



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA ZOOM/In Person
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
July 17, 2025

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- a. Change Scope of Work Request:
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13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 18, 2025 – Resolution to fund a feasibility study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie through the Jefferson Educational Society
- b. Resolution Number 19, 2025 – Resolution to accept the 2024-25 audited financial statements
- c. Resolution Number 20, 2025 – Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Multi-Municipal Collaboration grant, Round 2
- d. Resolution Number 21, 2025 – Resolution to enter into a Transformational Grant agreement with the Pennsylvania State University: The Behrend College for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness
- e. Resolution Number 22, 2025 – Resolution to authorize the executive director and solicitor to enter into negotiations and execute an agreement with the Erie County Redevelopment Authority for a \$100,000.00 mission-related investment grant and a \$1,000,000.00 mission-related investment load for the purpose of promoting small business growth and expansion in Erie County in accordance with the ECGRA impact investment policy
- f. Resolution Number 23, 2025 – Resolution to Adopt the 2024-25 Annual Report

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, August 21, 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

June 19, 2025

Folks, we need to get going but real quick, if you look at today's agenda, we're going to see a presentation from Elena, who's on the line right now; she's from the Early Learning Resource Center. There's a memo to amend our original resolution to include some Head Start dollars to YMCA; she will explain all that. And then Maher Duessel is on the line; Michelle is with us. I want to remind you that the audit is only in draft form as of right now - you've received the draft over email. The way the process goes is you receive the draft - I know you didn't have a lot of time to read it since you just got it a couple of days ago - but Michelle will go over the draft with you. That's the first step in the process. Tim has already reviewed and given his comments on tweaking some language. Gary is in the review process. The entire board is now going to see a presentation from Michelle, from our auditors. You'll have an entire 30-day period to ask the ECGRA staff questions, to ask your treasurer questions about the audit, or to ask Maher Duessel employees directly about the audit. I'm fine with all three; you could do whatever makes you most comfortable about the audit, please feel free to do so. And then if there is input, Michelle will come back to us and say, "Hey, we got the following input" or, like typically happens, it's minimal input, and things are clarified, and we move on. If there aren't any issues, we'll have it on the board meeting agenda for approval next month, and then that'll become an official historic document of ECGRA. That document is then taken and given to County Council, it's given to the County Executive, and it's given to the County Controller. All will be entered into record as our official audit for the fiscal year. Are there any questions about the audit? The process and procedure are pretty clear? Good. Okay, let's start the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on June 19, 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 8:34 am.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hess, Mr. Louis, Mr. Oberlander, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Winschel are present in person. Mr. Copeland and Mr. Scutella are present in person. Mr. Sinnott is present via zoom. Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Louis seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the agenda. Motion carries 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2025

Mr. Louis makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments from the Board of Directors.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Ms. Hess: The only thing I was curious about, has there been any further discussion around the money that is owed to us?

Dr. Wood: I'm going to read some stuff during the executive director's report, and I thought we would have a board discussion about next steps at that point.

Ms. Hess: Okay, perfect.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Early Learning Resource Center – Elana Como

Dr. Wood: I'm going to turn it over to Elana Como who is going to talk to you about us making an amendment to a former resolution, Resolution Number 14, 2025. So, Elana, go ahead.

Elana Como: Good morning, everyone. Thank you for including this agenda item in your meeting for this morning. With our Greater Erie YMCA programs, they submitted their application on the day of the deadline, with probably about 12 other programs that all submitted that day. In the back and forth that happened with all of the programs in the verification process, the Y process took a lot longer, and I didn't get to connect with Jill Simmons, who oversees all the early learning programs with the Y until early June, which was, of course, after the board had approved the first round of funding. So, as I met with Jill, we discovered there was some confusion with the pre-K counts teachers and she had thought we would reach back out to her if we could include those teachers. As we were putting all the

funding together, trying to determine if we had enough funding to include the pre-K counts teachers which we of course did and that is exciting, but those teachers didn't make it into the final count before the Board approved the first round of funding. So, as you see on your memo, the increase in including those eight pre-K counts teachers would be an additional \$44,000 and that is because the vast majority of those individuals are certified teachers. So, with that, we would like to recommend to the board that we include the additional pre-K counts teachers; it would increase what the Y would receive from \$144,000 to \$188,000. Are there any questions?

Ms. Hess: Those numbers mentioned are reflected differently on the memo. She had mentioned \$188,000 – an increase of \$44,000; These numbers show \$186,000 and \$42,000.

Dr. Wood: Everyone has the memo in front of them that you provided Elana, and it does say that the YMCA will increase from \$144,251 to \$186,234; is that the number that we're going off of?

Ms. Como: I sent an update late yesterday Perry, and it should be \$188,387.50. It's an increase of \$44,136.50.

Dr. Wood: Okay, so I guess to the board - now is our opportunity to talk to Elana. If the board is amenable to amend the resolution, then we would go by that number, and we would do it during the portion of the agenda in which we have it on. So, let's have dialog with Elana about how everyone feels about this. Is everyone clear about the reason why? Okay. I mean, mistakes are going to happen. I guess the question is, do we allow it? The staff talked it over; I think it makes sense. I think the YMCA is one of the largest childcare providers - are they the third largest, Elana, or second largest?

Ms. Como: Second.

Dr. Wood: Okay, so for them to have a whole swath of their staff miss out on these retention awards because of a clerical error, that is something we can remedy.

Ms. Hess: I personally don't have a problem with it.

Dr. Wood: I just want to make sure. I wanted to bring this to you and talk it through. Okay. Miss Como, thank you for being with us this morning. Thank you so much for the work you're doing on this initiative. You're helping to make it successful. We appreciate you.

Ms. Como: Thank you. Have a good day, everyone.

b. Maher Duessel – Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Audit

Dr. Wood: Okay, up next, we have Maher Duessel. Both Michelle and Amanda are with us. I'll turn it over to you guys. We do have a new board member, so why don't you introduce yourselves and talk a little bit about Maher Duessel before you jump into the audit.

Ms. Bryan: No problem. Good morning, everyone. I am Michelle Bryan, and I serve as the audit partner on your audit. With me today is Amanda Jaros, who serves as the audit manager. Maher Duessel is a firm based in Pennsylvania; we have six offices throughout the

state, one in Erie, as well as our main office in Pittsburgh. We are a firm that is exclusive to auditing nonprofit and government organizations, so we do a lot of government organizations similar to the Authority as well as all different types of governments, county governments, local boroughs, municipalities, all those types of organizations.

We've been with the organization for a few years; we did rotate audit partners, and I was new to your engagement here about three or four years ago. So, we just try to keep the organization fresh, and we do have the ability within the firm to do those rotations, as often organizations like to be able to say they have a fresh perspective without actually having to change firms. So, I'm going to walk you through the two deliverables today that we issue as part of the audit process. Feel free to chime in at any point in time as I'm happy to take questions.

The first letter that Amanda has in front of you is the Communication with Those Charged with Governance. This is required communication under the auditing standards, and it starts out by talking about our responsibilities under accounting standards generally accepted in the United States, is to issue an opinion on the financial statements. They are management's financial statements, and management is responsible for the significant accounting policies within those statements themselves. During the year, there was one new accounting policy required to be adopted by the Authority that related to a new GASB pronouncement. So GASB is the authoritative body that really oversees the accounting for the organization, and there was a new standard on compensated absences, or accrued leave, that did require the Authority to record a liability for accrued sick and vacation time expected to be used before the employees would terminate. So that was really a change in the standard that did require the organization to record that liability; it was about \$29,000 for the organization, so not a huge number, but something I did want to point out that is new and different for the organization in the current year. There is really nothing on horizon for next year that I do expect to be material to the organization. So, you should be pretty status quo here in the next year.

Your statements are accrual based, meaning you do record payables and receivables. There are estimates in those statements. As a result, none of those estimates we consider to be particularly significant. The most sensitive is regarding the collectability of the Notes Receivable. The organization does have Notes, and the ultimate collectability of them is estimated by management. The ultimate collection of those can change from year to year, and something that management does look at on an ongoing basis. So, there is an allowance recorded and that does regard some judgment on what that amount will be going forward.

The disclosures in your statements are considered neutral, consistent and clear. The most significant disclosures are in Note Four and Note Five, talking about the irrevocable gifts to the Erie Community Foundation and the Notes Receivable. I will go over those footnotes here in a moment in the statements themselves.

We had no difficulties in performing the audit. We always receive excellent cooperation from Perry and Tammi on their team, so we do appreciate them being ready for us to do the audit, and we're here in the same time frame that we always are to present the drafts, so that's usually a good indicator that the timing is as normal and routine for the organization.

There is no corrected or uncorrected misstatements to point out as part of the audit process. So that means the information you are receiving throughout the year on information such as your grants and your cash balances is accurate and the auditors aren't making material adjustments at year end in order to get your books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We had no disagreements with management. As Perry had mentioned, these are draft statements. We will obtain a management representation letter as part of the finalization of

your reports. That representation letter is just a letter that's signed by management indicating that they responded fully to all of our inquiries and provided us with all the necessary documentation requested as part of the audit process. There was no consultations with other independent accountants, and there was no matters discussed regarding our retention. There is a required supplementary information in your report of a management discussion and analysis that has been omitted by management, and that is what is described here in that paragraph.

We're going to move right into the statements themselves. Beyond the Table of Contents, you'll find the Independent Auditor's Opinion. The Auditor's Opinion is considered to be an Unmodified Opinion, which is the highest level of assurance you can receive as part of the audit process, and really the type of Opinion you want to see as a board member. The Opinion starts out by talking about the basis of the Opinion as well as describes both management's responsibilities for the audit and the auditor's responsibility for the audit. There is a separate paragraph at the bottom that does talk about the omission of the management discussion and analysis as part of the audit required supplementary information.

Moving on is the Statement of Net Position or the Balance Sheet for the organization. As of March 31, the organization had almost \$28 million in total assets. Most significant of those are really in the Cash and Certificate of Deposit line items. Those certificates are something new for the organization during the past year, and really as a relation to that, there was an increase in the interest income on the next page that was a result of that investing. On the liability side, you will see that there is Unearned Revenue of about \$2.7 million - that relates to the grant funding that has been received that has not yet been spent. So that's primarily the \$2.5 million of childcare revenue that as of March 31 was not yet dispersed. As those monies are dispersed, you'll bring them into Revenue, and that Unearned amount will go down. The remaining of that is the just the lingering ARPA funds that will be wrapped up and spent in the current year.

Those ARPA funds that are coming from the County are federal. The organization did have about \$650,000 in federal funds during the year. That number, if it is over \$750,000, you're required to have both the audit we're looking at today - the financial statement audit - and a single audit, which requires us to test compliance with the federal regulations over those dollars. The organization did not meet the threshold for that audit in the current year, so the statements you're seeing today are not including the single audit. You guys did have a single audit last year; you will have a single audit next year. So, this year, you're in between the spending of those funds, you did not meet that cap, and you will not have the single audit in the current year.

Back on the Balance Sheet, you will see there is a new line item added for Accrued Compensated Absences, and that, again, is the result of the implementation of the new GASB standard that was required in the current year. So as of year-end, you did have Net Position restricted for economic development of about \$2.5 million. The next page does go through the Profit and Loss for the organization on the Statement of Revenue and Changes for Net Position. Your total Operating Revenues were sitting at about \$6.9 million; gaming revenues are relatively consistent from year to year. We did talk about those governmental grant funds really being those ARPA funds that were spent during the fiscal year. The Interest Income is up for the year. I wrote down that you've made about \$150,000 - that money is the interest on the CDs. So that's the interest on the CDs for the year and is something that's up. Down in the non-operating section, you'll see that up as well. The Interest Income in the Operating section is that that on your Notes Receivable, and that is consistent with prior amounts reported. Your Operating Expenses are primarily driven by your grants awarded. Your grants awarded during the year, you had about \$700,000 of increase which really related to the

Transformation Grants that were given out by the organization, which was something new in the current year. So, those grants did cause an increase in that Grants Awarded line. The rest of the items on your expense are relatively consistent, and really, once you get beyond those, your employee costs and your office space are relatively insignificant to the organization.

Overall, for the year, you did have a positive change in Net Position of a little over a million dollars to bring you to that Restricted Net Position of \$25.2 million. Any questions on the statements before I move on to the footnotes? The next page is the Cash Flow statement, and it just gives you additional information on the cash that was spent during the year. You will see the purchase of the CDs in the middle of the page being really one of the more significant items on this, and that just really shows that your cash did go down during the year by \$6.2 million, but really that was just because you invested that cash in certificates of deposit, not really driven from the use of those cash funds in operating activities.

