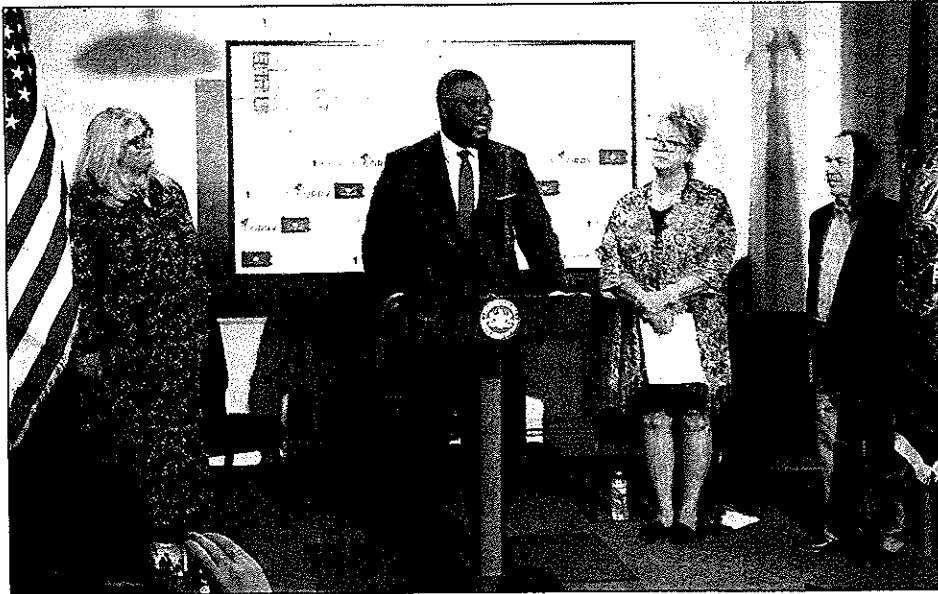
The downtown business district received a major boost last week when Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Austin Davis announced \$225,000 in combined funding to continue the community's revitalization efforts.

Impact Corry and the Corry Higher Education Council hosted a press conference to announce a \$100,000 Main Street Matters grant from the commonwealth and a \$125,000 Mission Main Street award from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), marking the latest chapter in Corry's ongoing transformation into a thriving downtown destination.

"We are honored to welcome Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Austin Davis to Corry to share another great chapter of the word 'reinvention' in Corry and across Pennsylvania," said Wendy Neckers, who serves as president of both the Downtown Corry Business Association and the board of Impact Corry.

Neckers painted a picture of Corry's rich history and recent challenges during her opening remarks.

"Corry started out as an intersection of railroads in 1861, carrying lumber and newly



Carol Fielding/The Corry Journal

Lt. Gov. Austin Davis, at the podium, visited Corry on Friday, bringing an announcement of funding from the commonwealth to be administered through Impact Corry. Tom Maggio, far right, announced matching funding plus an additional \$25,000 from ECGRA. Impact Corry Executive Director Chuck Gray, far left, and Impact Corry Board President Wendy Neckers, second from right, also spoke at the press conference.

discovered oil, which was refined in Corry," she explained. "By 1870, 6,726 people resided in Corry. At one point, there were up to 25 passenger trains per day, plus trains being loaded with products, leaving

every few minutes to carry goods throughout the U.S. We were considered an important interior port and expected to grow to the size of Erie."

However, like many small industrial communities, Cor-

ry faced demographic challenges over the decades.

"According to the U.S. Census, in 1970, we were 7,367 strong; in the 2020 census, we were 6,217, with an aging population," Neckers not-

ed. "I moved my business to the heart of downtown Corry in 2015, to a beautifully renovated historic building among many empty, derelict storefronts. My intent was to collaborate with other retail

shops to attract foot traffic and to show Corry it has value."

Davis emphasized the economic rationale behind the state's investment in small-town main streets during his remarks.

"Our administration is making these investments not out of the goodness of our hearts, but because we believe they are smart investments for our commonwealth," Davis said. "For every dollar the commonwealth invests in main streets, we get nearly an \$8 return on that investment."

