



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Via Zoom/In Person

Knowledge Park

5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510

September 19, 2024

ZOOM Meeting Information:

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89258835621>

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2024
5. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS
6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
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9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee
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 - d. Update from County Executive’s Office
10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 21, 2024 – Resolution to enter into agreements with six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2024 Anchor Building Program
- b. Resolution Number 22, 2024 – Resolution to authorize the executive director and solicitor to enter into negotiations and execute an agreement with Gannon University for up to \$500,000 for the purpose of investment in the Institute for Health and Cybersecurity Knowledge (I-HACK)
- c. Resolution Number 23, 2024 - Resolution of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority approving ECGRA Investments into the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) pursuant to the ECGRA Investment policy and prior Board Authorization

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting
Location: 5240 Knowledge Parkway
ZOOM meeting – details to follow



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

August 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on August 15, 2024 in the Board 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 8:30 am.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Hess, Mr. Oberlander, and Mr. Winschel are present in person. Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are present in person. Mr. Sinnott is present via zoom (arrives late).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 2024

Ms. Hess makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Barney seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments by the Board of Directors.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Cleaver has no comment at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no one from the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no scheduled presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Wood: Since Angie is not here today, I will give the Treasurer's Report. I'll start with the Profit & Loss statement, and you'll see our income from savings and the interest from some of our loans – the Progress Fund, EDF Restructured, and Blue Highway. Moving down to the expenses, you'll see that the grants that went out were for Multi-Municipal Collaboration, Renaissance Block, and ARPA, which is Transformational Grants.

The Balance Sheet is in order; no major changes to the Balance Sheet. We will have to talk about how we're going to reflect the move of the money to the money markets. As you might recall, we moved \$15 million to the money markets immediately and that was because Erie Bank was giving us 5.3%. And then I'll talk a little bit about the CD rates that we got as well, but we'll have to talk with Maher Duessel on how to reflect that on our books.

Moving on to the Budget vs. Actual - we're right on track to have a normal kind of budget year early on in the year. Does anybody have any questions about the budget – the money we spent on operations - that I might be able to answer? If you think of anything, we can always go back,

The Schedule of Grant Reserve, of course, that'll show you where the disbursements for the Municipal Collaboration and the Renaissance Block have gone. Renaissance Block was to Bayfront Eastside Taskforce, MMC was the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy, and the Transformational Grant was to the Enterprise Development Fund. The \$250,000 for Enterprise Development Fund was dispersed - that's for the minority loan fund they created. So, that's the first time we've invested in anything with them for a long time, but that was the Board-approved Minority Development Loan. The Erie Center for Arts & Technology was part of our standard grant program. That's the Schedule of Grant Reserve.

Next is the Transaction List and it's pretty standard stuff here, right? You see those couple of grants that I mentioned, you've got travel costs, you've got the payroll, things like that. Any questions about the Transaction List Detail? Moving on to the Visa statement, there are some meeting expenses, some postage and some office supplies. And then, of course, there's the Amazon statement and the purchases on there. It looks like some pens and some coffee. Are there any questions on that?

Let's talk about the one pager that's in front of you with the CDs. The matrix I put together in front of you just basically consisted of me calling a bunch of bank presidents and saying, "We have some money to invest; what's the best deal you can give us on money markets and CD rates?" Erie Bank stepped up and matched the highest offer that we had at 5.3% and made a four-month commitment. So, like I talked about with Gary, we will revisit that in January when that comes up because, of course, it's expected to fall as potential interest rates fall. These are the institutions I made contact with. I did my best to compare apples to

apples here, but basically the highlighted portions were the ones that were the best deals, and as Gary would call it, it's a ladder of investment. So it's 3, 6, 9, and 12 months of investment. Those are the best rates. Those are the groups that we went with to the tune of what's listed below. I think in talking to a couple of people, the 5.33% for Erie Federal Credit Union was pretty stellar for a 12-month period. And since we have to reserve \$5 million anyways and we can't touch it, we might as well lock it up. So, to get that kind of rate for 12 months was pretty good because, I mean, the feds are obviously talking about lowering interest rates, so that'll affect these rates as well.

Mr. Barney: But we're locked in for the 12 and then the fed effect takes place afterwards, right?

Dr. Wood: Yeah, this would be fixed once we sign this. I'll stop there and see if you have any questions, and Gary, if you want to comment.

Mr. Cleaver: What's PLGIT?

Dr. Wood: That's Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. They had some good rates, especially at the . . . well, actually, Gary and Tim could explain it.

Mr. Winschel: It deals with government investment trusts with school districts or government entities. It's kind of a bank, I guess, for school districts to go to. But a lot of the institutions that I'm familiar with in Millcreek and IU5, they kind of use that as leverage. They like to keep those local relationships and then use that rate for PLGIT. But I guess the thing, and I talked to Perry about, that concerned me is the fact that, you know, they're at 5.4%, but you see in two months they go to 5.25% and 5.16% which tells me . . . And they won't lock in, they won't guarantee anything. So, the fact that Erie Bank and First National say they will guarantee this money market rate, it gives you daily liquidity, but we're locking in that rate for four months. So, I think that's the biggest thing. And you start to establish some local connection, give back to the community. Many of the people that work in those institutions are involved and see the things that we support. I think, like Perry said, you know, it's a good opportunity to kind of lock this in.

I mean, just take this, and I know it's currently just right now will fluctuate, but the average weighted rate is like 5.3% overall. And compared to the 3% we're getting, that's an additional 2.3% interest generates us about \$28,000 - \$29,000 a month extra. That's enough to cover payroll expenses, your office overhead, your facilities, you know, for just kind of making the money work for you a little harder. The key thing is, I think, as I told Perry, is just now that you're established and the hard work is done, you've established those relationships, but now it's staying on top of it, staying ahead of it, you know. But like when that money market rate comes due you can ask, "What's the rate?" and then compare it online. I kind of use it as a barometer, but you know, that's going to come about same time as a three-month CD. And then in six months, we get the cash flow in spring, right? And then other money comes in. So it's a matter of just kind of creating some kind of tickler file to make sure a few weeks before the CDs come due, to reach out, see what their renewal rate is. I would hope that they're pretty competitive, but sometimes you want to avoid the bait-and-switch, right? Maybe a good teaser rate to get you in and then take advantage of you after that. So, I just think we be a little bit more proactive, we can create \$300,000 extra a year of interest income that we can use to support overhead, as well as create more funds when trying to get grants out. Thank you.

Let the record show that Mr. Sinnott has joined the meeting.

Dr. Wood: This probably took me three or four hours to do, which isn't bad. So, Gary and I talked about doing this once a quarter. I talked with Angie as well. I was keeping Angie and Gary in the loop on this stuff as we went along and made sure that these decisions made sense. I've already made these decisions, so I'm going to ask you to retroactively approve this through the resolution we have here today.

Mr. Winschel: I think the quarterly basis lines up right with three months, six months, nine months, one year. I mean automatically we'll be talking about that so it's a good time to revisit everything. Especially cash flow, you don't know what kind of grants and maybe we need to do more so how much more we need to restrict.

Dr. Wood: So, we'll do this once a quarter. We'll come in once a quarter and say, "Okay, the three month one is up and here is what we decided to do with the funds." to make sure everybody's on board.

Mr. Barney: I have a question, just because I want to know, you miss the three-month deadline. As soon as it comes to your attention, "Oh, we gotta move this." Does that affect anything? They just hold it? I don't know what the process is.

Mr. Winchel: That's why you gotta be careful, because, you know the institutions now they should know those type of things, opportunity to get more, they should be a little bit proactive by reaching out to you. But most banks, you know, when those CDs come due, you get a 10-day grace period. Other than that, they just roll it over . . .

Mr. Barney: At the rate it is? So that's we have to be careful, right?

Dr. Wood: At the current rate, not the rate you previously had.

Mr. Barney: No, it would be like if it went down, now we're getting it at the down rate. And you can't move it? You're locked in?

Mr. Winschel: For that period of time, yeah. You have the grace period after the fact. But you should do it before, a week or two before.

Mr. Barney: Okay, so we plan that 20 days - 10 days before, 10 days after.

Dr. Wood: We can put a calendar reminder in.

Mr. Cleaver: Are there any other questions?

Mr. Oberlander: I have a question for Perry. Can I get your opinion, in what do you feel like the level of the fund balance should be? Is that a big number? Would you like to see it smaller? I mean, historically, over 10 years – I mean, what typically, how big is that number?

Dr. Wood: How typically . . . ?

Mr. Oberlander: I mean it's at \$16 million now. Do you like that number, or what do you think it should be?

Dr. Wood: So, we always have \$5 million in reserve for 12 months, right? And then our typical grant making is between \$4 and \$5 million and then with the extra funds, we typically go a few years without making larger investments. We're kind of in one of those cycles now where we're going to start doing that. And typically, we've made those larger investments in two ways, either small business loan funds, which are on our Balance Sheet, or transformational grants with the Erie Community Foundation, Erie Insurance, and other funders. So, we're in a cycle right now where we're going to start making those investments. And actually, the apprenticeship program is a likely example.

Mr. Oberlander: So, you're comfortable with that number, is my point. We're going to be starting to drain that down, you know what I mean?

Dr. Wood: I think so.

Mr. Oberlander: I mean, I appreciate the interest because obviously that's paying bills. But we're in the business of making grants and loans

Dr. Wood: I think I'm comfortable with the cash flow, if that's what you're asking.

Mr. Cleaver: Do we tie this all together with the Treasurer's Report?

Dr. Wood: We've got it under a resolution for today.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 5-0.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

There was no Strategic Planning Meeting held, due to the staff being preoccupied with the Auditor General Entrance Meeting and Requests for Information.

c. Update from County Council

Chairman Scutella is not present to give a report.

d. Update from County Executive's Office

Mr. Sinnott: The Administration has nothing to report today. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: You'll see in there a copy of our communications report from Parker Phillips, which is now called Kate & Company because they did some rebranding. We did sponsor the Economic Research Institute of Erie conference - there's the agenda for it. I just want to remind everyone that you all have an opportunity to attend that as long as we keep sponsoring it. There is great news about the Fly Erie

Fund and the direct flight to Orlando twice a week. There's the press release there. It was great to be a part of that announcement, of course, and the fact that everyone kept it under wraps for so long I thought was really amazing.