The footnotes start on the next page. The first footnote is just a general overview of the organization. It talks about the board composition as well as the establishment of the entity. Footnote two talks about the summary of significant accounting policies. So, this is where you're going to see a detail of your policies. There is additional information included under the Certificates of Deposit section, as those CDs really are something new and different for the organization in this fiscal year. You'll see the terms of each of those CDs included there, the interest rates, and indication that those are covered by FDIC or Act 72 collateral. There is additional information on the Notes Receivable balances, as well as the amount that's been deemed uncollectible by the organization. So as of March 31, there's about \$1.5 million that has been determined as an allowance for uncollectible in the potential event of default.

Mr. Wachter: Can I just highlight one thing?

Ms. Bryan: Sure.

Mr. Wachter: That does not mean that there is that much money that has been deemed to be uncollectible. The Notes - we put a reserve in place to cover our cash basis in the event that those Notes are uncollectible. Not that they are currently in an uncollectible status; it's an accounting function to keep us whole. Is that correct, Michelle?

Ms. Bryan: That's correct. That's just an estimate of management of what is currently sitting on your Balance Sheet in Notes Receivable, what there is the potential for management to feel that you potentially will not get in the future. So that's really something that has to be looked at every year, really on a Note-by-Note basis. If you were a bank and you had thousands of Notes, you would do it on a pool basis, due to the fact that you really have a set number, you look at those individually, look at the financial performance, the history of collection, and you make an estimate of, "Yeah, we think we'll get it all back. We think we'll get part of it back." And really, that's a calculation that is a sensitive estimate in that it could change from year to year, from really day to day, based on the organization. So, it is not a direct indicator that you won't get the money back; it's purely an estimate by management of the potential that exists within that portfolio.

Mr. Wachter: So we made a policy decision, and I forget exactly what the percentage is, that of the total amount of Notes that we have out, we have pre-funded that fund of Notes Uncollectible with cash of a certain percentage of the total. This is my non-accounting explanation, Michelle, so you tell me where I go off the rails.

Ms. Bryan: Twenty percent is your percent, by the way. I believe it's in the 15 to 20% range for each of those Notes.

Mr. Wachter: Thank you. And the purpose of that is we are anticipating revenue from the interest from those Notes, and if they're deemed to be uncollectible, not only are we not going to get that revenue, but we're also not going to get the return of principal. This prefunds that in the event that there is a loss – not that there is a loss, but in the event there is a loss - so as to not affect the projected incomes. So, it's an accounting function that has been misinterpreted in the past by others for the purpose of saying you have \$1.9 million of uncollectible Notes. No, we do not. We have \$0 of uncollectible Notes. We're taking on the responsible accounting procedure to make sure it doesn't impact our income in the event that any of these deals go south.

Mr. Smith: Excuse me, so the \$1.577 is not the amount, but is the amount that we put away to cover those?

Mr. Wachter: That is the amount that we put away to cover in the event that there's an actual default. Does that make sense?

Dr. Wood: Any organization that does loans has a reserve for uncollectibility.

Mr. Wachter: Thank you, Michelle. I just wanted to highlight that point. It's an important piece for us.

Ms. Bryan: No problem. The next page, it does start by talking about your Unearned Revenue. So again, those are the grant funds that are received by the County that have yet to be spent. You will see the original allocation of the \$4 million. It kind of goes through the history of what has been received and spent. So those unearned funds, again, will be recognized as revenue when the grants are made. As you make those childcare grants in fiscal year 26 they'll be brought into revenue, and it's at that point that they're subject to the single audit, and we will do that additional audit of compliance for the organization.

Dr. Wood: Michelle, let me just pause for one second. We do have two members of County Council here who approve those ARPA funds to come our way. Just curious, if you have any questions about this. We do a separate audit for the ARPA funds that is supplemented based on this threshold that Michelle's talking about. So, if a certain amount is spent in a fiscal year, it triggers an audit that then goes to the federal government as well as to the Administration.

Councilmen Copeland and Scutella nod their heads in understanding.

Dr. Wood: Okay, sorry, Michelle, go ahead.

Ms. Bryan: Nope, you're good. The compensated absences policy for the organization is disclosed, so that's just describing the vacation and sick leave policies of the organization. And again, that is a liability that was put on the books as a result of the new implementation of the GASB during the year. So that's really the corresponding footnote that talks about that.

The last significant accounting policy to really talk about is the contingency footnote; the second paragraph is a general contingency that just does indicate that you do receive

federal and state funding, that they can be subject to audit. There's nothing that management believes will result in significant liability. So that really is just language that stays in there notifying the reader that you do have the potential to be audited.

The last paragraph does specifically speak to the Pennsylvania Auditor General Performance Audit that was reviewed during the year, and really the finding within the audit that there is potential revenue to be received from the County for the period noted. So, this is coming right out of that AG Report. We just thought it was significant to let the users know that there's been no revenue recorded by the organization as a result of receiving that report. Within these statements themselves, there's no receivable booked for that. Really the accounting standards when you get into things that are contingent revenue, until they're known that you are getting them and it's fairly certain that you will get them, they are not recorded as receivable, so your statements themselves do not include them. But we thought it prudent to really notify the reader of this finding in management's discussions with the County regarding the collection of those funds going forward.

Beyond this, you get into significant policies of the organization. The first footnote here talks about your cash and cash equivalent balances. So, it does talk about the bank balances and the portions of those that are covered with FDIC insurance. In addition, because you are a governmental entity, Pennsylvania does require, under Act 72, the collateralization of government deposits. So, your balances in excess of FDIC insurance are also collateralized, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 72.

Footnote four talks about the irrevocable gifts to the Erie Community Foundation. So, there is a fund at the Community Foundation that does have a significant balance in that account, on behalf of the Authority. That actual balance is not recorded on the Authority statements, as the Community Foundation does have variance power over those funds. So, you will see it disclosed within the statements as well as the distributions that were awarded out of those funds during the year, but you will not see those funds actually reported on the statements of the Authority.

Dr. Wood: Michelle let's pause there quickly and explain the history of that, why that money is at the Erie Community Foundation, what it does. Back in 2012, the ECGRA Board basically decided to create a form of perpetual giving for the nine Lead Assets of Erie County. The best way to do that would be to put it into some type of investment fund. At the time, it was at PNC Bank. We did a review of it, we didn't believe that that was the proper long-term answer. Correct me if any of the language is wrong – this is going back to 2012.

Mr. Wachter: The money was not properly collateralized at PNC, so it needed to be collateralized somewhere.

Dr. Wood: It was also within the Authority's control. And so, in order to get it out of the Authority's control so that it could exist in perpetuity, we selected the Erie Community Foundation in which to park the funds at. Subsequently, we put two more tranches of funding into that, and it has grown with the market. And so, every October or November, I come to you and say, "There's this amount available to be distributed from that fund" and the nine Lead Assets, according to an MOU we have with them, will execute on that memo. And they tell us, "We would like to distribute the following amounts to the nine organizations." The requirement we have is that there is complete consensus; all nine have to agree on the distribution of the funds. They have a formula that they use to determine - it's based on a formula that we gave them back in 2014. And so those funds have continued to grow; they're now the second largest endowment at the Erie Community Foundation. So, I think it's important to note that

they are a Note within our audit, but we have no direct control over those funds. They have been gifted to the Erie Community Foundation. We simply decide on the disbursement of those funds every December.

Mr. Smith: But to nine specific organizations.

Dr. Wood: Nine specific organizations that have been locked into place as part of the 2010 settlement agreement. Any other questions? Some nuance there, some history. Okay, Michelle, thank you.

Ms. Bryan: Great. The next footnote goes through each of the Notes that the Authority has outstanding. It does talk about the loan agreements in establishment, the various loan agreements, as well as the interest rates, the terms for repayment, as well as any collectability issues noted for the funds themselves. The outstanding balance of each of those is included. So, there was one Note that had forgiveness during the current year. Other than that, these Notes are going to stay relatively the same every year unless you make an additional Note, you forgive a Note, or one comes due. So, you will see the notation here regarding the one Note and the approval of forgiveness of that Note during the year. So that's really the only significant item that you'll see that has changed.

The very last Note there is the one with the Youth Leadership Institute. That Note does come due here in June of 2025, so it does indicate that you're undergoing default workout arrangements with them, however, they haven't been finalized. We will update that wording if this is finalized prior to the issuance of the report. Your statements, although they are dated for a period ending March 31st, we do include subsequent events that do occur at the Authority through the date of the opinion. If that default workout arrangement is finalized prior to the issuance, that wording really could change to indicate what the terms are of that current repayment or forgiveness either way.

The last footnote does talk about the cash benefit plan or the pension plan that is administered by PMRS. It's just talking about the organization's eligibility requirements as well as contributions into that retirement plan for their employees. Any questions? There is no formal management letter issued as part of the audit process this year, so that indicates to you that there are no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that were identified as part of the testing of internal controls for the organization that we are required to report.

Mr. Winschel: A question I have on the Notes Receivable, we have two of them, a 10-year Note with Bridgeway Capital and a nine-year Note with The Progress Fund. Those principal payments are due in January. So, I don't know if typically, if you just let them roll those over or renegotiate the terms.

Dr. Wood: Well, that's a discussion I think I need to have with the Board. Some of those, well, we'll have the discussion. One of them, for example, hasn't performed as well as we had wanted it to, so it doesn't make sense for us to roll it over. The other one, I think we should go over the results together.

Mr. Winschel: Yeah, maybe give us a six-month window. Thanks.

Ms. Bryan: Are there any other comments or questions for me? As Perry had mentioned, I am happy to talk to the board, at any point in time, either about the current audit you're looking at or if you have questions or concerns throughout the year. I know what the board does for

the organization is very important, and I'm happy to talk to any board member at any point. Tammi and Perry both have my and Amanda's contact information, so feel free to reach out if you have any questions throughout the year or as part of the finalization of the audit reports.

Dr. Wood: Great. Michelle, if a board member wants to reach out directly to you, should it be you or Amanda?

Ms. Bryan: Really, either of us is fine. If it goes to Amanda and she doesn't know the answer, she certainly consults with me regarding a response, so you're fine really to go to either of us. You'll probably get a faster response from her than me, so I guess it depends on your timing. But certainly either of us are welcome to handle those questions.

Dr. Wood: Great. Thank you for your time. We appreciate you being here.

Ms. Bryan: No problem. Have a good day, all. Thank you for your time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Winschel: I'm just kind of going through them quickly. Profit and Loss, I guess one significant point there, if you take a look year to date through the end of May, total income is \$438,585. And if you map out the gaming revenue from the top of 277, it gave you basically the interest income of \$97,775. I'm sorry, that was last year. This year if you map it out it's \$167,077 so I just want to go back and compare year over year; that's an increase of 65% on just the interest income, and that's just part of the strategy of us putting it to work. And we do have higher balances, so that needs to be taken into account, but it just shows that as we continue to work through this year, the strategy we have of investing these monies in CDs at higher rates until we need them is definitely paying dividends.

If you go to the Balance Sheet, last few months, we've been repositioning assets, and we'll talk about that in a second here. If we go to the Cash Asset Analysis Report, that's the new report we kind of created, and you see that we have a new CD on the bottom there, the First National Bank, \$2 million at 4%. That was a \$1 million CD that came due, we took \$1 million out of the savings account that was earning 2.32%; we were able to gain like 1.75% and lock that in until February. What's not reflective on this report but will be reflective on the June end, if you go up to the checking account and see the \$2 million, up in the checking account at 0%, that has been repositioned into a, I'm sorry, the First National one, the one below is nine-month, the \$2 million has been repositioned into a one-year CD at 4.25%. So, we went from zero to 4.25% on that \$2 million. And the Restricted Funds, as you know, we can't really touch until January that \$4,500,000 has been reallocated out of the 2.32% savings account into the money market account below at 4.25%. So just that move in six months, the extra roughly 2% will generate another \$40,000 in revenue for the Authority. So, a lot of moves. It's kind of structured out now. So, it's a good strategy. Even Tim pulled me aside and said, "Gee, that interest number seems so high." The interest is really starting to pay some dividends for us and those are all additional monies we can give out. The amount of interest, I looked, almost covers the amount off those couple of CDs to cover all those community events we fund. So, more clarity on that. And we do have a couple CDs coming due - in August we've got another \$6 million, coming due in September we've got \$2 million.

So, again, a lot of different monies making available to continue to fund on what we want to do without locking them in long-term.

On the Budget vs Actual, the only thing that really kind of jumped out was on the budget, two items. One was accounting fees, but that's a timing thing, I think, with the charge. The other one was a smaller amount, the copier; same thing with about 600% over. A lot of that was due to timing, maybe some accrued billing, but a lot of it was due to copying costs from the audit because they required copies and copies and copies of things. So that was that. And there's also the Schedule of Grant Reserve. And the other thing is just the normal operating expenses for the Transaction List Detail and then the credit card bills are just the normal operating and office expenses, meeting expenses, things like that.