Drawing from his personal experience, Davis added, "I grew up in McKeesport, a former steel town, so I've seen what happens when businesses and governments stop investing in local communities."

Davis stressed the competitive nature of the grant program, noting, "There were more than 200 applications requesting more than double the amount of funding available. Here in Corry, you're receiving \$100,000 for commercial façade improvements through the Main Street Matters program across the region. There are eight projects in Crawford, Erie and Warren counties that are receiving more than a million dollars in total funding."

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## Funding

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Davis also highlighted the bipartisan nature of effective local development work.

"One of the things that I've heard, no matter where I've gone, is most Pennsylvanians don't care about whether you're

Democrat or a Republican," Davis said. "They care about whether you're delivering your results for them in their communities. They want their leaders to take off their red jerseys and their blue jerseys and to put on the Pennsylvania jersey."

The significance of Davis' visit was not lost on local officials. In an interview, herie Dickey, Corry Chamber of Commerce manager, emphasized the importance of the state-level recognition.

"For the lieutenant governor to visit Corry is huge. Just to know that Harrisburg knows we exist, and the governor's office is supportive of all Impact Corry doing for our city, makes me proud," Dickey said.

Tom Maggio, grants manager of ECGRA, praised the partnership with Impact Corry.

"It's easy to give money away, but it's hard to get it — you really need a great partner. We have one here at Impact Corry," Maggio said, adding that ECGRA has been "funding Main Street

programs for the last 12 years. We ramped up in the last six, and the transformation across the county has been amazing."

Maggio emphasized the visible impact of even modest improvements:

"Even a coat of paint goes a long way, and we really depend on people like Chuck [Gray] and Impact Corry. They're the bellwether — they've done an incredible job of transforming Corry and energizing this community."

Impact Corry Executive Director Chuck Gray provided funding statistics, revealing that, "Since 2019, Impact Corry's projects in downtown Corry have garnered \$887,000 in federal funding, \$1.2 million in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania funding and \$792,000 in regional and local funding."

She explained that these awards are, "matched dollar for dollar by private and public investment, and have turned a would-be rural ghost town into a thriving downtown with shops and invested entrepreneurs."

Gray outlined the comprehensive impact of these investments.

"These projects, both completed and in progress, have promoted confidence in Corry's future, attracted new businesses, filled vacant spaces, made our Victorian historic district an attraction, advanced tourism and raised community pride," she said.

The community has embraced crea-

tive programming to support the business district, including themed First Fridays that began in 2017. As Neckers described, the DCBA started these events "to celebrate the community, to show off our great shops and restaurants and bring a festive atmosphere to the city with flower planters, music, entertainment, carriage rides and food trucks."

Gray concluded by emphasizing the regional significance of the investment.

"These investments will empower our businesses and enhance our economic development and tourism in Corry, as well as in neighboring communities for decades to come," Gray added. "These investments and Lt. Gov. Davis' visit are an honor and a huge show of support for our region, and for the work of Impact Corry."

The press conference concluded with a video featuring testimonials from Corry residents and business owners who have participated in previous downtown improvement programs, demonstrating the tangible impact of continued investment in the community's main street revitalization efforts.

With the Shapiro administration proposing an additional \$20 million in funding for the Main Street Matters program in the upcoming budget, communities like Corry may have additional opportunities to continue building on their transformation success.



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Main Street improvements are transforming communities across Erie County and attracting new businesses and customers, and Corry has been a bellwether for the program, said Tom Magglio, grants manager for ECGRA.

"There is something about Corry and



Lt. Gov. Austin Davis, Impact Corry Executive Director Chuck Gray and Wendy Neckers, president of the Downtown Corry Business Association, from left, announce new grants for downtown Corry facade improvements.

VALERIE MYERS/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

the spirit here that has moved Corry forward," Magglio said.

Federal, state and local investments in the city since 2019 through almost \$2.9 million for Impact Corry projects are reversing the city's commercial decline and filling empty storefronts, said

Chuck Gray, executive director of Impact Corry.

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## Main Street Matters

Main Street Matters is a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development program designed to support downtown revitalization.

The program provides funding for planning, business support, aesthetic improvements, and upgrades for safety and security.