Mr. Winschel: Perry, what's our part in that Fly Erie? I know we had talked about our commitment and if it remains the same. Have they got another one or accelerated it?

Dr. Wood: Let's just talk about that for a second. I am in the process of getting an update on where the rest of the fundraising is on that. It's mostly public sector fundraising and Erie Insurance. Allegheny Health Systems is in there too and we're very excited about it, but there's several individuals that gave to it that wanted to remain anonymous. And I think what we're going to be asked to do is put two years' worth of money into year one. Now that's to put it into the guarantee fund. So, the guarantee fund doesn't mean it's going to be spent. The sequestered guaranteed fund will sit there and that's how the enplanement concept works. Breeze has already sold out of several of these Orlando flights already. They're in high demand, right? So if that's the case, then the Fund will never be touched. The money is simply going to sit in the LLC. That is some confusion – I've seen some comments online from people who are confused and they're saying, "How much did we spend to get Breeze to come?" Well, we didn't spend anything to get Breeze to come here. I mean ECGRA didn't. The airport consultant is paid to help make that happen, but none of our funds will be drawn down until there's some type of reconciliation between Breeze and the airport as to how many seats were missing on these flights. That, of course, is part of the passenger enplanement concept, if that makes sense. Anything else on the Breeze stuff? It's exciting. Everybody I've talked to is pretty excited about it.

Mr. Barney: I got that one thing that said you get an extra 35% off if you booked it by the 19th. I tried to get in, but it was all gone.

Mr. Cleaver: That's good.

Dr. Wood: We talked about the CDs already, so next up on the list is the Auditor General stuff. There's an article that AJ wrote on the PA Auditor General coming in. We had our entrance meeting with the Auditor General's office last week. Tim and I kind of led that effort; Mr. Barney and Angie both attended on zoom. The whole thing was on Zoom. I think they had seven or eight auditors on the line with us, and we had Tim and Brian from the Knox Law Firm on our side, and then two board members, that was nice, and I had all the staff on the zoom too. I figured if they had questions for the staff, they might as well answer directly. I'd say the call was about an hour and 45 minutes. It was a pretty good meeting. Tim, why don't you talk about your impressions of it.

Mr. Wachter: I think it was a great meeting. The auditors, the audit supervisor, is from Washington County, and clearly had started the conversation with the impression that the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was operating in the same manner that Washington County was distributing their gaming funds. I would say that my personal impression is that Washington County is Erie County Gaming Authority prior to the lawsuits in the Settlement of 2008. They've got a little transparency work to do, they've got a little formalization to do, they're handing out money in a political process. And when she kept asking these pointed questions regarding process and procedures and policies and guidelines, at one point, she even stopped and said, "I have to tell you, you're not Washington County." To which we replied, "No, no, we're not."

Dr. Wood: It was a great compliment.

Mr. Wachter: It was a great compliment. And it was wonderful for her to see, I think, they were coming to the realization that we operate in a professional manner, and so the tenor of the conversation, I don't want to say it changed, but it lightened the whole thing. So, we set up a data

room. They made the first request for information. I set up a data room online. Tammi has been rapidly uploading every document known to man, and they're downloading them just as quickly as we put them up. So, I'm confident we're going to come through this pretty well.

Mr. Winschel: Hey Tim or Perry, were you able to have that conversation about the revenue for the reconciliation?

Mr. Wachter: Yeah, we did. I raised it. They were not ready for that comment. They asked me to send them information. I sent them the updated correspondence. They said they would run it up the flagpole.

Mr. Winschel: It wasn't on their agenda, I guess.

Mr. Wachter: It was not on their agenda. Auditors like their agendas.

Mr. Winschel: At least we did the due diligence part of it.

Mr. Wachter: So, I explained it to them, they seemed receptive to the concept. We pointed out in their audit letter how one of the obligations for us, is to identify to them failures and operational concerns that are impacting us. That was the only one that we had.

Dr. Wood: I just want to go on record and say I really appreciate Tom and Tammi's professionalism in joining me in that process. And we've basically been working for the last three days; yesterday was the deadline to turn in the information to the Auditor General's office. So, we worked basically three days straight in order to compile all that information. I would say we had about 90% of it, but the other 10% we had to create some documents for them in order to accurately express the current state of the organization and how we do things. In some ways it was good because we documented processes that we had never documented before.

Mr. Winschel: Is there any time frame they give you for completion of it?

Dr. Wood: No. In fact, there's also no real commitment to the scope. The scope can change at any time, so they can expand it if they choose to, which makes the timeline question even more evasive.

Mr. Cleaver: Any more discussion?