So that's the Treasurer's Report. I just want to give you a quick update to know where we're at. Any questions?

Ms. Hess: Kudos for all that work.

Mr. Winschel: Yeah, thanks. Perry and Tammi helped a lot. I think we got the vehicle moving forward now, so it'll be easy to maintain that.

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Louis seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 5-0.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. Wood: I'll just give a brief overview of what happened at the strategic planning committee; it was a very busy meeting. On June 9th, 2025, we saw a presentation from Mercyhurst University on the Venture Studio concept. The president of the college came in as well as the head of the business department and the Center for Research Intelligence Analysis. They gave a general overview, a PowerPoint, on what the Venture Studio is, how important this concept could be for the future of the region. It is a hot topic right now in innovation-based economic development circles. They had just come from a conference in Philadelphia that the state was putting on in order to bring folks that do this to the area. There is no venture studio in northwest Pennsylvania; this would be the first, and the committee agreed to invite them to move to the application process. So that initial presentation was received favorably. It's going to go to the full application process, and they'll bring it back to the board for discussion - probably at the July strategic planning meeting.

The second presentation was by Dean Pepicello on the East County Paramedics Association and the Municipal Collaboration Grant. That is on today's agenda to be voted on. It's \$100,000 towards an advanced life support ambulance. The committee acted favorably on that and that's what we're going to be voting on to today in resolution form.

The third presentation was from the Jefferson Educational Society talking about the War of 1812 Museum concept and its potential to be a national museum. Once again, just in presentation form, the board was favorable to the concept and invited them to apply. We did get that application in and we will talk about that later.

Next was the Redevelopment Authority, who was invited to come in and present on their Main Street Impact Fund. This was an opportunity for us to collaborate with the Redevelopment Authority on filling some gaps in the current financing market. Some of them around microfinancing, others just the need for more capital into the system, and since we have these extensive reserves, they were asking us to match the \$500,000 that the USDA had invested in them through a loan, they asked if we would match that. So, we had some follow-

up questions, and although the committee, I think, liked the concept, they said we need to do some more due diligence. I sent a list of follow-up questions to the RDA, and I'll bring those back to you. Tim and I will discuss it too, what the terms might look like and then we'll discuss it at the July strategic planning meeting.

Two more things. Penn State University Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness. I think everybody agrees that this is a super exciting initiative, we need to get it funded. There are some follow-up questions, especially based on kind of the tenuous nature of the way things are at the federal level right now. The EDA, for example, the Economic Development Administration, that's federal, is one of the key agencies in which the current Administration has pulled back funding. So, we need to find out how that might affect this project and see if it steers it off course or not. But we do have a list of follow-up questions that I've submitted to Amy Bridger at Penn State. We'll get that information back to you in July. And finally, the Downtown Girard Renaissance Block, which we've been taking on a rolling basis - everyone acted favorably upon that, and you'll see it on today's agenda to be voted on.

c. Update from County Council

Mr. Copeland: The Chairman and I have both long demonstrated our support for this organization's board and staff, both through our actions and our exhaustive public comment and I usually don't feel the need to continue to go on about it. But given the significance of the Auditor General's audit's findings and subsequent public actions and/or public statements on the part of the County Executive, I felt that it was important to move an official resolution of Council in our meeting last Tuesday, which gained a super majority vote, and I just wanted to share with you guys this resolution.

Whereas the Council of the County of Erie established the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority to administer county-wide grants of gaming revenue received from the State Treasury Department under the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Gaming Act, and

Whereas in early 2024 County Executive Brenton Davis, as well as state lawmakers, requested an audit into the practices of Executive Director Wood and ECGRA after the County Executive made claims of malfeasance, and

Whereas on May 30th, the State Auditor General's Office released the Performance Audit of ECGRA's activities, which discovered that ECGRA was not only in compliance but entitled to \$538,428 in gaming funds from the County.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the County Council of Erie County supports the work of the ECGRA board of directors, executive director Perry Wood and staff and that the work of ECGRA has been validated and that the long-sustained attacks of ECGRA and its staff should stop.

Be it further resolved, the County Executive and the Finance Department should administer the wrongly withheld gaming funds of \$538,428 to ECGRA immediately.

I just felt it was really important to put that on the record. I know Attorney Wachter has worked very hard with some of your memos and letters that have been sent asking for reconciliation. I just wanted to make it on the record County Council's position that we should make good on the debts owed.

But I also hope that you guys see that as a commendation of your work. And I know it's been challenging having the Auditor General take up residence and increasing your copy cost. And so, I just really wanted to give that public support of County Council.

Mr. Louis: Was there unanimous support of that?

Mr. Copeland: That was unfortunately a 5-1. There were some statements that were consistent with those of the County Executive. My response to that is, "You wanted to take a look under the hood, wanted to kick the tires. Now that you have the audit, you want to go on a test drive and put the car in the ditch." Enough of that. Let's move on. Let's keep doing the good work that you guys are doing of investing in the community. So I would have liked it to be unanimous, but I think there's a political element there.

Mr. Scutella: And it was 5-1 because we had a Council member absent.

Ms. Hess: Thank you very much. We very much appreciate your support.

d. Update from County Executive's Office

Mr. Sinnott: We have nothing today, thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Let's go through this real quick. First, you'll see in the executive director's report the Kate & Company's update on activities for the last 30 days. You can see some nice thank you letters – a letter from Chuck Scalise of the Foundation in Edinboro, a letter from ACES thanking us. There is some nice press we got on the childcare awards - there's the full list. Here's a great Op-Ed from Michelle Harkins thanking us, thanking county government, thanking ECGRA for the work that's been done on the childcare initiative. A Corry Journal article with some nice comments there about Mission Main Street. The release that ECGRA put out after the Auditor General's report came out. There's another article about the audit in there from A.J. And then here, this is the cover of the Corry Journal that I want to share with you. If you look right here, I know it's a little hard to see, but there's Tom Maggio on the cover of the Corry Journal – well done, Tom! With the Lieutenant Governor of all people! Thank you for going to Corry on my behalf that day; that was the same day that the audit came out, so I was busy dealing with that. But Tom represented us well and landed himself on the cover. Next is the Corry Journal follow-up article about how the Administration reacted and then some other stuff that mentions us. So that's the report of the director.

I just want to read some comments into the record since this is the first Board meeting that we've had since the audit came out. In February of 2024, ECGRA received a letter informing us that the County Executive had gone to the state delegation to Harrisburg and asked them to request the Commonwealth Auditor General perform an audit of the Authority. According to the letter, the justification for the audit was a belief that ECGRA was not in compliance with state gaming law. In July of 2024, ECGRA received a letter from the Auditor General stating that the state would be conducting a Performance Audit. This letter laid out the legal authority to do so, and it also honed in on two areas of focus. Number one, determine whether ECGRA complied with the gaming law, Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Law in 2008, ordinance creating ECGRA, the Settlement Agreement of 2010, and the internal policies and procedures in the administration of gaming grants and loans. Number two, determine if local share funds were disclosed on ECRA's website, if gaming funds were disclosed to have originated from the state, if gaming funds were used to pay tuition, and all other requirements of the Gaming Act. Finally, the letter laid out the process, which began to unfold soon thereafter.

Over the next 10 months, a seven-member staff of the Auditor General's office began scheduling Zoom calls with ECGRA staff. It started with the basics. What is ECGRA? What does the Authority do? How do the employees conduct business? How does the board of directors oversee the Authority? Then we progress to very detail-oriented inquiries. We walk them through the grant and loan process, what information is presented at a board meeting, how we interact with the public, elected officials, and civic leaders. We provided them with copies of all of ECGRA's audits from Maher Duessel, we reviewed impact investing and how we formed the concept. We did a deep dive on letters from the County Executive to ECGRA, we went over every accusation, every right-to-know request, and provided the auditors with ECGRA's appropriate and timely responses to those questions and the right-to-know requests.

Then we were asked if we were aware of any instance in which the gaming law was not followed. The answer was yes. Since January of 2024, ECGRA had been trying to get the County Executive's office to follow the gaming law and properly distribute gaming revenue. Our multiple attempts to set up a reconciliation process had gone without response. The Auditor General agreed to make revenue part of the audit, thereby changing the scope of the audit. The final product of the Commonwealth's exhaustive review of the ECGRA process, procedures and adherence to the law reaffirms 14 years of clean audits. It reaffirms the professionalism of the ECGRA staff, it reaffirms the due diligence of the ECGRA Board of Directors, and it reaffirms County Council's belief that ECGRA gets it right. ECGRA is a transparent, accountable, and results-driven authority that Erie County government and the people of Erie County should be proud of.

Over the years, there have been repeated political attacks on ECGRA. The Auditor General and his people did their job. They did not add to those political attacks. They were professional, skilled, and competent in their business. On behalf of the Authority staff, we want them to know that we respect the Office of the Auditor General and the people that conducted the audit with ECGRA. The results are a testament to the ECGRA model. The Auditor General looked at the data, the records, the interviews, and hundreds of documents and concluded what ECGRA has been saying for the last 14 years. We take pride in our transparency in grant making, in our accountability to the law, and in our economic development results on behalf of the people of Erie County.

The results of the audit are as follows:

1 - the Auditor General found that ECGRA complied with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in doing so, adhered to process and procedures related to administration and monitoring of grants and loans.

2 - the Auditor General found that ECGRA complied with the Gaming Act's requirements to disclose information to the public concerning spending.

3 - the Auditor General found that ECGRA was in fact owed a sum of \$538,248 from the County, that ECGRA was correct in requesting a reconciliation process with the County, and that the County should follow ECGRA's request for an annual reconciliation process and pay immediately.

So, for our next steps, I'm recommending that this board of directors send a letter to the County Executive requesting that they comply with the Auditor General's findings and immediately release the \$538,248. Tim and I have begun a draft letter in response, but I'll open it up now for a conversation with the board about how we should proceed.

Mr. Wachter: Perry, if I can add something before you open that up to the board, just so that they're aware. The audit period was through the end of 2024. I have conducted a preliminary reconciliation for the 24-25 year, and I believe that there's an additional \$177,000 owed on top of that \$538,000. So, the \$538,000 is just the audit period, but an additional \$177,000 for the fiscal year thereafter. And then we'll have another process to do for the current fiscal year that we're in as well. Just so you're aware.

Mr. Winschel: Yeah, I guess I was going to comment. Perry and Tim, you had mentioned it's good to have this, but what's the process going to be to do that annual reconciliation and meeting of the minds, you know, so that is concrete and documented? What are we going to do so that not every year or every two or three years we're going back and saying, "Chase."

Mr. Copeland: Can I make a comment on that?

Dr. Wood: Yes, sir.

Mr. Copeland: Having a policy might not be as effective as having legislation. And if you continue to have roadblocks in that direction, perhaps you and I could get together and draft an ordinance that codifies this process. I mean, it's already not optional; it's state gaming laws, but perhaps we should put it on the list of counties as well.

Mr. Wachter: Yes, that would be wonderful. In my opinion, memorandums of understanding and such are only as good as people are willing to follow them.

Mr. Winschel: Or as they understand them.

Mr. Wachter: Ordinances and Administrative Code are a little more concrete. So, that would be, from a legal perspective, appreciated.

Ms. Hess: The first step would be sending this letter, correct?

Dr. Wood: I think it's to send a letter. Tim and I talked about it and it's to send a letter to layout, "Here's the findings of the Auditor General." We have to do this because the Administration has said publicly that they're not going to adhere to the report. So, we have to respond and say, "We think you should adhere to the report, here's the justification for it, and then here's a proposed reconciliation process moving forward."

Mr. Winschel: Does it make sense, though? I know we've sent letters, and they have been unresponsive in the past. I know that has not worked. Does it make sense to try to get a meeting, to sit down in a room and try to have a conversation versus going back with letters because they just seem to be – well, we never get a response. I know it's a lot to ask.

Mr. Wachter: I think from my perspective, as the lawyer for the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, any conversation, any communications you have regarding this, to work this out in an amicable fashion are highly encouraged. I believe for us to be able to, even if we were to have a meeting, we should have a letter with us; we need to document our position, we need to document what our ask is going to be, and then review our legal options in the event that it is not followed through with. We have a report from the Auditor General specifically stating that this money is due, that it is state gaming law that the money should be provided to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and that we should have a process in place in which to ensure that the money is properly distributed. That's wonderful. That's no longer an opinion. That is a finding of the state Auditor General. If there is not action taken to follow through with that, there are legal options available to the Gaming Authority.

Ms. Hess: What are those options?

