

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 17, 2018**

### **Resolution to Adopt the 2018 ECGRA Community Assets Guidelines, now comprised of three categories:**

#### **1) Arts, Culture & Heritage, 2) Parks, Fields & Trails, and 3) Community Centers**

Whereas, the Strategic Planning Committee has discussed the composition of, and made policy adjustments to, the grant known as Community Assets several times since its inception in 2011;

Whereas, the desire to expand the definition of Community Assets has been studied by the ECGRA staff at the direction of the board of directors;

Whereas, the Strategic Planning Committee is recommending the expansion of the Community Asset grant to include the following categories and amounts of funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

Category	Max Per Application	Total Funding Available
1. Arts, Culture, Heritage	\$15,000	\$200,000
2. Parks, Fields, & Trails	\$50,000	\$500,000
3. Community Centers	\$15,000	\$300,000

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law finds:

a) “that. . .the elimination or prevention of blight can best be provided by the promotion, attraction, stimulation, rehabilitation and revitalization of industry, commerce and other economic activities” and

b) “that by reason of the unavailability of private credit sources, redevelopment areas in cities of this Commonwealth have remained unimproved and the residents of core areas of cities of this Commonwealth and in particular minority groups are denied the benefits of balanced industrial, commercial and residential environment and a balance of employment, cultural and business opportunities” and

c) “that the provisions of the Constitution guaranteeing the residents of this Commonwealth clean air and water and the preservation of the environment. . . have resulted in the need for additional needs of financing” means to comply with such guarantees; and

d) “that to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this Commonwealth and to further encourage economic development and efficiency within this Commonwealth by providing basic service and facilities” alternative means of financing projects is required.

Whereas, the 2018 ECGRA Community Asset grant program and Guidelines are designed to meet the needs of Erie County, as identified above.

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 guidelines for Community Assets funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 broken down by categories listed above so that Erie County, Pennsylvania may flourish. Organizations that are eligible to apply will follow the guidelines outlined in the attached Exhibit “A”.

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

This resolution was passed on the 21<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 21, 2018

ATTEST:

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Secretary  
ECGRA