Dr. Wood: Wait a second. I do have one more thing. Okay, the final thing in my packet here is I put an article in here from Spotlight PA - Pennsylvania Casinos ask Courts to Force States to Tax Skill Games Found in Stores Equally to Slots. Okay, now this story, I think, is really important for us to keep track of. We've been following the skills game discussion as a staff for several years now. I think this goes back to 2018. Before then, there was an extent of discussion about video game terminals, or VGTs. The reason these issues are important to us is because they are loopholes in the gaming legislation, and they affect the key tenet of the gaming legislation, which is the way casinos are taxed. And they have to be taxed uniformly. If they're not taxed uniformly, then it's in violation of the PA Constitution. So, in 2015 when the gaming legislation was declared unconstitutional, it was based on that exact tenet. So, this is attacking that tenet of the law once again. At the time it was one casino suing the state of Pennsylvania. Now it's 11. Eleven casinos are suing on this issue.

We understand why they are doing it - they have bricks and mortar to maintain, and these folks have these skill games that just come in from Ohio, they drop them at a gas station or someplace like that. I mean, there's specific storefronts dedicated just to these things, and then they don't pay the kind of taxes that casinos do, which is 55%. That is what casinos pay on slots. Well, they're saying they're not slots - these are skill games, but you're still gambling money. So, if you ask the casinos,

they would say they're taking away from bricks and mortar in profits, number one, and number two, they're not being taxed at the same rate we are. That's a problem. That's unconstitutional.

So we're going to keep following this, because the last time this spun out of control, the whole thing was declared unconstitutional, we had to go hire a lobbyist, we had to make several trips to Harrisburg, we had to work with our state delegation on fixing the local share gaming revenue portion of the law. I suppose it could happen again, so we're going to track it and give you an update when something comes through.

Under Old Business – you're going to have to approve this every year. PMRS puts this out (Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System) that's where the three employees at ECGRA have – you're going to have to pass this into, well it's like recognition that you've received it. Basically, it just says this is the minimum municipal obligation. So that'd be at the top and I will ask you to do that little business along with making the Investment Policy that was passed last month an addendum to our Impact Investment Policy. Are there any questions for me?

Thanks for your attention.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: I've already spoken about the audit. I have nothing further.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. PMRS Advisory for 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation

Dr. Wood: Okay, so the PMRS thing is in your packet. We just need someone to make a motion to . . . Tim, can you help us here?

Mr. Wachter: . . . a motion to approve the receipt of the Minimum Municipal Obligation.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the MMO. Mr. Winchel seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the PMRS MMO. Motion carries 5-0.

- b. Addendum to the ECGRA Impact Investment Policy

Dr. Wood: Okay, so all this other one is, is last month, we passed the investment policy. We want to make that investment policy an addendum to our Impact Investment Policy so it's all one document.

Ms. Hess makes a motion to approve the addendum be added to the Impact Investment Policy. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the matter. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 20, 2024 – Resolution to Retroactively Approve ECGRA Investments Pursuant to the ECGRA Investment Policy and Prior Board Authorization

Dr. Wood: I do want to say we don't have any grants to approve this month and the reason for that is we have been kind of busy with the Auditor General stuff. So, we will get back on track with going back to grantmaking and we will follow up from this meeting with a Doodle to schedule the Anchor Building and Parks, Fields, & Trails.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Winschel: I just have one question, Tim. So, those dollar amounts to award to those institutions as far as statements of collateral, can we get those?

Mr. Wachter: We should have those statements.

Mr. Winschel: In case they ask, we have them.

Mr. Wachter: Yes.

Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Oberlander moves to adjourn. Mr. Barney seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 9:00am.

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Profit & Loss
August 2024**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44000 · ARPA Fund				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	1,159,818.47	1,437,558.98		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue				
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	17,292.37	192,647.49		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		7,583.33		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		5,000.00		
46424.5 · Interest Income - 1855 Capital				
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		6,500.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive		6,319.44		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		1,396.83		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT	2,556.00	5,112.00		
Total Income	<u>1,179,666.84</u>	<u>1,662,118.07</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	6,259.74	33,650.98	29,855.00	71,650.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,677.50	8,435.49	9,665.00	23,200.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,559.60	6,101.32	8,230.00	19,750.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	7,202.78	23,905.75	22,915.00	55,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	36,157.68	136,820.49	121,645.00	291,950.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	35,665.00	511,381.00	362,255.00	869,408.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	(1,266.52)		
Total Expense	<u>88,522.30</u>	<u>719,028.51</u>	<u>554,565.00</u>	<u>1,330,958.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,091,144.54	943,089.56		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		288,633.93		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	289,954.62	359,389.75		
70070 · Special Events	7,375.50	199,090.70		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		100,000.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	58,334.00	1,167,281.18		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program				
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing				
70136 · Ignite Erie_Beehive				
70140 · Pilot Projects		75,000.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block		213,334.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		60,000.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
70300 · Transformational Grants		353,077.00		
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>355,664.12</u>	<u>2,815,806.56</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(355,664.12)</u>	<u>(2,815,806.56)</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>735,480.42</u></u>	<u><u>(1,872,717.00)</u></u>		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2024