Corry is among 81 communities awarded Main Street Matters grants on May 30. More than 200 communities applied for funding, Davis said.

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Wednesday, June 4, 2025

# Davis conducting own legal review of ECGRA audit after county is found \$538,248 delinquent

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Erie County Executive Brenton Davis said he and the county are still reviewing the findings of a 53-page state audit that combed through a three-year spending history of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

The audit, which was conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, was released on Friday, and found that ECGRA was, indeed, compliant with state laws, and also entitled to \$538,248 in gaming funds from the county.

When asked whether Davis agreed with the findings and if he intended to follow the recommendation of the au-

dit and pay the money, Davis said he has not yet decided.

"We have yet to conduct a legal review, as we received the report at the same time as everyone else," Davis said. "We will complete our due diligence and make a determination."

The report was initiated by Davis and a handful of other local politicians in July of 2024, expecting that it would expose excessive spending by ECGRA. But instead, the findings revealed that Erie County is more than half a million dollars delinquent in transferring its share of gaming revenue to ECGRA for distribution.

ECGRA said it has been working for years to get the county to recognize and

rectify an underpayment to the gaming authority via its year-end reconciliation process. In the recently released report, the auditor general confirmed the underpayment from a period of April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024.

April Hutcheson, director of communications for the Office of the Auditor General, said it is ECGRA's decision on how it moves forward to collect the owed funds.

"Our audit lays out processes and recommendations for improvements, Hutcheson said. "It is up to the auditee to implement those recommendations."

ECGRA has maintained that it will continue to seek the owed funds and try to work with Erie County to

enter into a mutually-agreed upon reconciliation agreement that sets clear guidelines on how gaming funds are distributed each fiscal year.

Christina Vogel, who will be running on the Democratic ticket against Davis in the fall for the Erie County executive seat, is publicly calling on Davis to release the owed funds.

"As I have said throughout my campaign, we need to end the games, chaos and fighting within the county government," Vogel said in a press release. "I call upon Mr. Davis to quickly disperse the funds due to ECGRA and pledge to work with ECGRA as recommended by the auditor general."

## Lights Over Lake Erie returns July 3

### DOBBINS LANDING

Kevin Flowers

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**Fourth of July fireworks explode over Dobbins Landing and the Bicentennial Tower in Erie on July 4, 2015. Lights Over Lake Erie will take place on July 3 this year.** GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

The vibrant eruption of color and thundering sound returns to the the skies over Presque Isle Bay on July 3.

Mayor Joe Schember announced on June 5 that the city's annual Lights Over Lake Erie fireworks display returns to Dobbins Landing one day before the July 4 holiday.

The fireworks show, presented once again by Pyrotecnico Fireworks of New Castle, will begin at 10 p.m.

"We are grateful that we can continue this tradition," Schember said, noting that the event is co-sponsored by Highmark and the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority.

The event is funded in part by a \$15,000 events grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

"We know how much these fireworks mean to the community," said Julie Slomski, the Port Authority's executive director.

#### Where can you watch?

As is the case annually, residents and visitors can view the fireworks from various vantage points along Erie's waterfront, including the east and west bayfront bluffs and Bayview Park near East Second and Cherry streets; Presque Isle State Park; from a boat in Presque Isle Bay, or from almost anywhere that provides a view of the Bicentennial Tower.

**Parking, shuttles available** Gabi Watson, the city's events manager, said Dobbins Landing and the lower State Street area will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event.

The Erie Parking Authority will provide free parking at select downtown parking garages for those attending the fireworks. That includes the garages near West Seventh/West Eighth and Peach streets and East Eighth and French streets.

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Our meeting room, with new store front, has been improved, updated, and made conducive for public gatherings, with **special thanks to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA)**. Thank you for helping us continue our mission, which is to collect and preserve (or present to the Historical Museum Building) any article or articles pertaining to the history of the Corry Area, which encompasses the Corry Area School District. Your generosity is appreciated!

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- Explore Artifacts, Archives,  
& Climax Locomotive

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14, 2025  
AMENDMENT**

**Amendment of Educator Retention Awards as previously affirmed**

WHEREAS, the ECGRA Board of Directors moved to accept Resolution Number 14, 2025 and its attached Exhibit A on May 15, 2025, which awarded the Educator Retention Awards at \$986,407.38, and

WHEREAS, the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) has submitted a memo requesting additional funds to be applied to the Pre-K Counts teachers who were inadvertently omitted from the original submission and that the total proposed grant award for the Erie YMCA will increase from \$144,251 to \$186,234.50, representing a difference of \$41,983.50.

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 administer additional funding for the Educator Retention Awards as part of the Erie County Investing in Families Initiative to the extent outlined in Exhibit A.

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

This resolution was passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 19, 2025

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Executive Board of Directors

**From:** Elana Como, ELRC Director

**Date:** June 19, 2025

**Subject:** Update on YMCA Grant Applications and Recommendation for Inclusion of Pre-K Counts Educators

At the time of submission for the YMCA grant applications, the YMCA Director included eight (8) Pre-K Counts (PKC) teachers in the staff count on the application spreadsheet. However, the funding allocations specific to those PKC teachers were inadvertently omitted from the submission. The applications were submitted reflecting only the dollar amounts for child care staff.

The Director's understanding was that if additional funds became available, the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) would follow up to confirm availability and subsequently apply the funding to support the PKC teachers. In alignment with this expectation—and due to the availability of sufficient funds—the ELRC has now added the appropriate funding allocations for these eight PKC educators to the YMCA's original grant application.

As a result, the total proposed grant award for the Erie YMCA will increase from **\$144,251** to **\$186,234.50**, representing a difference of **\$41,983.50**.

### **Recommendation:**

We recommend the Board approve the inclusion of these 8 Pre-K Counts educators in the grant award, as adequate funds are available and their roles were initially included in the staff counts, aligning with the intent of the original application.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional details.

Respectfully,

Elana Como

Early Learning Resource Center Director

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## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 16, 2025**

### **Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Renaissance Block Program – Round 2**

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 reinvigorating neighborhoods and main corridors, combatting blight, and maintaining a strong housing market; and

Whereas, ECGRA seeks to use gaming funds as a catalyst to address and reverse housing blight in Erie County;

Whereas, ECGRA believes that community efforts to remove housing blight and reverse deterioration will incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more walkable, safe and attractive, increase market values of homes, and improve the municipal tax base; and

Whereas, the one (1) recipient is identified as the following applicant:  
Downtown Girard;

Whereas, the eligible applicant is awarded a grant totaling \$100,000 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 agreements with one (1) recipients of the Renaissance Block Program so the community served may flourish, create an economic impact on the region and continue to improve upon local neighborhoods on behalf of the people of Erie County.

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

This resolution was passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 19, 2025

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Secretary, ECGRA





## 2025 Renaissance Block Round 1

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Approved</i>
Borough of Union City	Cindy Wells	Renaissance Grant 2025-2026	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Impact Corry	Charles Gray	Restoring Corry's Neighborhoods	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

## Round 2

Downtown Girard	Jeanne Miller	Church Street to Rice Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
		<b>Total Requests</b>	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00



## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 17, 2025**

### **Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant, Round 1**

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 local government in developing a strong economy and community; and

Whereas, ECGRA seeks to use gaming funds as a catalyst for municipalities to coordinate and cooperate with one another in the provisioning of services to achieve efficiencies, economies of scale, and innovation of modern governmental processes;

Whereas, ECGRA believes that active collaboration through councils of governments, authorities, intergovernmental associations and nonprofits coordinating such activities are key strategies in economic development; and

Whereas, the one (1) recipient is identified as the following primary applicant: East County Paramedics;

Whereas, the eligible applicant is awarded a grant totaling \$100,000 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 an agreement with one (1) recipient of the Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region and continue to improve upon local government on behalf of the people of Erie County.

