

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 5, 2026**

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

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, Bridgeway Capital has been proven by a past MRI investment as an entity capable of executing on a mission-related investment and has submitted a funding application to ECGRA which proposes to support the small business and entrepreneurial community; 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 Bridgeway Capital 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 Bridgeway Capital in the amount of \$1,000,000 subject to contract negotiations with the executive director and legal counsel.

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

This resolution was passed on 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

March 19, 2026

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA