



**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
JANUARY
2026**



ECGRA Communications Services Report

DECEMBER 2025

Meeting with Executive Director

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

IMPLEMENTED

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Asbury Woods
- Erie Zoo
- Light up Night – Harborcreek

GRAPHICS

- Year in review
- Gaming revenue reduces taxes
- Hanukkah

NEWSLETTER

- Year in review

IN PROGRESS

- WEBSITE [AWAITING RFP]
 - CONTRACT
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 - AUDIT
 - SURVEY
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- Food Insecurity Programming – January
- Child Care Round 2 Grant Funding – January
- EMS Press Conference – January
- Video Content





ECGRA Communications Services Report

- Parks Fields and Trails Press Conference – February
- Lead Assets Press Conference – February
- Grant Workshops





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December 22, 2025

Perry Wood
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road Suite 201
Erie PA 16510

RE: 2026 Rates

Dear Dr. Wood:

Please know that we value our relationship with you and look forward to continuing to serve you throughout 2026. The Knox Law Firm appreciates the public service that you provide, and as such, we have traditionally charged our public sector clients a deeply discounted rate for legal services. We are happy to be able to continue to offer you such discounted rates this year.

The following is our proposed rate schedule for our services, for the upcoming 2026 year:

	<u>Shareholder</u>	<u>Associate</u>
General Solicitor Services	\$225	\$190
Labor and Employment Services	\$230	\$210
Litigation Services	\$260/hour	\$210/hour
Tax Assessment Appeals	\$260/hour	
Municipal Finance/Bond Issue	Negotiated on a per transaction basis	
Paralegal Services	\$125/hour	
Administrative staff/clerical services	No charge	
Mileage	IRS rate	

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I remain,

Very truly yours,

KNOX McLAUGHLIN GORNALL &
SENNETT, P.C.

By: 
Timothy S. Wachter

EXHIBIT A

RECONFIRMATION OF TERMS OF LEGAL ENGAGEMENT

This is to reconfirm the terms and conditions of our engagement to provide you with general municipal legal services on legal matters that are brought to our attention by you or which come to light in association with other current legal matters.

The fees for our legal services are included within the letter forwarding this Reconfirmation of Terms of Legal Engagement. In addition to those rates, you shall be responsible for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by us in the undertaking of this matter. The rates are subject to periodic increases.

You will be billed for our services on a monthly basis. Significant out-of-pocket expenses paid on your behalf may be billed separately on a more frequent basis. We would anticipate being paid no more than thirty (30) days after an invoice date.

All final documents prepared for you as well as any documents or property you provided to us will be given to you upon conclusion of each matter. If your organization maintains a records management policy that dictates specific procedures, please provide the firm with a copy of the policy. Otherwise, the firm will retain the pertinent contents of your file, both paper and electronic, for a minimum of five (5) years, after which time it will be destroyed without further notice to you.

Every effort will be made to expedite your legal matters promptly and efficiently according to the highest legal and ethical standards. We will keep you as fully informed as possible of all the time we devote to your matters.

Unless you advise us otherwise, we may communicate confidential information, including attached documents, to you via email. You should understand that email, by its nature, is not secure. Network administrators and internet service providers are able to view the contents of your emails.

PRIVACY POLICY

Lawyers, as providers of certain personal services, are now arguably required by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to inform their clients of their policies regarding privacy of client information. Our law firm understands your concerns as a client for privacy and the need to ensure the privacy of all your information. Your privacy is important to us and maintaining your trust and confidence is a high priority. Lawyers have been and continue to be bound by professional standards of confidentiality that are even more stringent than those required by such Act. Therefore, we have always protected your right to privacy. The purpose of this notice is to explain our Privacy Policy with regard to personal information about you that we obtain and how we keep that information secure.

NONPUBLIC PERSONAL INFORMATION WE COLLECT

We collect nonpublic personal information about you that is provided to us by you or obtained by us with your authorization or consent.

WE DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLIENTS OR FORMER CLIENTS TO ANYONE, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE ETHICS RULES.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about current or former clients obtained in the course of representation of those clients, except as expressly or impliedly authorized by those clients to enable us to effectuate the purpose of our representation or as required or permitted by law or applicable provisions of codes of professional responsibility or ethical rules governing our conduct as lawyers.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

We retain records relating to professional services that we provide so that we are better able to assist you with your professional needs and to comply with professional guidelines or requirements of law. In order to guard your nonpublic personal information, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with our professional standards.

USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TOOLS

We may use technology, including artificial-intelligence (“AI”) tools, to assist with appropriate tasks, such as document drafting, research, summarization, review, data extraction, and project management, as parts of our efforts to provide you with highest level of quality and most efficient work product. Our attorneys remain solely responsible for the legal work, will supervise and verify all outputs, and will not rely on AI in place of their professional judgment. We will protect client confidentiality and will not input your confidential information into an AI tool in a manner that allows it to be accessed by others without your informed consent or appropriate contractual and security safeguards. You may opt out of our use of AI on your matter at any time by notifying us in writing.



December 17, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Wood:

On behalf of the Edinboro University Foundation and PennWest Edinboro community, thank you for your generous contribution of **\$83,300.00** processed on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**, for the **ECGRA Grant Beehive Innovation Spaces**. Your support helps carry forward the proud legacy of the Fighting Scots, enriching the lives of our students and enhancing the programs that make our university exceptional.