Mr. Wachter: What are those options? Quite frankly, it's an Action in Mandamus. An Action in Mandamus is an action that an entity can file against a government actor saying, "You are mandated by the law to perform certain ministerial functions, not discretionary functions, ministerial functions, meaning that it is clear as to what the job is, you are to perform that job, and you have not done so." And so you go to court, and then you get court orders saying, "Follow the law, do your job, follow the rules." And that's the function, how you force a government entity to act when they are refusing to act in violation of the law and in violation of their obligations. That is the easiest way to get it done.

Ms. Hess: So, the first step would be this letter. The second step would potentially be doing what you just described.

Mr. Wachter: I am in the unenviable position of always advising my clients how to use me less. In this particular case, I hope we don't have to file anything; I don't want to have to be in a position to have to do that. Send the letter. Ask for either a response or a meeting so that we can have the conversation, see what happens as a result of that, and we'll report back and see if we need any further authorizations from you.

And the letter will not only be the 538,000 that's included in the Auditor General's report, but also a copy of the spreadsheet for the 2024 year, which is specifically \$177,920.96. And then I've already started a spreadsheet and provided a form of a spreadsheet to Tammi so that we can track it on a quarterly basis when the money comes in every quarter from the state. And so, we've set that up for 2025 so that we can have real-time numbers as to where we need to be.

Ms. Hess: Perry, I'm just looking around, looking at everybody's head, it looks like that seems like the next step is getting that letter then.

Dr. Wood: Okay. Sounds good. Any other questions for me on this topic? I'll conclude my director's report there and will send you a copy of the letter as soon as it's done. It'll come from Ms. Hess. Thank you.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: I've said enough.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Amendment to Resolution Number 14, 2025

Dr. Wood reads the Amendment to Resolution 14, 2025.

Mr. Winschel makes a motion to accept the amendment. Mr. Smith seconds the motion.

Mr. Wachter: I will note that that motion was to adopt the resolution as orally amended here today because the number changes. So, just to make sure the minutes reflect that change.

There is no further discussion of the amendment. Amendment carries 5-0.

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

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Louis makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- 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

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Winschel makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- 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

Ms. Hess: I'm going to recommend, Perry, that we table that Resolution Number 18. I think the board didn't receive that until later in the afternoon yesterday, which could potentially be in violation of the Sunshine Law. So, let's go ahead and table that until July.

Mr. Oberlander makes a motion to table the resolution. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the table. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oberlander moves to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 9:38 am.

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Profit & Loss

June 2025

	June	YTD	Budget YTD	2025-26 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44000 · ARPA Fund	134,000.00	134,000.00		
44100 · ARPA Childcare	277,991.13	277,991.13		
44800 · Gaming Revenue	538,247.74	816,055.44		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue				
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	5,494.76	28,267.35		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Grow	7,583.33	7,583.33		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00		
46424.5 · Interest Income - 1855 Capital				
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		3,250.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,319.44	6,319.44		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway				
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT				
46450 · Dividend Erie Bank MMKT		40,451.66		
46451 · Dividend Erie FCU CD_8/28/25	22,209.22	67,075.36		
46452 · Dividend Flagship CD_9/26/25		21,937.79		
46453 · Dividend Flagship CD_6/4/26				
46454 · Dividend FNB CD_8/21/25		9,861.65		
46455 · Dividend FNB CD_2/1/26		12,637.89		
Total Income	996,845.62	1,435,431.04		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	6,981.66	25,302.48	27,550.00	82,650.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,797.08	5,391.24	7,400.00	22,200.00
65000 · Office Administration	333.00	2,195.59	6,432.00	19,300.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,805.01	8,748.78	19,000.00	57,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	26,216.53	78,649.59	106,750.00	320,250.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	134,000.00	142,710.00	73,632.00	220,891.00
67101 · Educator Retention Awards	610,629.63	610,629.63	833,332.00	2,500,000.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	0.00		
Total Expense	782,762.91	873,627.31	1,074,096.00	3,222,291.00
Net Ordinary Income	214,082.71	561,803.73		

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Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Profit & Loss

June 2025

	June	YTD	Budget YTD	2025-26 Budget
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets	269,485.00	273,775.00		
70050 · Municipal Settlements		69,451.93		
70070 · Special Events		183,042.81		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration	500,000.00	500,000.00		
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	66,000.00	66,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building				
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
70300 · Transformational Grants				
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	835,485.00	1,099,159.74		
Net Other Income	(835,485.00)	(1,099,159.74)		
Net Income	(621,402.29)	(537,356.01)		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2025

	<u>June</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings/Money Market	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	32,964.44
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	820,733.00
10102 · Restricted Funds	4,576,016.89
10104 · ARPA Fund	78,181.12
10105 · ARPA Childcare	1,889,370.37
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	<u>(6,187,706.51)</u>
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	<u>1,176,594.87</u>
10110 · Erie Bank Money Market	<u>7,272,974.33</u>
Other Current Assets	
10300 · Erie FCU CD 8/28/25	5,218,596.70
10400 · Flagship CD 9/26/25	2,076,038.29
10402 · Flagship CD 6/4/26	2,000,000.00
10510 · FNB CD_7 8/21/25	1,035,990.27
10520 · FNB CD_9 2/1/26	<u>2,038,274.81</u>
Total Checking/Savings/Money Market/CDs	20,851,433.71
Other Current Assets	
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>
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	6,214,625.00
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	13,239.29
Total Other Current Assets	<u>6,227,864.29</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>27,079,298.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>27,079,298.00</u></u>

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Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2025

	<u>June</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
20100* · Deferred Revenue	2,222,008.87
20300 · Unearned Revenue	78,181.10
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,300,189.97</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,300,189.97</u>
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	22,380,689.86
Net Income	(528,646.01)
Total Equity	<u>24,779,108.03</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>27,079,298.00</u></u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Cash Asset Analysis
as of June 30, 2025

CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNT

FUND	LOCATION	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY DATE	LIQUIDITY
Checking Account	Erie Bank	\$32,964.44	0.00%	N/A	daily
Committed Funds		\$820,733.00		N/A	daily
Restricted Funds		\$4,576,016.89		N/A	yearly
ARPA Fund		\$78,181.12		N/A	daily
ARPA Childcare		\$1,889,370.37		N/A	daily
Savings - Other		-\$6,187,706.51		N/A	daily
Total Savings		\$1,176,594.87	2.32%	N/A	daily

MONEY MARKET / CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

FUND	LOCATION	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY DATE	LIQUIDITY
Money Market	Erie Bank	\$7,272,974.33	4.25%	N/A	daily
Certificate of Deposit	FNB	\$1,035,990.27	4.00%	8/21/2025	7 month
Certificate of Deposit	Erie FCU	\$5,218,596.70	5.33%	8/28/2025	12 month
Certificate of Deposit	Flagship	\$2,076,038.29	4.46%	9/26/2025	7 month
Certificate of Deposit	FNB	\$2,038,274.81	4.00%	2/1/2026	9 month
Certificate of Deposit	Flagship	\$2,000,000.00	4.25%	6/4/2026	12 month
Total Checking/Savings/MMKT, CD		\$20,851,433.71			

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
June 2025

Expense	June	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	6,800.00	8,150.00	(1,350.00)	83.44%
62130 · Professional Services	3,000.00	9,000.00	40,000.00	(31,000.00)	22.50%
62140 · Legal Services	2,748.50	8,083.00	30,000.00	(21,917.00)	26.94%
62145 · Website Design	1,140.00	1,140.00	3,000.00	(1,860.00)	38.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	93.16	279.48	1,500.00	(1,220.52)	18.63%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	6,981.66	25,302.48	82,650.00	(57,347.52)	30.61%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
62890 · Rent	1,797.08	5,391.24	20,200.00	(14,808.76)	26.69%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,797.08	5,391.24	22,200.00	(16,808.76)	24.28%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	11.99	213.97	2,000.00	(1,786.03)	10.70%
65020 · Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
65040 · Office Supplies	279.37	583.94	2,000.00	(1,416.06)	29.20%
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	0.00	664.89	100.00	564.89	664.89%
65080 · Bank Fees	30.00	60.00	300.00	(240.00)	20.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	11.64	173.53	3,500.00	(3,326.47)	4.96%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	333.00	2,195.59	19,300.00	(17,104.41)	11.38%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	215.00	6,000.00	(5,785.00)	3.58%
65110 · Advertising	87.43	243.14	5,000.00	(4,756.86)	4.86%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,157.61	3,472.83	18,000.00	(14,527.17)	19.29%
65120 · Insurance	1,559.97	4,679.91	18,000.00	(13,320.09)	26.00%
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%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,805.01	8,748.78	57,000.00	(48,251.22)	15.35%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	23,155.33	69,465.99	276,000.00	(206,534.01)	25.17%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,496.36	4,489.08	20,000.00	(15,510.92)	22.45%
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	4,694.52	22,100.00	(17,405.48)	21.24%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	26,216.53	78,649.59	320,250.00	(241,600.41)	24.56%

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
June 2025

	June	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)	0.00%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	134,000.00	142,710.00	212,181.12	(69,471.12)	67.26%
Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	134,000.00	142,710.00	217,681.12	(74,971.12)	67.26%
67100 · Erie Co. Investing in Families					
67101 · Educator Retention Awards	610,629.63	610,629.63	2,500,000.00	(1,889,370.37)	24.43%
Total 67100 · Erie Co. Investing in Families	610,629.63	610,629.63	2,500,000.00	(1,889,370.37)	24.43%
Total Expense	782,762.91	873,627.31	3,219,081.12	(2,345,453.81)	27.14%

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June 30, 2025

	June	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	4,576,016.89		
Committed Funds	820,733.00		
ARPA Funds	78,181.12		
ARPA Childcare	1,889,370.37		

2025 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)

First Quarter Gaming Revenue 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 1,580,114.63 1,852,499.37

Second Quarter Disbursements

Third Quarter Disbursements

Fourth Quarter Disbursements

1,852,499.37

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Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements/MRIs

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

Multi-Municipal Collaboration

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Erie County Investment Playbook

ERIE COUNTY INVESTING IN FAMILIES

Educator Retention Awards

Annie's Bubble Care	6,459.00	6,459.00
Barb's Care a Lot	19,377.00	19,377.00
Barb's Family Learning Group Daycare	6,459.00	6,459.00
Boro Babies Child Care Center	9,688.50	9,688.50
Barber National Institute	59,207.50	59,207.50
Creative Learning Childcare	35,524.50	35,524.50
Cuddle Time Daycare	1,076.50	1,076.50
Eagle's Nest Group Daycare	6,459.00	6,459.00
Early Connections City Center	16,147.50	16,147.50
Early Connections Harbor Homes	6,459.00	6,459.00
Early Connections North East	6,459.00	6,459.00
Early Connections Union City	23,683.00	23,683.00
EPS Pennbriar Childcare	16,416.63	16,416.63
Handled With Care Childcare Facility	37,677.50	37,677.50
Javonne Beason	1,076.50	1,076.50
Jordan's Family Childcare Home	6,459.00	6,459.00
Jumpstart Early Learning Center LLC	6,459.00	6,459.00
Milestones Early Learning Center	35,524.50	35,524.50
Miss Julie's Childcare	11,841.50	11,841.50
Miss Rose's Learning Center	8,612.00	8,612.00
Montessori in the Woods	9,150.25	9,150.25
My Terra Village	4,844.25	4,844.25
New Horizons Early Learning Center	10,750.00	10,750.00
Playway Loving Childcare Center LLC	5,382.50	5,382.50
South Hills Child Development Center Inc	37,139.25	37,139.25

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	June	YTD	Subtotal
Educator Retention Awards (cont)			
St. Martin Center	76,431.50	76,431.50	
St. Paul's Child Development Center	24,759.50	24,759.50	
The Learning Ladder Early Child Care	18,300.50	18,300.50	
Tracy Heutsche Family Home Child Care	4,844.25	4,844.25	
Twinkle Time Child Care Center	5,920.75	5,920.75	
USCRI Erie	10,765.00	10,765.00	
World of Care Inc	12,918.00	12,918.00	
YMCA of Corry	47,366.00	47,366.00	
Young Environment Learning Center	20,991.75	20,991.75	
			610,629.63

NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

Anchor Building

Mission Main Street

Renaissance Block

Borough of Union City	100,000.00	100,000.00	
Impact Corry	100,000.00	100,000.00	
			200,000.00

PILOT PROJECT

Mercyhurst University		6,890.00	
			6,890.00

QUALITY OF PLACE

Community Assets

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Albion Area Fair, Inc.	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Americans for Competitive Enterprise Sys	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Borough of Union City	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Burleigh Legacy Alliance	14,750.00	14,750.00	
Dafmark Dance Theater	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Downtown North East, Inc.	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Edinboro University Foundation	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	11,133.00	11,133.00	
Erie Art Company	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Erie Arts & Music Festival	9,475.00	9,475.00	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	10,269.00	10,269.00	
Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Erie PAL	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Erie Yesterday	14,756.00	14,756.00	