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

This resolution was passed on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 19, 2025

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Secretary, ECGRA



# 2025 Multi-Municipal Collaboration

## Round 1

Lead Organization	Collaborators	Amount Awarded	Project Description
East County EMS	Harborcreek Township, Wesleyville Borough, Lawrence Park Township, North East Borough, North East Township, Greene Township	\$ 100,000	Ambulance Purchase
	<b>Total Requested</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
June 19, 2025

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA



# Feasibility Study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie

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*June 2025 Pilot Project Grant Program*

## ***Jefferson Educational Society***

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# Application Form

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## *Purpose of Funding*

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### **Purpose of the Funding**

Pilot Program grants are designed to explore programs, concepts, and potential solutions which address documented problems and deficiencies within the Erie County community. Pilots are funded when they fall outside traditional grant programs and existing ECGRA grant programs. In addition, pilot projects will be funded when the staff and Board deem the idea worthy of a trial period to establish long-term feasibility, to attract additional funding, to refine a program, and to fulfill a need within Erie County. Pilots must fall within the following five impact areas: **Municipalities, Youth and Education, Quality of Place, Small Business Development, and Neighborhoods and Local Communities.**

Pilot Project applicants are encouraged to find creative and cooperative ways to operate in the most effective and cost-efficient manner. Pilot Project grants will provide vital matching funds to encourage leveraging other funding sources.

### **Basic requirements for a Pilot Project**

- The Pilot shall relate to the Strategic Plan passed by the ECGRA Board.
- The Pilot shall bridge a gap in the current system.
- The Pilot shall act as a catalyst for economic and community development.
- The Pilot shall relate to the purposes of the Economic Development Financing Law.

## *1. Eligibility*

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### **Qualifiers\***

All must apply in order to be eligible.

Applicant is in good standing with ECGRA's reporting requirements to date  
Applicant is in good standing with the IRS and state and local taxing bodies  
Applicant's headquarters is located in Erie County  
Applicant is 501(c)(3), a municipal authority, or a school district  
Applicant will be the recipient of the grant. (Pass through grants are not permissible.)  
Applicant is current on payment of any mandated workers compensation.  
Applicant is current on payment of unemployment or other required employee related insurances.  
Applicant's real estate taxes are not delinquent.

## 2. Organizational Information

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### Name of Organization\*

Jefferson Educational Society

### Organization Mission Statement

### Year Organization Was Established

### Municipality in which headquarters is located\*

City of Erie

### County Council District in which headquarters is located\*

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County Council District #4

### Website Address

### Staff/Volunteer Leadership

List or upload a list of the names and titles of the organization's leadership.

### Board of Directors

List or upload a list of the names, email addresses, and occupations of the organization's board members.

### Annual Summary Statistics

Please click here to download the Annual Summary Statistics form

## 3. Project Information

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### Project Name\*

Feasibility Study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie

### Brief Project Summary\*

The JES seeks support for a feasibility study to explore creating a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie, Pennsylvania, uniting local historical sites into a world-class heritage destination, driving tourism, economic growth, and national recognition.



## Goals (broad) and Objectives (specific) of the project\*

### Goals:

- \* Assess the viability of creating a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie.
- \* Explore how Erie's historic assets can drive regional revitalization, economic development, and tourism.

### Objectives:

- \* Engage New Localism Associates to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study.
- \* Analyze lessons from other national war-related museums (e.g., WWII Museum, Museum of the American Revolution).
- \* Examine how Erie's Flagship Niagara, Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, Presque Isle Peninsula Pennsylvania State Park, and the sites of French, British, and American forts can be integrated.
- \* Explore the potential for inclusion in the National Park System, building on discussions with the Secretary of the Interior and commitments of up to \$100 million from donors identified by historian Douglas Brinkley, who has experience working on similar projects.
- \* Deliver actionable recommendations and a stakeholder presentation by September 2025.
- \* Align the project with America250 and the commemoration of the War of 1812 as the final battle securing U.S. independence.

## Project Narrative\*

Describe your project in detail including the problem you are addressing and what you will do to solve that problem.

This pilot project addresses the need for a strategic plan to leverage Erie's unique War of 1812 and early American history. Erie's compact downtown and waterfront feature unmatched historic assets: the Flagship Niagara, the Maritime Museum, the Hagen History Center, Presque Isle Peninsula State Park, and the sites of French, British, and American forts. These elements, all within walking distance, tell the layered story of Erie's critical role in American independence.

