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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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

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From: RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 2:17 PM
To: plichtenwalter@eriecountypa.gov
Cc: Perry Wood; Tammi Michali
Subject: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

External Sender - From: ("RV, BFM Gaming" <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>)

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Dear Mr. Lichtenwalter:

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act 42 of 2017, the Department is required to distribute quarterly the Local Share Assessment collected for interactive gaming and slots to the municipalities in which a licensed gaming entity is located. This distribution is based on the interactive gaming and slots local share assessment amount collected plus the slot machine license operation fee amount collected over Summit Township's budget limitation.

Erie County: \$617,350.44

Land Bank Jurisdiction: \$617,350.44

An ACH for the 1st quarter of 2025 payment in the amount of \$1,234,700.88 should be deposited in your bank account within 7 - 10 business days. This payment includes the slots local share assessment of \$389,621.12, the slot machine license operation fee of \$765,386.00, and the interactive gaming portion of \$79,693.76. Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Bayfront East Side Taskforce

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Become an urban farmer, and harvest food and new friends.

Neighbors, Club Erie members, Saint Benedict's Education Center clients, and young "farmers" from the Girls and Boys Club will grow their own food this summer under the expert guidance of Penn State Behrend Master Gardeners. As the only USDA-designated People's Garden in the region, The B.E.S.T. Community Garden in Erie!, features 80 raised beds and tilled plots, a unique pollinator garden, plus a newly-constructed Pavilion—a shady space for growing garden-wise while cultivating new friendships.

Join us for our garden grand opening and seed swap: Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 PM. at the B.E.S.T. Garden in Erie!, East 5th Street between Parade and German Streets.

RSVP by May 10 to mfarrell@besterie.org

Thanks! to Erie Insurance, ECGRA, the Master Gardeners of Penn State Behrend, UPMC Health Plan, and several private donors along with the exquisite workmanship of Shetler's Landscaping, Anthony & Sons, Bill Thompson, and Frontier Lumber for making the B.E.S.T. Community Garden in Erie! an even more welcoming space.

Our B.E.S.T. offer: Spend \$5,000; get \$5,000 free!

Matching grants of up to \$5,000 may be yours for exterior home improvements. Renaissance Block Grants are available for qualified properties located in the area bounded by the west side of Parade Street to the east side of Holland Street and from Front Street to the north side of East 6th Street. Improve any portion of your property that can be seen from the street, and we'll pay half the cost, up to \$5,000.

Homeowner occupied properties and first-time Renaissance Block grant applicants will receive priority in the award process but all applications are welcome. Get a head start on the process; get two bids, and apply as soon as possible. For more information, contact Community Outreach at the BEST office: phone: 814-456-7062 or bharper@besterie.org

**The B.E.S.T. spring
cleanup imaginable.**



Banking on litter control to insure east bay front prosperity, Erie Insurance and Northwest Savings Bank provided volunteers to beautify the B.E.S.T. Neighborhood in Erie! This energetic group removed trash from public spaces. On April 8, 9, and 10, staff from our business partners worked to make our historic area clean while making our gateway to Downtown Erie more inviting.

B.E.S.T. way to earn \$100

Thanks to a Coastal Zone management Grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and an Erie Community Foundation Grant, up to 100 unemployed or underemployed applicants (up to 10 chosen by lottery on site per day) will earn \$100 each. Immediately after properly completing a full day of litter collection in the B.E.S.T. area, workers will get their cash payment. On 10 dates to be determined, applicants will gather at the 6th and Parade Street Orchard. Those not chosen for work can take advantage of a variety of services that will be offered.

Be the B.E.S.T. Volunteer.

Boost your property value while bettering your community, the B.E.S.T. Neighborhood in Erie!. Make your mark on the future while making friends. Leave your name and contact information at volunteers@besterie.org or call 814-456-7062.

B.E.S.T. Projects of 2025

211 Parade, 431 Ash and 449 E. 3rd

Same Day Work/Pay Cleanup

National Night Out

Green Space Improvement and utilization

The B.E.S.T. Community Garden in Erie!

Thanks to our generous supporters

Your support helps B.E.S.T. makes Erie Better!

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of Penn State**

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Authority of the
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**Society of the
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Group 204**

Breeze

Let's Go Somewhere Nice!

**Twice weekly direct flights to Orlando, Florida
on Wednesday and Saturday.**



- **Depart Erie - 11:55 a.m. Arrive Orlando - 2:35 p.m.**
- **Depart Orlando - 8:30 a.m. Arrive Erie - 11:10 a.m.**



Thank you to the following businesses, municipalities, & organizations who financially support the Fly Erie Fund, which enabled Breeze Airlines to begin non-stop service to Orlando in November 2024.

For more info on the Fly Erie Fund send an e-mail to jrouch@eriepa.com.

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ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood announces nearly \$600,000 in grant funding to nine nonprofit organizations at the Erie Zoo on April 10.
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ECGRA awards \$600,000 to nine 'place-shaping' nonprofits

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

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority on Thursday awarded \$594,154 to nine organizations that ECGRA describes as "nine of Erie County's most impactful nonprofit organizations."

These nonprofits, which ECGRA designates as lead assets, are considered by ECGRA to be "place-shaping culture-, heritage- and recreation-based nonprofits."

Since 2011, ECGRA has committed more than \$18 million in grants and endowment support to these lead assets, driving tourism, preserving Erie's identity, enriching families and supporting Erie's creative economy, according to an ECGRA news release.

"These funds represent our ongoing commitment to create positive impact to some of the primary pillars of Erie County's quality of place," ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood said. "Improving the quality of place is vital to advancing community and economic development strategies being implemented across Erie County."

Wood added that lead assets not only

help preserve Erie County's history and culture but have a significant economic impact.

"People want to live in a community with assets like these organizations," he said. "They make the community vibrant. They make the community unique."

The announcement Thursday was made during a news conference at the Erie Zoo, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and is one of the designated lead assets.

Lead asset grant awards

- Erie Zoo: \$174,212.48
- Erie Philharmonic: \$89,429.19
- Hagen History Center: \$70,130.85
- Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture: \$56,157.62
- Flagship Niagara League: \$55,263.53
- Erie Arts & Culture: \$44,427.06
- Erie Playhouse: \$46,026.19
- Erie Art Museum: \$31,858.02
- expERIENCE Children's Museum: \$26,676.06

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