	August
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings/Money Market	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	61,627.49
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	1,133,235.51
10102 · Restricted Funds	4,502,017.72
10104 · ARPA Fund	363,025.99
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	-5,181,824.12
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	816,455.10
10110 · Erie Bank Money Market	6,048,986.00
Total Checking/Savings/Money Market	6,927,068.59
Other Current Assets	
10300 · Erie FCU CD	5,000,000.00
10400 · Flagship CD	2,000,000.00
10500 · FNB CD_3	1,000,000.00
10510 · FNB CD_6	1,000,000.00
10520 · FNB CD_9	1,000,000.00
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	520,000.00
12085 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Nnprofit	100,000.00
12090 · NR - eCAT	500,000.00
12500 · NR - Youth Leadership Institute	103,029.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,554,786.72)
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	6,218,242.28
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	9,505.99
Total Other Current Assets	16,227,748.27
Total Current Assets	23,154,816.86
TOTAL ASSETS	23,154,816.86

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Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2024

	<u>August</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
20100* - Deferred Revenue	(4,000,000.00)
20300 - Unearned Revenue	4,869,407.88
Total Current Liabilities	<u>869,407.88</u>
Total Liabilities	869,407.88
Equity	
30000 - Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 - Unrestricted Net Assets	21,231,061.80
Net Income	<u>(1,872,717.00)</u>
Total Equity	<u>22,285,408.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>23,154,816.86</u></u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
August 2024

Expense	August	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 - Contracted Services					
62110 - Accounting Fees	1,650.00	8,150.00	8,150.00	0.00	100.00%
62130 - Professional Services	3,000.00	15,000.00	40,000.00	(25,000.00)	37.50%
62140 - Legal Services	1,470.00	8,316.00	20,000.00	(11,684.00)	41.58%
62145 - Website Design	0.00	1,682.56	2,000.00	(317.44)	84.13%
62150 - Payroll Services	139.74	502.42	1,500.00	(997.58)	33.49%
Total 62100 - Contracted Services	6,259.74	33,650.98	71,650.00	(37,999.02)	46.97%
62800 - Facilities & Equipment					
62840 - Office Equipment	0.00	47.99	3,000.00	(2,952.01)	1.60%
62890 - Rent	1,677.50	8,387.50	20,200.00	(11,812.50)	41.52%
Total 62800 - Facilities & Equipment	1,677.50	8,435.49	23,200.00	(14,764.51)	36.36%
65000 - Office Administration					
65010 - Books, Subscriptions, Dues	549.99	958.96	3,000.00	(2,041.04)	31.97%
65020 - Postage	0.00	31.66	100.00	(68.34)	31.66%
65040 - Office Supplies	134.14	885.90	2,000.00	(1,114.10)	44.30%
65050 - Cell Phone	467.45	1,195.01	3,000.00	(1,804.99)	39.83%
65060 - Copier Lease	345.95	1,729.75	4,200.00	(2,470.25)	41.18%
65070 - Copier Printing Costs	32.07	32.07	200.00	(167.93)	16.04%
65080 - Bank Fees	30.00	135.00	500.00	(365.00)	27.00%
65085 - Professional Development	0.00	400.00	3,000.00	(2,600.00)	13.33%
65090 - Meeting Expenses	0.00	732.97	3,500.00	(2,767.03)	20.94%
65095 - Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 - Office Administration	1,559.60	6,101.32	19,750.00	(13,648.68)	30.89%
65100 - Other Types of Expenses					
65105 - Outreach	45.00	4,878.50	5,000.00	(121.50)	97.57%
65110 - Advertising	478.69	3,718.00	4,000.00	(282.00)	92.95%
65115 - Phone/IT/Fax	5,074.56	8,851.17	18,000.00	(9,148.83)	49.17%
65120 - Insurance	1,393.55	5,792.98	18,000.00	(12,207.02)	32.18%
65130 - Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	0.00%
65150 - Travel	210.98	665.10	4,000.00	(3,334.90)	16.63%
Total 65100 - Other Types of Expenses	7,202.78	23,905.75	55,000.00	(31,094.25)	43.47%
66000 - Payroll Expenses					
66005 - Salaries & Wages	31,699.77	121,237.77	250,000.00	(128,762.23)	48.50%
66010 - FITW Tax	2,179.11	7,986.72	20,000.00	(12,013.28)	39.93%
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	2,278.80	7,596.00	19,800.00	(12,204.00)	38.36%
Total 66000 - Payroll Expenses	36,157.68	136,820.49	291,950.00	(155,129.51)	46.86%
67000 - Building a Better Future (ARPA)					
67005 - Contracted Services - ARPA	6,499.00	11,999.00	11,000.00	999.00	109.08%
67010 - Subawards - ARPA	29,166.00	499,382.00	858,408.00	(359,026.00)	58.18%
67025 - Indirect Costs - ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
67030 - Salaries & Wages - ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 67000 - Building a Better Future (ARPA)	35,665.00	511,381.00	869,408.00	(358,027.00)	167.26%
7000 - Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	(1,266.52)			
Total Expense	88,522.30	719,028.51	1,330,958.00	(611,929.49)	54.02%