Your donation makes a lasting impact—whether it's funding scholarships, supporting academic innovation, improving campus facilities, or strengthening student life. Because of you, our students are better equipped to learn, grow, and boldly face the future as true Fighting Scots.

Once again, thank you for standing with PennWest Edinboro. Your generosity reflects the spirit and strength of the Fighting Scots—resilient, dedicated, and driven.

With Gratitude,
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION


Charles G. Scalise '86
Executive Director
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P.S. The impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled! Please check with your HR Representative to see if your company sponsors a matching gift program.

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## Tammi Michali

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**From:** DAVID THORNBURG <DTHORN1217@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2025 11:45 AM  
**To:** Tammi Michali  
**Cc:** jessdilo6982@gmail.com; Donnie Hosford; Mark Harris  
**Subject:** Re: Parks Grant Funds

**External Sender** - From: (DAVID THORNBURG <DTHORN1217@msn.com>)

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Dear Tammi,

On behalf of our leadership team and hard working volunteers at MYAA we would like to extend our gratitude in thanking you and your staff at the Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority for recognizing our needs as we continue our mission of providing opportunities for children in youth sports.

This injection of money from the Park Grant Funds was great way to end the year as we look forward to breaking ground on our sports complex in early 2026!

HAPPY NEW YEAR and continued success with all those you touch and support!

Sincerely,

David Thornburg

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 29, 2025, at 12:21 PM, Tammi Michali <tmichali@ecgra.org> wrote:

Dear David (and Jessica) -

Please be advised that the funds for your ECGRA Parks, Fields, & Trails grant have been processed in the amount of \$25,000.00. You can expect to see the funds in your account ending x7883 on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me if you don't see the funds or if this is the incorrect account.

Wishing you and yours a Happy New Year,  
Tammi

[Tammi L. Michali](#)

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

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# Sarah Reed Center building hope, history with ECGRA's support

## Your Turn

Gary Bakowski  
Guest columnist

At Sarah A. Reed Children's Center, our mission has always been to help children heal, learn and grow — but our mission extends far beyond the care we provide. It lives within the spaces that nurture and care: the buildings that hold our history, our programs and our community's sense of hope.

Erie cannot achieve meaningful growth without including projects that uplift our most underprivileged areas. The 16501 ZIP code, home to our St. Ann's campus, has an average household income of \$14,579, one of the poorest in the nation. This area is also the site of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's (ECGRA) Anchor Building investment.

Sarah Reed Children's Center is a

center of excellence in Erie, specializing

in mental and behavioral care for chil-

dren, teens and families. We specialize

in trauma-informed care by providing

innovative, evidence-based treatment

and services through research, clinical

practice and professional training. Each

year, we serve a diverse population of

over 1,700 individuals from 55 counties

across Pennsylvania.

For more than a century, Sarah Reed has been deeply rooted in Erie, striving each day to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families. That impact continues to grow thanks to the support of ECGRA.

We are proud to share that ECGRA has awarded \$55,000 through its Anchor Building Program to support the Centennial Restoration Project at our historic St. Ann's Campus. This investment marks another exciting step in a multiyear effort to restore and revitalize this remarkable community asset.

The Anchor Building Grant Program is an adaptive reuse initiative designed to breathe new life into underutilized or vacant structures — the kinds of historic buildings that define our neighborhoods. These buildings, often located in the heart of the community, carry with them stories, memories and architectural craftsmanship that can't be replicated. But they also come with challenges, including costly upgrades to meet modern codes, limited funding options and appraisals that make private financing difficult.

That is why ECGRA's investment is so

transformative. Their vision aligns perfectly with ours — to strengthen Erie's neighborhoods by preserving the places that make them unique and by putting them back in the community as assets.

For Sarah Reed, that place is the former St. Ann's School at 1020 East 10th St. Built more than a century ago, it now serves as the St. Ann's Campus of Sarah A. Reed Children's Center, where over 100 children, teachers, behavioral counselors and staff gather every day for education and healing and where we help over 400 families annually through Sarah's Great Giveaway.

After the building was vacant for three years, we launched a \$1.4 million renovation plan to bring it back to life and put the "soul" back in that building. Piece by piece, we have been restoring not only the bricks and mortar, but the sense of energy and purpose that St. Ann's once brought to this East Avenue neighborhood. The transformation has already earned recognition — including the 2024 Greater Erie Award for Adaptive Reuse from Preservation Erie — and, with that momentum, it has helped bring jobs, services and positivity back to the Pulaski-Lighthouse area. Our

without ECGRA's continued partnership. In December 2023, a separate \$86,000 Community Facilities Grant from ECGRA's Building a Better Future program helped us replace our outdated 30-year-old steam heating system with a modern, efficient HVAC system.

Thanks to their support, we were able to complete this essential upgrade just in time for the winter — ensuring a warm, safe and comfortable learning environment for our children and staff. As we continue our St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project, we are deeply grateful to ECGRA's Board of Directors for their belief in our mission and their investment in Erie's future. Through their Anchor Building and Community Facilities programs, ECGRA is proving that when we invest in places that matter, we build more than buildings — we build hope.

On behalf of our staff, children, families and neighbors: Thank you, ECGRA,

for helping us preserve Erie's rich past while creating a brighter future. Erie cannot continue to develop without this type of inclusive growth.

Gary Bakowski is the associate vice president for development at the Sarah A. Reed Children's Center.