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	June	YTD	Subtotal
Arts, Culture, & Heritage (cont)			
Erie's Black Wall Street	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Film Society of Northwestern PA	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Firefighters Historical Museum Inc	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Lake Erie Ballet	8,602.00	8,602.00	
Northwestern Community Educational Found	12,000.00	12,000.00	
North East Arts Council	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	9,000.00	9,000.00	
Rhoxon Productions Incorporated	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society	11,700.00	11,700.00	
WQLN Public Media	8,000.00	8,000.00	
YMCA of Corry	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	12,000.00	12,000.00	
			269,485.00
Community Centers			
Bethany Outreach Center		13,000.00	
			13,000.00
Parks, Fields, Trails			
Special Events			
Albion Area Fair, Inc.		12,777.05	
AmeriMasala		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	

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	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Special Events (cont)			
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	
		<u>183,042.81</u>	

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS

YOUTH & EDUCATION

MISCELLANEOUS

2024 Snow Emergency Funds

Erie County	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>
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Total Funds Disbursements	1,580,114.63	1,852,499.37	1,852,499.37
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	<u>June</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Committed Funds:			
N&C	Renaissance Block 2018		
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
	Renaissance Block 2022		
	Borough of Edinboro	50,000.00	100,000.00
	Renaissance Block 2023		
	Borough of Edinboro	50,000.00	100,000.00
	Borough of Union City	50,000.00	100,000.00
	Anchor Building 2020		
	Borough of Union City	15,000.00	64,375.00
	Mission Main Street 2022		
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development	62,500.00	125,000.00
MUN	Multi-Municipal Collaboration 2021		
	Borough of North East	50,000.00	100,000.00
SB	Beehive Network		
	Community Enterprise Financing Loan		
QP	Transformational Grants		
	Erie Center for Arts & Technology	125,983.00	229,060.00
	Fly Erie Fund LLC	125,000.00	250,000.00
PP	Pilot Program		
Y&E	Shaping Tomorrow		
	Empower Erie - Community College	220,000.00	400,000.00
Total Committed Funds	0.00	820,733.00	1,668,935.00
ARPA Transformative Funds			
	Subawards	134,000.00	3,622,025.00
	Contracted Services	0.00	273,274.00
	Salaries & Wages	0.00	93,406.00
	Indirect Costs	0.00	11,295.00
Total ARPA Funds	134,000.00	78,181.12	4,000,000.00
Erie County Investing in Families			
	Educator Retention Awards	610,629.63	2,500,000.00
	Start Up & Expansion		
Total Investing in Families Funds	610,629.63	1,889,370.37	2,500,000.00

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Transaction List Detail

June 2025

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
06/02/2025	EFT	VISA	2025 May Statement	-1,443.00
06/04/2025	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	05/17/2025 to 05/30/2025 Payroll	-10,074.98
06/04/2025	EFT	Fidelity Investments	05/17/2025 to 05/30/2025 Simple IRA	-500.00
06/04/2025	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 5/30/2025	-782.42
06/04/2025	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2025 June Rent	-1,797.08
06/04/2025	EFT	Local iQ	Ad for Meeting 5/12	-87.43
06/04/2025	EFT	The Hartford	2025 June Disability Insurance	-109.39
06/04/2025	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2025 June Phone/IT	-1,157.61
06/04/2025	EFT	Albion Area Fair, Inc.	2025 Community Assets ACH	-8,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Americans for Competitive Enterprise Sys	2025 Community Assets ACH	-1,300.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Borough of Union City	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Dafmark Dance Theater	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Downtown North East, Inc.	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Edinboro University Foundation	2025 Community Assets ACH	-7,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	2025 Community Assets ACH	-11,133.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie Art Company	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie Arts & Music Festival	2025 Community Assets ACH	-9,475.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,269.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	2025 Community Assets ACH	-8,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie PAL	2025 Community Assets ACH	-10,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie Yesterday	2025 Community Assets ACH	-14,756.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie's Black Wall Street	2025 Community Assets ACH	-14,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	2025 Community Assets ACH	-12,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Lake Erie Ballet	2025 Community Assets ACH	-8,602.00
06/04/2025	EFT	North East Arts Council	2025 Community Assets ACH	-4,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2025 Community Assets ACH	-9,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Wattsburg Agricultural Society	2025 Community Assets ACH	-11,700.00
06/04/2025	EFT	WQLN Public Media	2025 Community Assets ACH	-8,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	YMCA of Corry	2025 Community Assets ACH	-7,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2025 Community Assets ACH	-12,000.00
06/04/2025	EFT	Erie Bank	Wire Fee - Transfer to Clarion CD	-30.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Annie's Bubble Care	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Creative Learning Childcare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-35,524.50
06/06/2025	EFT	Cuddle Time Daycare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-1,076.50
06/06/2025	EFT	Eagle's Nest Group Daycare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Javonne Beason	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-1,076.50
06/06/2025	EFT	Jumpstart Early Learning Center LLC	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Milestones Early Learning Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-35,524.50
06/06/2025	EFT	Miss Julie's Childcare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-11,841.50
06/06/2025	EFT	New Horizons Early Learning Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-10,750.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Playway Loving Childcare Center LLC	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-5,382.50
06/06/2025	EFT	South Hills Child Development Center Inc	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-37,139.25
06/06/2025	EFT	St. Paul's Child Development Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-24,759.50

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Transaction List Detail

June 2025

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
06/06/2025	EFT	Jordan's Family Childcare Home	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/06/2025	EFT	Young Environment Learning Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-20,991.75
06/12/2025	EFT	Barb's Care a Lot	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-19,377.00
06/12/2025	EFT	Barb's Family Learning Group Daycare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/12/2025	EFT	Boro Babies Child Care Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-9,688.50
06/12/2025	EFT	Barber National Institute	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-59,207.50
06/12/2025	EFT	Early Connections City Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-16,147.50
06/12/2025	EFT	Early Connections Harbor Homes	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/12/2025	EFT	Early Connections North East	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-6,459.00
06/12/2025	EFT	Early Connections Union City	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-23,683.00
06/12/2025	EFT	Handled With Care Childcare Facility	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-37,677.50
06/12/2025	EFT	Miss Julie's Childcare	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-11,841.50
06/12/2025	EFT	St. Martin Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-76,431.50
06/12/2025	EFT	Tracy Heutsche Family Home Child Care	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-4,844.25
06/12/2025	EFT	Twinkle Time Child Care Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-5,920.75
06/12/2025	EFT	World of Care Inc	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-12,918.00
06/12/2025	EFT	YMCA of Corry	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-47,366.00
06/13/2025	EFT	EPS Pennbriar Childcare	2025 Educator Retention Award	-16,416.63
06/13/2025	EFT	The Learning Ladder Early Child Care	2025 Educator Retention Award	-18,300.50
06/13/2025	EFT	Borough of Union City	2025 Renaissance Block	-100,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Impact Corry	2025 Renaissance Block	-100,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Kate & Co., Inc	2025 June Professional Service	-3,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2025 June Legal	-2,748.50
06/13/2025	EFT	Burleigh Legacy Alliance	2025 Community Assets ACH	-14,750.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Film Society of Northwestern PA	2025 Community Assets ACH	-5,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Firefighters Historical Museum Inc	2025 Community Assets ACH	-14,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Girl Scouts of Western Pennsylvania	2025 Community Assets ACH	-15,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Northwestern Commnity Educational Found	2025 Community Assets ACH	-12,000.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Rhoxon Productions Incorporated	2025 Community Assets ACH	-2,500.00
06/13/2025	EFT	Highmark Health Insurance	2025 June Health Insurance	-3,594.89
06/23/2025	2948	Erie County	2024 Snow Emergency Reimbursement	-500,000.00
06/23/2025	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 6/13/2025	-782.42
06/23/2025	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	05/31/2025 to 06/13/2025 Payroll	-10,074.98
06/23/2025	EFT	Fidelity Investments	05/31/2025 to 06/13/2025 Simple IRA	-500.00
06/23/2025	EFT	Miss Rose's Learning Center	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-8,612.00
06/23/2025	EFT	Montessori in the Woods	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-9,150.25
06/23/2025	EFT	My Terra Village	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-4,844.25
06/23/2025	EFT	USCRI Erie	2025 Educator Retention Awards	-10,765.00



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

Account Summary

Billing Cycle	05/11/2025
Days In Billing Cycle	32
Previous Balance	\$232.38
Purchases	+ \$1,443.00
Cash	+ \$0.00
Balance Transfers	+ \$0.00
Special	+ \$0.00
Credits	- \$0.00
Payments	- \$232.38-
Other Charges	+ \$0.00
Finance Charges	+ \$0.00

NEW BALANCE \$1,443.00

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$38,557.00
Available Cash	\$38,557.00
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

Account Inquiries

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Lost or Stolen Card: (866) 317-0355

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Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$1,443.00
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$1,443.00
PAYMENT DUE DATE	06/04/2025

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					\$232.38-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount	
05/02	05/02	1647077263	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$232.38-	

Cardholder Account Summary

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Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 05/09/2025

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 ¹	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
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PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.93750%(M)	11.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$1,443.00
Cash									
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Final Details for Order #111-7190511-7028260
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Order Placed: May 2, 2025
Amazon.com order number: 111-7190511-7028260
Order Total: \$91.60

Shipped on May 2, 2025

Items Ordered	Price
2 of: Starbucks Pike Place Medium Roast Ground Coffee, 24 K-Cup Pods (Pack of 2)	\$45.80
Sold by: Deals You Can't Miss (seller profile)	
Supplied by: Other	
Condition: New	

Shipping Address:
Perry N. Wood
5340 FRYLING RD STE 201
ERIE, PA 16510-4672
United States

Shipping Speed:
Standard Shipping

Payment information

Payment Method:	Item(s) Subtotal:	\$91.60
Visa ending in 0581	Shipping & Handling:	\$0.00

Billing address	Total before tax:	\$91.60
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ERIE, PA 16510-4672	Grand Total:	\$91.60
United States		
Credit Card transactions	Visa ending in 0581: May 2, 2025:	\$91.60

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Order Placed: May 2, 2025
Amazon.com order number: 111-3247783-3028242
Order Total: \$130.47

Shipped on May 4, 2025

Items Ordered	Price
1 of: <i>Avery Durable View 3 Ring Binders for Home, School Supplies, Office, or Organization Needs, 0.5" Slant Ring, 4 Pack White Binders (03362)</i> Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc Supplied by: Other Condition: New	\$27.49
2 of: <i>Grove Square Tea, Chai Latte, 24 Single Serve Cups</i> Sold by: CBA Warehouses (seller profile) Supplied by: CBA Warehouses (seller profile) Condition: New	\$22.06
1 of: <i>Swiss Miss Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa, Single-Serve Keurig K-Cup Pods, Hot Chocolate, 44 Count</i> Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc Supplied by: Other Condition: New	\$27.94
4 of: <i>Avery 1-31 Tab Dividers for 3 Ring Binders, Customizable Table of Contents, Multicolor Tabs, 1 Set (11129)</i> Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc Supplied by: Other Condition: New	\$7.73

Shipping Address:
Perry N. Wood
5340 FRYLING RD STE 201
ERIE, PA 16510-4672
United States

Shipping Speed:
FREE Prime Delivery

Payment information			
Payment Method: Visa ending in 0581		Item(s) Subtotal:	\$130.47
		Shipping & Handling:	\$0.00
Billing address Perry N. Wood 5340 FRYLING RD STE 201 ERIE, PA 16510-4672 United States			-----
		Total before tax:	\$130.47
		Estimated tax to be collected:	\$0.00

Credit Card transactions		Grand Total:	\$130.47
		Visa ending in 0581: May 4, 2025:	\$130.47

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



ECGRA Communications Services Report

June 2025 Comms.

BiWeekly Meeting with ECGRA Executive Director

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

IMPLEMENTED

- June social media posts
- BiWeekly planning meeting with the Executive Director
- ECGRA Report copy writing and editing
- Outreach for grant awardee content gathering
- Social Media Graphic: Performance Audit

IN PROGRESS

- ECGRA Report Design

IN PLANNING

- ECGRA Report Release Roll Out
- Planning calendar for photography content gathering at Special Events



Tammi Michali

From: Antwane Fields <afields@erie.pa.us>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 1:00 PM
To: Tom Maggio
Cc: Tom Lenox; Melanie Szoszorek; Hayden Foltz; Tammi Michali
Subject: RE: Grant Application
Attachments: Antwan Fields.vcf

External Sender - From: (Antwane Fields <afields@erie.pa.us>)

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Dear ECGRA Board Members,

On behalf of the PAL Organization, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous \$10,000 grant funding you have awarded us. This support is vital to our mission and will significantly impact the programs we offer to our community.