New Localism Associates will examine comparable national museums to identify best practices for design, financing, and long-term sustainability. The study will deliver recommendations on how to unify Erie's historic sites into a national destination, potentially as the 64th national park. The project aligns with America250, offering Erie a chance to commemorate the Declaration of Independence's promise through the War of 1812's final stand for freedom.

Douglas Brinkley has indicated federal interest in this concept and identified up to \$100 million in potential support from donors outside Erie. The feasibility study will provide the critical roadmap needed to pursue this once-in-a-generation opportunity.

## Project Justification\*

Describe why the pilot project is important and necessary (short and long term) to Erie County. Please provide evidence, research, and surveys documenting the problems. Standalone documents may be uploaded.

The War of 1812 was the final military struggle with England, securing America's independence and advancing the cause of self-government. Erie was at the center of that struggle, home to Oliver Hazard Perry's fleet and pivotal naval victories. Yet no national museum exists to honor this transformative history.

Erie's assets—including three recreated fort sites, the Flagship Niagara, the Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, Presque Isle, and our working waterfront—offer the foundation for a national heritage site. A

unified vision would drive heritage tourism, economic growth, and civic pride, as seen in New Orleans with the WWII Museum's \$250M annual impact.

Douglas Brinkley's discussions with the Secretary of the Interior indicate federal openness to incorporating this vision into the National Park System. Brinkley has also identified potential donor commitments of up to \$100 million. Without this feasibility study, Erie risks losing this historic opportunity. The project offers long-term benefits by positioning Erie as a leader in America250 commemoration and heritage tourism.

### Do you anticipate other funding sources?\*

Please discuss your matching fund sources and financing partners.

Yes. We are requesting \$75,000 from ECGRA and anticipate securing \$75,000 in matching funds from other sources, including private philanthropy, state and federal heritage grants, and national donors interested in the project's national significance.

### Project Benefits\*

Please describe who will benefit and how. Will specific groups be targeted or served?

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

This project targets regional revitalization, cultural enrichment, and the creation of a destination that honors Erie's vital role in U.S. history and democracy's global legacy.

### Amount Requested from ECGRA\*

\$75,000.00

### Amount of Matching Funds\*

\$75,000.00

### Total Project Cost\*

\$150,000.00

### Project Budget\*

Please click here to download a budget form

[2025-pilot program-budget-JES.xlsx](#)



New Localism Associates will provide a comprehensive feasibility study, including: comparative research on national museums; analysis of Erie's historic assets (Flagship Niagara, Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, Presque Isle, fort sites, and waterfront); stakeholder engagement; financial and operational recommendations; exploration of National Park Service designation potential; and delivery of a final report and stakeholder presentation with clear next steps.

## Long term plans\*

Is there a plan to continue the project? How will you sustain the project financially and administratively?

Yes. The feasibility study is designed as a first step toward a larger, sustained effort to establish a National War of 1812 Museum and heritage destination in Erie. The study will produce actionable recommendations, including a plan for financial sustainability, governance structure, and partnership development.

Based on preliminary interest—including Douglas Brinkley's identification of up to \$100 million in potential philanthropic support—the project would move from feasibility to detailed planning, fundraising, and coalition-building. We envision forming a formal steering committee or nonprofit entity dedicated to advancing the museum, pursuing National Park System designation, and securing major private, public, and federal investment.

Financially, long-term sustainability will draw from multiple revenue streams, including foundation and federal grants, private donations, earned income from admissions and events, and potential operational support from the National Park Service. Administratively, partnerships with local, state, and national organizations—including the Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, and civic leaders—will ensure that the project benefits from broad expertise and shared responsibility as it advances beyond the pilot phase.

## Project Partners\*

Describe project partners and how they will be involved.

This project will bring together a strong network of partners with complementary expertise and resources:

- \* New Localism Associates (Bruce Katz and team) – Lead consultant conducting the feasibility study, analyzing peer institutions, and delivering strategic recommendations and a next-steps roadmap.

- \* Douglas Brinkley, Presidential Historian – Providing guidance on national positioning, leveraging federal connections (including discussions with the Secretary of the Interior), and supporting outreach to potential major donors.