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	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	4,502,017.72		
Committed Funds	1,133,235.51		
ARPA Funds	363,025.99		
 2024 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		277,740.51	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue	1,159,818.47	1,159,818.47	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			1,437,558.98
 2024 Interactive Gaming Revenue			
FY 2023-2024			0.00
 FY Disbursements:			
First Quarter Disbursements		2,202,281.44	
Second Quarter Disbursements	384,830.12	937,907.12	
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			3,140,188.56

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements/MRIs

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
MUNICIPALITIES			
Settlements			
Summit Township	130,479.57	161,725.40	
Greene Township	31,895.01	39,532.87	
McKean Township	31,895.01	39,532.87	
Millcreek Township	31,895.01	39,532.87	
Waterford Township	31,895.01	39,532.87	
Erie County	31,895.01	39,532.87	
			359,389.75
 Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
Jefferson Educational Society		100,000.00	
			100,000.00
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT			
Community Facilities			
Harvest 912		10,050.00	
Union Township		33,500.00	
			43,550.00
 Erie County Investment Playbook			
			0.00

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NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

	August	YTD	Subtotal
Anchor Building			
2019 Impact Corry		60,000.00	
2022 East Side Renaissance		50,000.00	
		110,000.00	110,000.00

Mission Main Street			
2019 Borough of Union City		125,000.00	
Borough of North East		125,000.00	
City of Erie		205,000.00	
Downtown Girard		125,000.00	
Fairview Township		175,000.00	
Impact Corry		125,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		100,000.00	
2022 Downtown North East	87,500.00	87,500.00	
		1,067,500.00	1,067,500.00

Renaissance Block			
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		100,000.00	
Borough of Edinboro		80,000.00	
Borough of North East		80,000.00	
Borough of Union City		100,000.00	
Downtown Girard		80,000.00	
Impact Corry		100,000.00	
		540,000.00	540,000.00

PILOT PROJECT

Erie City Moms		75,000.00	
Nonprofit Partnership		3,947.18	
		78,947.18	78,947.18

QUALITY OF PLACE

Community Assets

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Albion Area Fair, Inc.	7,000.00
AmeriMasala	10,000.00
Community Resources for Independence	3,138.93
Dafmark Dance Theater	10,000.00
Downtown North East, Inc.	12,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	5,500.00
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	13,000.00
Erie Art Company	5,000.00
Erie Arts & Music Festival	12,000.00
Erie Yesterday	14,000.00
Erie's Black Wall Street	12,000.00

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Arts, Culture, & Heritage (con.t)

	August	YTD	Subtotal
Film Society of Northwestern PA		10,000.00	
Heberle's Heartstrings		1,500.00	
Hornby School Restoration Society		6,300.00	
Impact Corry		11,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		12,000.00	
Messiah Lutheran Church		5,000.00	
Springfield Township		1,445.00	
Triangle DAR		10,000.00	
Veterans Miracle Center Erie		15,000.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association		13,500.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		11,000.00	
WQLN Public Media		13,000.00	
YMCA of Corry		7,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		15,000.00	
		235,383.93	

Community Centers

Harvest 912		4,950.00	
Union Township		16,500.00	
		21,450.00	

Parks, Fields, Trails

Borough of Union City		25,000.00	
Headwaters Natural Resource Center Trust		9,500.00	
		34,500.00	

Special Events

Albion Area Fair, Inc.		13,700.25	
Americans for Competitive Enterprise Sys		2,700.00	
AmeriMasala		1,683.00	
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.		3,363.73	
Barber National Institute		12,516.08	
Borough of Edinboro		1,507.50	
Borough of Girard		572.93	
Borough of Wesleyville		869.40	
Borough of Union City		207.00	
CAFE		15,000.00	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc,		3,313.85	
Downtown North East, Inc.		3,044.70	
Edinboro University Foundation		2,553.75	
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest		3,420.00	
Erie Art & Music Festival		5,130.00	
Erie County Bar Association		2,250.00	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc		3,288.60	

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Special Events (con't)

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Erie Latino Leadership Association		1,391.18	
Erie Lions Club Save an Eye Game		1,125.00	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.		4,500.00	
Erie Roller Derby		364.14	
Erie United Methodist Alliance		3,150.00	
Erie-Western PA Port Authority		5,652.90	
Film Society of Northwestern PA		5,458.50	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		2,947.50	
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team		936.00	
Harborcreek Township		1,350.00	
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church		7,065.00	
Humane Society of NWPA		7,074.00	
Impact Corry		3,472.79	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		15,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		2,245.50	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	7,375.50	7,375.50	
Mercy Center for Women		4,059.00	
Orthodox Church of the Nativity		2,700.00	
Presque Isle Light Station		1,011.15	
Presque Isle Partnership		4,990.50	
Saint Patrick Church		7,389.66	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		5,031.16	
Union City Pride		946.13	
Waterford Community Fair Association		8,685.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		12,651.75	
YMCA of Greater Erie		330.75	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		4,366.80	
		<u>4,366.80</u>	<u>196,390.70</u>

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS

Enterprise Development Fund		250,000.00	
Erie Center for Arts & Technology		103,077.00	
		<u>103,077.00</u>	<u>353,077.00</u>