Your commitment to fostering positive change through grant-making allows organizations like ours to continue making a difference. With this funding, we plan to enhance our initiatives, reach more of our community's youth, and create a greater impact in the areas we serve.

We appreciate your belief in our vision and the work we do. We look forward to sharing our progress with you and hope to continue our partnership. Again, Thank you for your support and being a crucial ally in our mission. I will also take care of the 2021 closeout report in the coming days.

Warm regards,



From: Tom Maggio <tmaggio@ecgra.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:57 AM
To: Antwane Fields <afields@erie.pa.us>
Cc: Tom Lenox <tlenox@erie.pa.us>; Melanie Szoszorek <mszozorek@erie.pa.us>; Hayden Foltz <hfoltz@erie.pa.us>;

Tammi Michali

From: Jaimie Miller <jacey78@presqueisleaudubon.org>
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 11:14 AM
To: Tom Maggio
Cc: Tammi Michali; President PresqueIsleAudubon
Subject: Re: Presque Isle Audubon, Festival of the Birds

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From (Jaimie Miller <jacey78@presqueisleaudubon.org>, External)

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Our event was a huge success! We are still collecting surveys and photos from the attendees and hope to share more on our social media and our next newsletter!

I did attach one photo with our closeout, but have many more available! It just would not allow me to select more than one. I was also unable to attach the program due to size, but it is available on our website here:

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/66f9bd45cd737d00debd4738/6822f686947a15045d786f80_Online%20program%202025.pdf

Thank you again for your support and making this event possible! We hope to work with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

--

Jaimie Miller

Presque Isle Audubon

301 Peninsula Drive, Suite 8



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

June 16, 2025

To our Friends at ECGRA,

On behalf of the YMCA of Corry, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous support and sponsorship of the 2025 CorryFest Chainsaw Carving Festival, held June 12–15.

Your partnership was instrumental in helping us deliver a vibrant community event that brought together people from all over the region. The success of the festival, highlighted by the impressive chainsaw carving, was made possible by your commitment to supporting local organizations and initiatives.

We deeply appreciate ECGRA's dedication to investing in community growth and enrichment. Your support not only helped make CorryFest a memorable experience for attendees but also strengthened the spirit of our community.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued partnership. We look forward to working together in the years ahead.

With gratitude,



Michele Brady, CEO

Dear Tom & Tammie,

Thank you so much to
you & your team for investing into
the Jerke Effect Film Festival!

We cannot wait to show you
what we've got in store this
year. We are so grateful & so
excited to further develop this
relationship with ELGRA

-Katie Nixon

ECGRA invests almost \$1M in early childhood education

BY MARYANN MOOK
Correspondent

Staff workers at child care centers, day care centers and learning centers who have at least a childcare development associate or above are entitled to funding (bonuses) based on the fact that they hold that degree.

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) recently announced it has been awarded \$2.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Erie County to support local child care providers and begin addressing the region's critical shortage of early childhood education services, according to a press release from ECGRA.

ECGRA awarded \$991,785.38 in Early Childhood Educator Retention Awards to 59 deserving early childcare centers across Erie County, during a check presentation and press conference at St. Martin Early Learning Center on Thursday, May 22.

"Child care is essential infrastructure – not just for families, but for the economy as a whole," said Perry Wood, executive director of ECGRA. "This ARPA investment allows us to support the providers who care for our children and give them the resources they need to deliver safe, high-quality, and accessible early education."

Early Connections, a day care center/nursery and child care provider at 16380 Route 8, Union City, is one of the child-care centers that received money from the ARPA funds.

Early Connections received \$23,683.

Michelle Harkins, executive director of Early Connections, said the ECGRA grant can provide bonuses to teachers that are direct care staff.

"They need to be working in a class program, need to have worked at least one year in a childcare center and need to have the first credential at least," Harkins said.

As far as credentials, they must have at least a childcare development associate (CDA) degree, an associate degree or a bachelor's degree or higher.

"The teachers then qualify and will be able to receive this bonus that goes into their paycheck," Harkins said.

Harkins said the level of degree determines the level of their bonus.

This investment represents the first phase of a broader, multi-step initiative to strengthen Erie County's early learning infrastructure. Funding will be distributed to licensed child care providers to improve staff recruitment and retention, enhance daily operations, and expand access for families, according to the press release.

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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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ECGRA

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According to Start Strong PA, Erie County had 93 unfilled early childhood education staff positions. If filled, those positions could provide care for an estimated 744 additional children. Providers across the county report significant challenges in both recruiting new educators and retaining existing staff – issues that have only intensified in recent years.

"This is of the things that might help retain staff and encourage them to get their credentials down the road so they could qualify for a bonus if this opportunity arises again," Harkins said.

"When we invest in child care, we're investing in our children's future," said Kenya Johnson, director of The Learning Ladder Early

Child Care Center, a child care center at 2502 Peach St., Erie, which received \$18,300.50. "We're incredibly grateful to ECGRA and Erie County for recognizing the urgent need in our field. This support helps us meet the moment and build a more sustainable future for child care in our community."

This investment is designed to serve as a catalyst for long-term, systemic change – offering targeted support to those on the front lines and ensuring that more children and families in Erie County have access to reliable, high-quality care.

Editor's note: This project is supported, in whole or in part, by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant awarded to Erie County, Pennsylvania by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Thursday, June 12, 2025

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Union City accepting applications for Renaissance Grant funds

BY MARYANN MOOK

Correspondent

Union City Borough is accepting applications for another round of funds from the residential Renaissance Grant Program.

The borough has received \$100,000 to be awarded in grant funds.

The Renaissance Grant funds are provided through the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA). The purpose of the Renaissance Grant Program is to remove housing blight, reverse deterioration, incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more attractive, increase the market value of homes and improve the municipal tax base.

This round of funding includes residential properties on West High Street, South Street, the Avenues, North Main Street, South Main Street, East High Street and Route 97 within the borough limits.

"We've been getting a lot of inquiries about when funding would be available," Borough Manager Cindy Wells said. "So, we encourage people to contact us to apply now that this round of funding is open."

There are not any income requirements,

but those requesting a grant must fill out an application. The application process is open and runs through Aug. 31. The grant is made on a 1:1 matching basis, and the maximum grant award is \$5,000.

The following types of improvements are permitted: doors and windows visible from the street; roofs, soffits, gutters and downspouts; exterior lighting; porches, stairs and steps; painting, siding and shutters; chimney and masonry repairs; sidewalks; and driveway aprons.

Grants will be awarded based upon the level of improvements and the vitality and significant impact the project would make to a neighborhood.

All grant applications must be approved by Union City Borough Council.

The initial grant application deadline is June 19, 2020. This will allow property owners to possibly have their projects completed in 2020. If there is additional funding available, another round of applications will be received. The guidelines and applications are available online at unioncitypa.us or at the Union City Borough Office, 13 S. Main St., during normal business hours.

For more information, call the borough office at 814-438-2331.

Applications now being accepted for grant program

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Impact Corry announced on Wednesday that it is currently accepting applications for the Renaissance Block Grant Program.

The Renaissance Block Grant Program is a 1:1 matching grant program that makes funds available to improve the functionality and curb appeal of residential homes. Homeowners and landlords may receive up to \$5,000 per property for eligible exterior repairs. Homeowners meeting income requirements may qualify for a higher amount and smaller match requirement. Potential applicants should review the Renaissance Block Grant Program guidelines and application, which can be found at www.impactcorry.org, for additional information.

A public information session about the grant program will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, at the Corry Community Center, 15 S. First Ave. Advance registration is not required.

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Home

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Since 2020, Impact Corry has invested over \$430,000 in grant funding for improvement projects benefiting just over 100 residential properties through the Renaissance Block program. Renaissance Block grants have helped fund sidewalk and driveway replacement, residing, roof replacement and painting as well as porch, step, window and door repair and replacement, improving properties' curb appeal.

Because the program requires homeowner match, the total investment in these properties was well over \$900,000.

These totals do not include \$89,500 in grant funding that has been awarded in support of 19 projects to be completed in 2025, nor the additional \$120,000 that is available in 2025 to sup-

port higher award amounts for homeowners meeting income qualifications. Also new this year is the expansion of the program footprint, so that a larger area of the city is served by the program.

Granting agencies that have supported Impact Corry's home improvement grant program since its inception include the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and the Corry Community Foundation. Corporate support has come from KeyBank and Erie Insurance.

The long-term goals of the program are to improve the condition of Corry's housing stock, retain and attract homeowners and strengthen the city's tax base.

Additional program information can be found on Impact Corry's website (listed above) under "Neighborhoods."

Council to Davis: Release money owed to ECGRA

A.J.

Rao

Erie Times-News USA TODAY NETWORK

Erie County Council is sending a clear message to the Brenton Davis administration: it stands with the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

In a 5–1 vote on June 17, council passed a resolution affirming support of ECGRA and urging the Davis administration to release the more than \$500,000 in gaming funds owed to the authority, as identified in a recent state audit.

The resolution also calls for an end to the administration's public attacks on the authority, which the audit found to be compliant with state law.

Councilman Rock Copeland, who introduced the resolution, said the measure was a direct response to Davis, who in recent public interviews,

refused to commit to releasing the money owed to ECGRA.

“Absolutely I’m not committing to any of that,” Davis said during a recent Talk Erie radio interview.

The administration has said it is conducting a “legal review” of the audit’s findings, according to a June 3 statement to the Erie Times-News.

Davis, a Republican, also expressed dissatisfaction in the scope of the audit, which covered a period from 2021 through March 31, 2024. He argued that many of his concerns predate that period, a view echoed by Republican Councilman Charlie Bayle, the lone dissenting vote.

“While I accept the auditor’s report, I would have liked for it to have gone back and looked at some other things more thoroughly,” Bayle said.

Copeland: Davis ignoring his own audit request

Copeland, a Democrat, pushed back, accusing Davis of disregarding the very audit he helped initiate.

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“You believe in the auditor general enough to call for his audit, then you get those results — and suddenly you’re not happy with it?” Copeland said. “Now you’re going to defy the auditor general when he says you owe ECGRA money?”

The audit, which was requested by Davis, state Sen. Dan Laughlin and a group 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 \$538,000 in gaming funds from the county.

Copeland added, “I think it’s quite impressive that after an exhaustive search of all of ECGRA’s finances, they didn’t find any problems — and the only violation ... they found was that the county owes ECGRA money.”

ECGRA to hold June 19 board meeting

The ECGRA board is scheduled to meet June 19 at 8:30 a.m. at 5240 Knowledge Parkway. The meeting can also be viewed via Zoom. A link is available on the ECGRA website.

Republican Councilwoman Ellen Schauerma was absent from the June 17 meeting.

A.J. Rao can be reached at arao@gannett.com. Follow him on X @ETNRao.

Erie County pays \$500K to ECGRA

A.J. Rao

Erie Times-News

USA TODAY NETWORK

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority has received a \$538,247.74 payment from the county, following a state audit that uncovered a misallocation of funds owed to the authority.



Wood

ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood confirmed receipt of the check on June 23, three weeks after the Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office released the findings of a performance audit of ECGRA. The audit, which reviewed ECGRA's operations from 2021 through March 2024, concluded that the authority was not only in compliance with state law but entitled to funds from the county.

Initially, the administration of County Executive Brenton Davis declined to publicly commit to releasing

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the funds. In an email to ECGRA, the county's finance director also indicated that the county might only issue a partial payment, citing a \$500,000 grant ECGRA owes the county for reimbursing snow removal costs.

Wood rejected the idea of netting out these debts as bad accounting practices. He added that ECGRA agreed to pay up to \$500,000 for snow removal but the county has only provided documentation for roughly \$438,000.

"We should send them a check for \$438,000 and they should send us a check for \$538,000 from the gaming fund — that's the cleanest way to do this," Wood told the Erie Times-News in an earlier interview.

The delay prompted Erie County Council to pass a resolution urging the Davis administration to cut the check. ECGRA's board also agreed to draft a letter reinforcing that request.

The receipt of the check sets the stage for ECGRA and the county to establish a formal reconciliation process to ensure gaming revenue is properly distributed between the entities, according to Wood.

"Our top priority is always to ensure that gaming funds are being distributed in accordance with the law," he said. "As a public authority, we take seriously the detailed accounting of each dollar and are hopeful that this is an indication that the county executive's office will finally engage in a year-end reconciliation process — it's an important step that should not be minimized, as evidenced by the auditor general's findings."

Why did the county owe ECGRA money?