- \* Erie Maritime Museum and Flagship Niagara League – Contributing local historical expertise, operational insight, and collaboration on integrating current assets into a larger national vision.

- \* Hagen History Center – Partner in exploring ways to incorporate Erie's broader regional history, artifacts, and educational programming.

- \* City of Erie and Erie County government – Potential partners in land use planning, infrastructure coordination, and supporting connections to the National Park Service and America250 initiatives.

- \* Local philanthropic and business leaders – Engaged in helping secure matching funds and future operational support, as well as serving on a future steering committee.

Each partner will play an essential role in shaping, informing, and advancing the feasibility study outcomes and in working collaboratively toward the vision of a unified national heritage destination.

## Project Support

Provide evidence of project support within the community. (Letters of support, resolutions, memoranda of understanding, etc. can be uploaded at the end of the application.)

## Qualifications and Experience\*

Description of the qualifications and experience of the project administrators and project leaders.

This project will be led by a team with exceptional national, regional, and local experience in urban development, heritage preservation, strategic planning, and public engagement.

### Bruce Katz, Principal Consultant

Bruce Katz is one of the nation's foremost urban strategists and the founder of New Localism Associates. Katz served as vice president at the Brookings Institution and co-lead the Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program, where he focused on revitalizing U.S. cities through innovative economic and civic strategies. He has extensive experience guiding cities through large-scale, high-impact projects that blend economic development, cultural investment, and placemaking. Katz has worked directly with dozens of U.S. and international cities to design and implement transformative civic initiatives, and his work is widely recognized for its rigor and practicality. As lead consultant, Katz will oversee the feasibility study, direct the research and analysis, and engage stakeholders throughout the process.

### Douglas Brinkley, National Advisor

Douglas Brinkley, the presidential historian for CNN and professor at Rice University, brings unmatched expertise in American history, civic commemoration, and heritage tourism. Brinkley has been instrumental in advancing this project's national positioning. He has held direct conversations with the Secretary of the Interior regarding the potential for inclusion of Erie's assets in the National Park System, and has identified up to \$100 million in potential private donor commitments to support the museum's development. Brinkley's role as national advisor will focus on ensuring historical authenticity, securing federal support, and engaging high-level philanthropic partners.

### New Localism Associates Team

In addition to Bruce Katz, New Localism Associates brings together a skilled team including Benjamin Weiser, an experienced analyst specializing in urban development and civic innovation. The team's collective expertise spans research, stakeholder engagement, comparative case analysis, and strategic planning tailored to civic and cultural projects.

### Local Partners and Leaders

Local project leadership will be strengthened by partnerships with:

- \* Erie Maritime Museum / Flagship Niagara League – providing operational expertise in historic preservation and maritime interpretation.

- \* Hagen History Center – contributing knowledge of regional history and experience managing educational and cultural programming.

- \* Local government officials – ensuring alignment with Erie's broader development goals and integration with waterfront revitalization efforts.

- \* Regional philanthropic and business leaders – advising on community engagement, funding strategies, and long-term sustainability.

Together, this team combines national vision, proven project management, historical expertise, and deep local knowledge. Their collective qualifications position the feasibility study—and the broader initiative—for success, ensuring the project is thoughtful, ambitious, and achievable.



## Ability to Complete the Project\*

Describe your ability to complete the project within the allotted time.

The project is designed with a clear, focused plan and led by professionals with extensive experience delivering complex feasibility studies on time and within budget. With a 12-month period to utilize grant funding, we are confident in our ability to complete the project well within the timeline while allowing flexibility for stakeholder engagement and partner input.

New Localism Associates, led by Bruce Katz, has successfully managed feasibility studies and strategic plans for cities and civic institutions across the country, often within shorter timeframes. Their structured approach will guide this project from research through final recommendations. The scope includes:

- \* A detailed review of comparable national museums, their origins, funding models, design, and long-term sustainability.
- \* An assessment of Erie's unique assets—including historic forts, the Flagship Niagara, the Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, Presque Isle Peninsula, and waterfront.
- \* Development of actionable recommendations and next steps.