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Summer Jobs & More

0.00

Total Funds Disbursements	384,830.12	3,140,188.56	<u>3,140,188.56</u>
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		<u>August</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			
	20 Borough of Union City		15,000.00	64,375.00
	Mission Main Street 2022			
	Downtown North East	87,500.00	0.00	175,000.00
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development		62,500.00	125,000.00
	Our West Bayfront		125,000.00	125,000.00
MUN	Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
	21 Borough of North East		50,000.00	100,000.00
SB	Beehive Network			
	Community Enterprise Financing Loan			
	Small Business Ecosystem			
	Impact Corry		87,500.00	175,000.00
QP	Transformational Grants			
	Erie Center for Arts & Technology		125,983.00	229,060.00
PP	Pilot Program			
Y&E	Shaping Tomorrow			
	Summer Jobs 2023		25,002.51	150,000.00
	Summer Jobs 2024		200,000.00	200,000.00
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
Total Committed Funds		87,500.00	1,133,235.51	2,243,935.00
ARPA Transformative Funds				
	Subawards	29,166.00	359,025.99	3,622,025.00
	Contracted Services	1,500.00	4,000.00	273,274.00
	Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	93,406.00
	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	11,295.00
Total ARPA Funds		30,666.00	363,025.99	4,000,000.00

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Transaction List Detail
August 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/01/2024	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	07/13/2024 to 07/26/2024 Payroll	-9,768.03
08/02/2024	EFT	VISA	Visa Statement 7/10/2024	-5,852.62
08/05/2024	EFT	Fidelity Investments	07/13/2024 to 07/26/2024 Simple IRA	-500.00
08/05/2024	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 7/26/2024	-759.60
08/05/2024	EFT	Local iQ	Meetings 7/11, 7/18	-178.69
08/05/2024	EFT	The Hartford	2024 August Disability	-109.39
08/05/2024	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2024 August Rent	-1,677.50
08/05/2024	EFT	Altair Real Estate	Consulting - Grow Erie	-1,500.00
08/05/2024	EFT	ComDoc, Inc.	2024 August Copy Fees	-32.07
08/05/2024	EFT	Downtown North East, Inc.	2022 MMS - Final Payment	-87,500.00
08/05/2024	EFT	KimKopy Printing	Louis Nameplate	-45.00
08/05/2024	EFT	MaherDuessel, CPA	203-24 Audit	-1,650.00
08/05/2024	EFT	Perry Wood	2024 Q2 Phone, Travel	-320.03
08/05/2024	EFT	Tom M. Maggio	2024 Q2 Phone, Travel	-358.40
08/05/2024	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2024 August Phone/IT (Titan)	-1,156.72
08/07/2024	EFT	Highmark Health Insurance	2024 August Health Insurance	-3,214.53
08/12/2024	EFT	Diligent Corporation	2024 Board Effect	-3,748.35
08/12/2024	EFT	Summit Township	2024 Q2 Settlement	-130,479.57
08/12/2024	EFT	Greene Township	2024 Q2 Settlement	-31,895.01
08/12/2024	EFT	McKean Township	2024 Q2 Settlement	-31,895.01
08/12/2024	EFT	Millcreek Township	2024 Q2 Settlement	-31,895.01
08/12/2024	EFT	Waterford Township	2024 Q2 Settlement	-31,895.01
08/12/2024	EFT	Erie County	2024 Q2 Settlement	-31,895.01
08/15/2024	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	07/27/2024 to 08/09/2024 Payroll	-9,768.03
08/15/2024	EFT	Fidelity Investments	07/27/2024 to 08/09/2024 Simple IRA	-500.00
08/15/2024	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 08/09/2024	-759.60
08/15/2024	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2024 August Legal	-1,470.00
08/15/2024	EFT	Kate & Co., Inc	2024 August Professional Services	-3,000.00
08/21/2024	EFT	Erie Bank	Wire Fee for CD Transfer	-30.00
08/26/2024	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2024 August Copier Lease	-345.95
08/28/2024	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	08/10/24 to 08/23/24 Payroll	-9,768.03
08/28/2024	EFT	Fidelity Investments	08/10/24 to 08/23/24 Simple IRA	-500.00
08/28/2024	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 8/23/2024	-759.60
08/28/2024	EFT	Erie County Convention Center Authority	US Navy Band Event	-300.00
08/28/2024	EFT	Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	2024 Special Events	-7,375.50



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

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		07/10/2024
Days In Billing Cycle		31
Previous Balance		\$565.25
Purchases	+	\$5,852.62
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$565.25
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
NEW BALANCE		\$5,852.62

Account Inquiries

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- Go to WWW.MyCardStatement.com
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Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$34,147.38
Available Cash	\$34,147.38
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$5,852.62
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$5,852.62
PAYMENT DUE DATE	08/04/2024

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				\$565.25-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
07/03	07/03	1632953407	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$565.25-