Under state law, gaming revenue from Presque Isle Downs & Casino must be split evenly between the county and ECGRA, with \$1 million from ECGRA's share designated for the Erie County Land Bank.

The audit found that the county had been using a 55/45 split in its favor without conducting annual reconciliations. As gaming revenue increased, the county ended up receiving more than the intended \$1 million difference, resulting in a \$538,248 shortfall for ECGRA between 2021 and 2024.

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

response from the county.

ECGRA is also owed an additional \$177,920 for 2024, according to ECGRA Board Solicitor Tim Wachter.

Wood said he has not yet received an update regarding those funds. He noted that the matter is expected to be addressed as part of a reconciliation process moving forward.

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

ECGRA is public entity established to invest local share gaming funds from Presque Isle Downs & Casino into projects that promote economic development, community revitalization and quality of life in Erie County.

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Bayfront, N.L.T.C., Inc., Martin Luther King Center

*James C. Sherrod
Executive Director*

M.L.K. Service Center

July 2, 2025

Tom Maggio, AICP
Grants Manager
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite #201
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Sir,

Per our discussion, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center would like to formally request that the scope of work for the 2021 Community Centers grant be changed to General Operating Support for Pandemic Related Services. As you are aware, it was a very difficult time to implement new programming, as there was a significant added demand for services related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In knowing the challenges our community faced and our organization faced we had to pivot to address the need that was overwhelmingly impacting the people we serve.

While we did transition to virtual platforms for delivering services that included educational and prevention services, our target was the youth. Building capacity among staff was our priority so we could assist the students in our programs. During this time of COVID-19 we also had to provide protective equipment, screenings, meal delivery, access to vaccinations and a multitude of related support systems because of the coronavirus. As a result, we were unable to complete the entire online course and donor database as initially stated in our application.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center provided vital pandemic related assistance to our clients and neighbors during the grant period and at the same time lost program revenue and the ability to host fundraisers. The ability to use the grant funds for operations, supplies, utilities, and staffing would assist the center to recover lost funding and re-coup some added operating costs. We would like to use other operating costs as match for the grant.

Sincerely,

James C. Sherrod

312 Chestnut Street Erie, Pennsylvania 16501 Telephone 459 2561

July 2, 2025

Tom Maggio, AICP
Grants Manager
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite #201
Erie, PA 16510

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Shantel Hilliard

Shantel Hilliard
Executive Director

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the ECGRA Bylaws, resolves to enter into an agreement to fund this Pilot Project to the Jefferson Educational Society in the amount of \$75,000 to the extent outlined in the attachment.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

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

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

Feasibility Study for a National War of 1812 Museum in Erie

June 2025 Pilot Project Grant Program

Jefferson Educational Society

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Application Form

Purpose of Funding

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

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

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*

[Click here to see a County Council District map](#)

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19, 2025

Resolution to accept the 2024-25 audited financial statements

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 accept the 2024-25 audited financial statements into record as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

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

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Financial Statements

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

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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.

Maher Duessel

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
July 28, 2025

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

MARCH 31, 2025

Assets	
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>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 27,968,764</u>
Liabilities and Net Position	
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>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 27,968,764</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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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
Total operating revenues	<u>6,885,694</u>

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
Total operating expenses	<u>6,500,721</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>384,973</u>

Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):

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

Net Position:

Beginning of year	<u>24,134,454</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 25,218,307</u>

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>\$ 12,539,041</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>\$ 2,357,132</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2025

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.

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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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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.

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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 covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The remaining balance is

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20, 2025

Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the sole recipient of the 2025 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant, 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 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: Jefferson Educational Society;

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 17th day of July, 2025 by a vote of ____-____.

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

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

Round 2

Jefferson Educational Society	Harborcreek Township, Borough of North East, Millcreek Township	\$ 100,000	Alliance for Community Progress
Total Requested		\$ 200,000	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21, 2025

Resolution to enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania State University: The Behrend College for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness as a recipient of a Transformational Grant

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

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of local government, businesses, and citizen groups working together in a public-private partnership to address neighborhood renewal;

Whereas, the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness envisions the following:

1. A future where the U.S. casting and forging industry thrives with a skilled and robust workforce
2. METAL (Metallurgical Engineering Trades, Apprenticeship & Learning) is unleashing the transformative power of technology and innovation to revitalize American manufacturing
3. The U.S. casting and forging industry faces a pressing shortage of skilled professionals, threatening the stability of our defense supply chain
4. There is a need for an additional 122,000 skilled professional, including skilled trades, engineers, and other critical roles

Whereas, in accordance with ECGRA's impact investment policy and by the recommendation of the strategic planning committee, ECGRA seeks to award a pilot agreement in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the Pennsylvania State University: The Behrend College for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness;

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 adopt the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness transformational grant to the extent outlined in this document and attachments.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

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

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22, 2025

Resolution to authorize the executive director and solicitor to enter into negotiations and execute an agreement with the Erie County Redevelopment Authority for a \$100,000 mission-related investment (MRI) grant and \$1,000,000 mission-related investment loan for the purpose of promoting small business growth and expansion in Erie County in accordance with the ECGRA impact investment policy

Whereas, ECGRA has established the Ignite Erie Initiative as a funding stream to make both grants and mission-related investments within Erie County that support job creation through small business; and,

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of supporting entrepreneurship in strengthening the economy of Erie County; and,

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states that "a minimum level of unemployment and maximum level of business opportunity, and the elimination or prevention of blight can best be provided by the promotion, attraction, stimulation, rehabilitation and revitalization of industry, commerce and other activities in the Commonwealth; and,

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law expressly states that entities like ECGRA have as a purpose to "promote industrial, commercial and other economic development"; and,

Whereas, ECGRA's Strategic Plan calls for an economic development approach that targets small business financing that creates jobs, bridges gaps in the current ecosystem, supports demographic groups underrepresented in business ownership, leverages other sources of funding, both public and private, and develops entrepreneurial services in the form of technical assistance; and,

Whereas, ECGRA's economic development approach recognizes the importance of entities such as Community Development Financing Institutions that are created to provide "credit and financial services to underserved markets and populations"; and,

Whereas, the Erie County Redevelopment Authority has been prequalified by ECGRA as an entity capable of executing on a mission-related investment; and

Whereas, in accordance with ECGRA's impact investment policy and by the recommendation of the strategic planning committee, ECGRA seeks to enter into a mission-related investment with the Erie County Redevelopment Authority by authorizing the executive director and solicitor to negotiate and execute on terms and conditions in order to effectuate mission-related investment;

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, awards a mission-related investment to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$1,100,000 subject to contract negotiations with the executive director and legal counsel.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

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

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 23, 2025

Resolution to Adopt the 2024-25 Annual Report

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

Whereas, the ECGRA Board of Directors and staff have effectively executed on all legal agreements, designed grant guidelines and an application process that is fair, open and transparent for multiple grant categories;

Whereas, ECGRA has funded one hundred nine (109) nonprofits and municipalities in the 2024-25 fiscal year totaling an investment of \$7,099,269.05 in Erie County;

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 present an Annual Report to the community detailing the funding categories, nonprofits and municipalities that were funded, the amount they received in funding and the results of that funding, to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

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

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 17, 2025

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



Helping to **Make Erie Home**

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

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“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.”

— Kelly S. Hess

Chair of ECGRA Board of Directors

Our Mission – An impact investor, ECGRA’s mission is to elevate Erie County by empowering nonprofits and small businesses toward economic and community development. Since its inception, ECGRA has been authorized to distribute over \$88 million in local share gaming revenue in communities across Erie County, utilizing its nationally recognized Impact Investing model.

Assets & Equity

Assets

Checking	\$52,435.19
Savings	\$6,254,083.87
Certificates	\$15,489,910.05
Accts Receivable	\$6,214,625.00
Total Assets	\$28,011,054.11

Equity

Begin	\$21,231,061.80
Net Income	\$1,165,958.27

Board of Directors

Kelly S. Hess, Chair
Ronald G. Cleaver, Treasurer
Angie Amatangelo
Mark B. Louis

Robert S. Oberlander
Darrell A. Smith
Gary J. Winschel

ECGRA Staff

Perry Wood, Executive Director
Tom Maggio, AICP, Grants Manager
Tammi Michali, Executive Assistant

How does ECGRA work?



ECGRA is a public authority established in state law to administer local share gaming revenue in Erie County.

Erie County Council appoints the ECGRA Board of Directors to approve the distribution of grants and serve as a lead authority in Erie County's economic and community development ecosystem.



Since 2011, ECGRA has been led by economic development practitioner Perry Wood who serves as executive director. The ECGRA Board charged Wood with innovating and bringing to fruition a framework that uses gaming funds for impact investment, grants, and loans in Erie County.

Modeled after well-respected foundations across the U.S, in 2014, Wood and the board of directors adopted an Impact Investing Policy and began investing gaming funds to drive social, cultural, and economic change, as well as financial returns that help ensure Erie County's local share gaming revenue gives back to Erie County residents in perpetuity.

Impact investing is intentional investing — working to create a positive impact and directly benefit communities — without the use of taxpayer dollars.

ECGRA is committed to utilizing local share gaming funds to catalyze real, meaningful, and lasting impact in our community.

A Letter from the Executive Director

Throughout ECGRA's time in Erie County, it has proudly supported many impactful programs.

Grant funding has strengthened small businesses, revitalized neighborhoods, supported municipalities, enhanced youth and education services, and enriched Erie's overall quality of place. These areas represent the core pillars of ECGRA's mission.

One pillar moves both hearts and economic activity, helping define Erie as a great place to live, work, and play: quality of place. More specifically, the many events and festivals ECGRA funds each year that bring people together and celebrate the spirit of our community. ECGRA's longstanding support of local events and festivals has helped shape Erie's identity and create lasting memories that define what it means to live here.

This spirit of Erie County is defined by the thousands of volunteers and community members who implement our community's beloved festivals and events. Erie County's ethnic festivals are a terrific example of how communities gather to celebrate their heritage but cause a broader ripple effect that can be felt the entire summer season.

In 2024, Erie's Italian Festival suffered a loss with the passing of its longtime leader, Ron DiVecchio. While his absence is felt, his legacy will live on. The Italian Festival is one cornerstone of Erie's summer — kicked off with the Annual Troika Festival and carried through September when the Irish Festival dances us into fall — Erie's ethnic festivals are a steady presence of warmth, commitment, and a volunteer spirit that touches countless lives.

Organizing the festival without Ron in 2025 will be no small task, but the St. Paul's community will carry on — thanks to their love of community and ECGRA dollars. Just like they did through a global pandemic, Erie's other local heritage festival volunteers organized, cooked, and implemented these special events to help bring our community together and define Erie County as a good place to live and visit.

This is one of many reasons ECGRA continues to support special events like the Italian Festival — because they strengthen our sense of connection, community, and joy, even during the tough times. In 2020, ECGRA helped to keep these treasured events alive — a wise investment that will make an impact for generations to come.

— *Perry Weed*
Executive Director, ECGRA



"ECGRA has impacted many events and festivals, such as the Italian Festival, that have become a tradition in Erie. ECGRA's continued support will give us the room to continue Ron Divecchio's passion for delivering love and joy in the Erie community."

— Brian Ferraro
St. Paul's Italian Festival

Celebrating **Special Events** in Erie County

"ECGRA's longstanding support of local events and festivals has helped shape Erie's identity and create lasting memories that define what it means to live here."

— Perry Wood
Executive Director

AmeriMasala Festival

AmeriMasala • German Heritage Festival
Panegyri Greek Festival • St. Patrick's Irish Festival • St. Paul's Italian Festival
Troika Russian Festival • Zabawa Polish Festival



In Erie County, special events and festivals are more than just entertainment — they are a powerful expression of our shared identity.

Rooted in the region's rich cultural traditions, these events strengthen social bonds, foster cross-cultural understanding, and create opportunities for community members to come together in meaningful ways.

Since 2011, ECGRA has proudly supported this vibrant tradition by awarding hundreds of Special Events Grants to nonprofits, municipalities, and authorities contributing to Erie's dynamic cultural landscape. These grants support up to 5% of the total cost of events that are open to the public, helping to ensure access for all residents and visitors.

From beloved heritage events like the iconic Troika and Zabawa to the spirited Edinboro Highland Games and Greek Festival, ECGRA is committed to funding events that showcase the diversity and dynamism of Erie County. These gatherings foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity, while also generating valuable tourism dollars that boost our local economy.

Even during challenging times — like the COVID-19 pandemic, when in-person gatherings were limited or canceled — ECGRA remained a steadfast partner to local event organizers. By providing increased funding, greater flexibility, and ongoing support, ECGRA helped sustain the spirit of community events and positioned them for a strong and vibrant recovery in the years that followed.