The extended grant period allows time for:

- \* Deeper engagement with local, state, and federal partners.
- \* Integration of feedback from stakeholders and the community.
- \* Careful coordination with other funding sources and America250 initiatives.

With strong local support and pre-existing relationships at the federal level (including interest from the Department of the Interior and major donors), the team is well positioned to deliver high-quality results comfortably within the 12-month window.

## Timeline\*

Please provide a project timeline with key milestones (12-month schedule).

Month 1-2 (Project Launch)

- \* Finalize contracts with New Localism Associates.
- \* Convene initial planning meeting with local partners (Maritime Museum, Hagen History Center, Flagship Niagara League, civic leaders).
- \* Confirm advisory role of Douglas Brinkley and major donor engagement strategy.

Month 3-5 (Research + Analysis Phase)

- \* Conduct detailed review of comparable national museums (e.g., WWII Museum, Museum of the American Revolution).
- \* Assess Erie's historic assets and opportunities (three forts, waterfront, peninsula, Flagship Niagara, museums).
- \* Begin initial stakeholder interviews (local, state, federal partners; tourism and economic leaders).

Month 6-7 (Draft Findings + Preliminary Recommendations)

- \* Develop draft report of key findings and early recommendations.
- \* Host interim stakeholder workshop for feedback on emerging ideas.

Month 8-9 (Refinement + Strategic Framework)

- \* Refine recommendations based on feedback.
- \* Explore federal partnership pathways, including National Park System potential.
- \* Further donor engagement to validate funding interest.

Month 10-11 (Final Deliverables)

- \* Finalize feasibility study report.

- \* Deliver formal presentation of findings and next steps to stakeholder group.

Month 12 (Wrap-Up + Transition to Next Phase)

- \* Share report publicly as appropriate.
- \* Convene final partner meeting to discuss implementation planning.
- \* Outline roadmap for forming a steering committee or nonprofit entity to carry the project forward.

## Outcome Measurement\*

Please describe how you will analyze the outcomes and gauge success of the project.

The primary outcome of this project is a comprehensive feasibility study that provides clear, actionable recommendations for advancing the vision of a National War of 1812 Museum and heritage destination in Erie. We will gauge success by:

- \* Completion of key deliverables: A thorough, well-researched feasibility report, a stakeholder presentation, and a next-steps memo delivered within the grant timeline.
- \* Quality of analysis: The study will incorporate insights from comparable national museums, detailed assessment of Erie's unique assets, and strategies for long-term sustainability and federal partnership (including National Park System potential).
- \* Stakeholder engagement: Success will be measured by active participation from local partners, civic leaders, state and federal officials, and donors during the study period. The number and quality of consultations, workshops, and feedback sessions will serve as key indicators.
- \* Foundation for future action: We will consider the project successful if it results in a clear and realistic roadmap for the next phase—whether that be formal pursuit of National Park designation, formation of a steering committee or nonprofit, or launch of a major funding campaign.

Additionally, we will document lessons learned, partner feedback, and opportunities identified during the process to ensure transparency and guide future efforts.

## 4. Additional Documents

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### Most Recent Annual Report or Year End Review\*

JES 2025 Annual Report (Compressed).pdf

### Current General Liability Insurance Certificate\*

General Liability Insurance Certificate 2024.pdf

### Organization Logo

### Letters of Support

## Other Supporting Material

## Other Supporting Material

### Links

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## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- 2025-pilot program-budget-JES.xlsx
- JES 2025 Annual Report (Compressed).pdf
- General Liability Insurance Certificate 2024.pdf



## ECGRA Pilot Program Grant Budget

**Applicant Name:** Jefferson Education Society

**Project Name:** Feasibility Study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie

<u>Category</u>	<u>ECGRA Grant</u>	<u>Sponsor Match</u>	<u>Detailed Description</u>	<u>Total</u>
Personnel				
Marketing				
Construction				
Facility Expense				
Equipment & Supplies				
Professional Consultants	75,00	\$75,000.00	New Localism Associates will provide a com	\$150,000.00
Contracted Services				
Outcomes Measurement				
Totals	\$0.00	\$75,000.00		\$150,000.00