Special events contribute to Erie County's broader economic development goals. They attract visitors, drive spending at local businesses, and help shape a sense of place that makes our region more appealing to current and future residents.

By investing in local events, ECGRA is investing in the heart of Erie County — its people, its stories, and its spirit.

ECGRA is Erie's Impact Investor

What is impact investing?

ECGRA awards grants to economic development agencies, nonprofits, and municipalities throughout the year, funded by gaming revenue dollars.

ECGRA has expanded its focus to impact investments at every level of community — from schools to small businesses to neighborhoods to municipalities — intended to uplift not only the regional economy, but also its society, culture, and environment.

There isn't a corner of the county that isn't touched by ECGRA grant money — improving Erie's economic and community development forecast.

It's about **People.**

It's about **Place.**

It's about **Progress.**



Troika Festival



Troika Festival

Five Areas of **Impact** across Erie County

Quality of Place

Neighborhoods & Communities

Youth & Education

Municipalities

Small Business

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“Across Erie County, ECGRA’s investments are making a real and lasting impact. These grants are helping to build more accessible, connected communities and restore a strong sense of place. By supporting projects that foster pride and belonging, ECGRA is driving meaningful change in neighborhoods throughout the region.”

— Rock Copeland
Erie County Councilman



Impact **Quality of Place**

"The Jefferson Educational Society is deeply grateful for ECGRA's continued support of the Global Summit through its Special Events Grant program. By supporting events like the Global Summit, ECGRA isn't just funding programs — they're investing in a sense of belonging, pride, and possibility. Their commitment to building strong, vibrant communities throughout Erie County is what makes our work possible and meaningful."

— Chelsea Oliver

Director of Marketing and Community Engagement



The Jefferson Education Society received \$15,000 for the Global Summit.

Albion Area Fair	\$13,700.25
	\$7,000.00
Americans for the Compt. Ent. Sys. (ACES)	\$2,700.00
AmeriMasala	\$1,683.00
	\$10,000.00
Asbury Woods Partnership	\$3,363.73
	\$21,350.00
Borough of Edinboro	\$1,507.50
	\$25,000.00
Borough of Girard	\$572.93
Borough of North East	\$10,000.00
Borough of Union City	\$207.00
	\$125,000.00
	\$25,000.00
Borough of Wesleyville	\$869.40
Boys & Girls Club of Erie	\$8,164.00
CAFÉ	\$15,000.00

Christian Ministries of the Apostolic Faith	\$9,000.00
Community Resources for Independence	\$3,138.93
	\$7,500.00
Crime Victim Center	\$3,313.85
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation	\$12,516.08
Dafmark Dance Theatre	\$10,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	\$3,420.00
	\$13,000.00
Downtown North East	\$3,044.70
	\$12,000.00
Edinboro Legion Pool	\$5,394.56
Edinboro Market	\$14,969.00
Edinboro Univeristy Foundation	\$2,553.75
	\$5,500.00
Enterprise Development Fund	\$250,000.00
Erie Area Council of Governments	\$10,000.00
Erie Art Company	\$5,000.00



Impact Quality of Place

Erie Art Museum	\$31,858.02	Inner-City Neighborhood Art House	\$7,500.00
Erie Art & Music Festival	\$5,130.00	JFK Center	\$15,000.00
	\$12,000.00	Jefferson Educational Society	\$15,000.00
Erie Arts & Culture	\$44,427.06	Lake Erie Fanfare	\$2,245.50
Erie Center for Arts & Technology	\$103,077.00		\$12,000.00
Erie County Bar Association	\$2,250.00	Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	\$7,375.50
Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$12,651.75	McKean Recreation Authority	\$25,000.00
	\$11,000.00	Mercy Center for Women	\$4,059.00
Erie Homes for Children & Adults	\$3,288.60		\$15,000.00
Erie Latino Leadership Association	\$1,391.18	Mercy Hilltop Center	\$15,000.00
Erie Lions Club Save an Eye Game	\$1,125.00	Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture	\$56,157.62
Erie Philharmonic	\$89,429.19	Messiah Lutheran Church	\$5,000.00
Erie Playhouse	\$46,026.19	Minority Community Investment Coalition	\$250,000.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	\$4,500.00	Presque Isle Light Station	\$1,011.15
Erie Roller Derby	\$364.14	Presque Isle Partnership	\$4,990.50
Erie United Methodist Alliance	\$3,150.00		\$7,500.00
Erie Western PA Port Authority	\$5,652.90	Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity	\$2,700.00
Erie Yesterday	\$14,000.00	Saint Patrick Church	\$7,389.66
Erie Zoological Society	\$174,212.48	Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	\$5,031.16
Erie's Black Wall Street	\$12,000.00		\$15,000.00
	\$15,000.00	Springfield Township	\$1,445.00
expERIENCE Children's Museum	\$26,676.06	The Goodell Project	\$2,947.50
Film Society of Northwestern PA	\$5,458.50	The Nonprofit Partnership	\$32,043.47
	\$10,000.00	Triangle DAR	\$10,000.00
Flagship Niagara League	\$55,236.53	Union City Pride	\$946.13
Fly Erie Fund LLC	\$125,000.00	Union Township	\$50,000.00
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	\$167,586.23	Veterans Miracle Center of Erie	\$15,000.00
Hagen History Center	\$70,130.85	WQLN Public Media	\$13,000.00
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team	\$936.00	Waterford Community Fair Association	\$8,685.00
Harborcreek Township	\$1,350.00		\$13,500.00
Headwaters Natural Resource Center Trust	\$9,500.00	YMCA of Corry	\$7,000.00
Heberle's Heartstrings	\$1,500.00	YMCA of Greater Erie	\$330.75
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	\$7,065.00	Young Artists Debut Orchestra	\$4,366.80
Hornby School Restoration Society	\$6,300.00		\$15,000.00
Humane Society of NWPA	\$7,074.00		
Impact Corry	\$3,472.79		
	\$11,000.00		
		TOTAL 2024	\$2,389,512.89
		TO DATE	\$28,717,955



Impact **Quality of Place**

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“ECGRA’s investment helps us do more than run a museum – it helps us fulfill a mission. ECGRA’s funding allows us to reduce barriers to entry by offering significantly discounted admission for families with SNAP EBT benefits. This isn’t just about savings; it’s about ensuring that every child in Erie County has the opportunity to grow, imagine, and learn through play. That kind of access ensures that play-based learning is not a luxury, but a shared experience across our entire community.”

— Ainslie Brosig

Executive Director, expERIENCE Children’s Museum





Impact **Quality of Place**



ECGRA awarded the 2024 Special Events grants during a joint press conference with 2024 Community Assets grant recipients.



Through the Lead Assets & Endowments Grant with The Erie Community Foundation, ECGRA distributed \$594,154 of earnings. The endowment fund, held in trust at Erie Community Foundation, totals \$16.8 million as of 2024.

"These funds represent our ongoing commitment to create a positive impact on some of the primary pillars of Erie County's quality of place."

— Perry Wood, Executive Director of ECGRA

"Glow Wild transformed the way visitors experience the zoo during its centennial anniversary season and helped showcase Erie in a whole new light."

— Roo Kojancie, CEO and President of the Erie Zoo



Erie Zoo Glow Wild received \$174,212.



Impact Neighborhoods & Communities

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network is reimagining its longtime bike program with BikeErie as the Erie Bike Co-Op, thanks to support from ECGRA and The Erie Community Foundation. Located on East 26th Street, the community bike workshop now offers full-service repairs, donated bikes, and a work/trade program that makes cycling more accessible for all.



"The bike program is a valuable resource — not only for bike enthusiasts, but also for neighbors who rely on bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. We're grateful to ECGRA for helping us expand this effort and deepen our impact in the community."

— Patrice Swick
Neighborhood Engagement Specialist at SSJ

Bike Erie Co-Op received \$15,000 from ECGRA through a Community Centers Grant.

Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	\$100,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	\$80,000.00
Borough of North East	\$80,000.00
Borough of Union City	\$125,000.00
	\$100,000.00
	\$75,000.00
City of Erie	\$205,000.00
Downtown Girard	\$125,000.00
	\$80,000.00
Downtown North East	\$87,500.00
East Side Renaissance	\$50,000.00
Erie City Moms	\$75,000.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	\$125,000.00

Explore the Possibilities	\$100,000.00
Fairview Township	\$175,000.00
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	\$70,000.00
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	\$50,000.00
Harvest 912	\$15,000.00
Impact Corry	\$125,000.00
	\$60,000.00
	\$100,000.00
	\$100,000.00
North East Community Foundation	\$50,000.00
Our West Bayfront	\$50,000.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	\$100,000.00
Union Township	\$50,000.00

TOTAL 2024 \$2,352,500.00
TO DATE \$10,558,953.50



Impact **Neighborhoods & Communities**

With support from ECGRA's Anchor Building and Renaissance Block programs, the Bayfront Eastside Taskforce is bringing new life to the neighborhood.



"While on its surface people may think ECGRA Renaissance Block facade grants are primarily about aesthetics, I can tell you that they are so much more. Renaissance Block does help make part of the neighborhood look better. Mostly, these grants help the neighborhood feel better, be better in a real, tangible way that goes far beyond improving property value."

— **Marcia Farrell**

Grants Director for the Bayfront East Side Taskforce



Impact Neighborhoods & Communities



"This ECGRA grant is helping all of Erie County, but in historically underinvested and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods like the City of Erie's lower East side. ECGRA investments are moving the needle faster and further," said Erie County Councilman André R. Horton. "ECGRA grants are strategically and transparently invested, which makes an impact for residents by providing a more accessible community with a stronger sense of place."



2025 Grant Awarding – ECGRA awarded \$183,245 to 16 deserving community centers.



The Erie Roller Derby hosted the 2024 Bayfront Bruisefest Tournament, supported by ECGRA. ECGRA funded the tournament in part through the 2024 Special Events grant.

PennWest Edinboro hosted the 30th annual Edinboro Highland Games and Scottish Festival. ECGRA is a proud sponsor of the festival through the 2024 Special Events Grant.





Impact Youth & Education

GECAC's Earn+Learn program offers summer job opportunities to 150 youth in Erie County, placing them with over 50 local businesses and nonprofits. The program provides job readiness training, career exploration and real-world work experience for youth ages 14 to 21.



"ECGRA's investment in our youth not only helps build job skills, but also builds confidence in their potential."

— Dr. Ben Wilson
CEO of GECAC

Greater Erie Community Action Committee \$167,586.23

TOTAL 2024 \$167,586.23
TO DATE \$2,503,559.55

With support from ECGRA's Youth & Education program, The Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) is empowering local students through its Earn + Learn Program — building skills, confidence, and brighter futures.



Impact Municipalities

In 2025, ECGRA continued to uphold its commitment to the municipalities neighboring Presque Isle Downs and Casino — advancing its mission to strengthen Erie County through strategic investments in infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life. Under the unique agreement established in 2010, more than \$1.77 million was distributed this year alone to support essential services.

These funds help local governments meet the ongoing demands of development by maintaining roads and public facilities, enhancing emergency response capabilities, and sustaining vital human services. By reinvesting gaming revenue into the communities most directly impacted, ECGRA is driving equity, stability, and shared prosperity across the region.

County of Erie	\$167,785.43
Girard Township	\$10,000.00
Greene Township	\$167,785.43
Jefferson Educational Society	\$100,000.00
McKean Township	\$167,785.43
Millcreek Township	\$167,785.43

Summit Township	\$686,395.03
Washington Township	\$43,625.00
Waterford Township	\$167,785.43

TOTAL 2024 \$1,778,947.18
TO DATE \$30,700,113.97



Impact Small Business

ECGRA Supports Downtown Erie in Largest Single Investment in History

The largest one-time investment in ECGRA history will go toward building an environment that brings critical business to Erie. First Assent offers cutting-edge life science and technology specialties. Their unique process is crucial to diversifying the Erie region and its economic needs.

The First Assent xDRIVE Platform is a first-in-kind medical oncology decision support system, which utilizes artificial intelligence to help sequence cancers, resulting in better decision-making for doctors as they work with their patients to treat and cure each cancer uniquely.

With plans to build out two floors which will house First Assent, ECGRA has invested \$500,000 in funds to help improve the I-HACK building owned by Gannon University.

"Fighting Cancer is never done in a silo; it takes a committed team, and the Erie community embodies that spirit of collaboration. Thanks to our generous donors, the Lutheran Foundation and ECGRA, we are honored to establish a state-of-the-art lab right here in Erie.

I-HACK will become the epicenter and beacon of hope for tens of thousands of people in Pennsylvania and beyond."

— Jim Foote
CEO of First Ascent Biomedical



Gannon I-HACK Building

Gannon University	\$500,000.00
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TOTAL 2024	\$500,000.00
TO DATE	\$16,459,750.00



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