Cardholder Account Summary

TAMMI MICHALI ####-####-####-9468	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$5,852.62	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$5,852.62
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Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
06/17	06/18	PBUS01	24692164170101856373565	TOPS MARKETS #601 ERIE PA	\$2.59
06/18	06/19	PBUS01	24011344170000055625951	ZOOM.US 888-799-9666 WWW.ZOOM.US CA	\$169.49
06/18	06/20	PBUS01	24121574171000170180260	KOLDROCK WATERS, INC. 000-0000000 PA	\$16.00
06/20	06/23	PBUS01	24789304173837301094529	GANNETT NEWSRPRR NE 888-8710686 IN	\$11.99

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Account Number
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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
07/10/24	\$5,852.62	\$5,852.62	08/04/24

\$

BL ACCT 00100029-10000000
ERIE COUNTY GAMING
5340 FRYLING ROAD
SUITE 201
ERIE PA 16510-4672



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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VISA
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CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517

Cardholder Account Detail Continued

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
06/24	06/25	PBUS01	24137464177001411733776	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.99 <i>U.S.</i>
07/01	07/02	PBUS01	24067204183301191002095	POLICYMAP INTERNET 866-9236277 PA	\$4,999.00 <i>ARPA</i>
07/01	07/02	PBUS01	24801974184017133106657	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCI 312-431-9100 IL	\$538.00 <i>membership</i>
07/08	07/09	PBUS01	24137464191001387396774	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.99 <i>U.S.</i>
07/08	07/09	PBUS01	24692164190109533334120	AMZN Mktp US*RY43S8J40 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$76.80 <i>U.S.</i>
07/09	07/10	PBUS01	24692164191100169627662	AMAZON MKTPL*RY4PX8FY1 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$34.77 <i>U.S.</i>

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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 07/09/2024

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
Purchases									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	1.02083%(M)	12.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$5,852.62
Cash									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	1.02083%(M)	12.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00

* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily

** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees

Days In Billing Cycle: 31

APR = Annual Percentage Rate

¹ FCM = Finance Charge Method

(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.

Final Details for Order #111-3075211-2008265

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Order Placed: July 8, 2024
Amazon.com order number: 111-3075211-2008265
Order Total: \$76.80

Shipped on July 8, 2024

Items Ordered

Price

2 of: *Starbucks Pike Place Medium Roast Ground Coffee, 24 K-Cup Pods (Pack of 2)*

\$38.40

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:

Visa ending in 9468

Item(s) Subtotal: \$76.80

Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Billing address

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

Total before tax: \$76.80

Estimated tax to be collected: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$76.80

Credit Card transactions

Visa ending in 9468: July 8, 2024: \$76.80

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United States

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Order Placed: July 8, 2024
Amazon.com order number: 111-8744659-4302614
Order Total: \$34.77

Shipped on July 9, 2024

Items Ordered

Price

1 of: *Post-it 100% Recycled Paper Super Sticky Notes, 2X The Sticking Power, 3x3 in, 24 Pads/Pack, 70 Sheets/Pad, Wanderlust Pastels Collection (654R-24SSNRPCP)* \$24.78

Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc

Supplied by: Other

Condition: New

1 of: *(100-Pack) Coffee Cup Lids - Disposable Coffee Lids for 10, 12, 16, 20, & 24 oz Paper Cups, 8 oz Squat Cups, Dome Cup Lids for To-Go Beverages, Espresso, Tea, Hot Chocolate - White* \$9.99

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United States

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Payment Method:

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United States

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
SEPTEMBER
2024**



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AUDITOR GENERAL

August 22, 2024

Mr. Ronald Cleaver
Chair
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite 201
Erie, PA 16510

Mr. Perry Wood
Executive Director
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road, Suite 201
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Chair Cleaver and Mr. Wood:

As you know, the Department of the Auditor General (Department) is in the process of conducting a performance audit of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority as discussed in the attached engagement letter dated July 17, 2024.

This letter is to advise you that the Department will be adding a further objective to the current engagement. The audit period will be April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2024, with updates, where applicable, through the end of the audit procedures, for the following audit objective:

- Determine whether the ECGRA received gaming revenue in accordance with the Economic Development Financing (EDF) Law; the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Gaming Act); the 2008 Ordinance; and the 2010 Settlement Agreement.

The Department is not changing the original audit period for its original audit objectives. If you have any questions or concerns about this performance audit, please contact Scott D. King, CPA, Director, Bureau of Performance Audits, at 717-787-2150 or SKing@paauditor.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy L. DeFoor".

Timothy L. DeFoor
Auditor General

Attachment

Mr. Ronald Cleaver
Mr. Perry Wood
August 22, 2024
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cc: The Honorable Josh Shapiro, Governor
The Honorable Uri Monson, Secretary of the Budget
The Honorable Scott Martin, Majority Appropriations Chairman, Pennsylvania Senate
The Honorable Vincent Hughes, Minority Appropriations Chairman, Pennsylvania Senate
The Honorable Jordan Harris, Majority Appropriations Chairman, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
The Honorable Seth Grove, Minority Appropriations Chairman, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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The Honorable Joanna McClinton, Speaker of the House, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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The Honorable Brad Roae, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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The Honorable Brenton Davis, Erie County Executive
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Mr. Scott D. King, CPA, Director, Bureau of Performance Audits, Department of the Auditor General



ECGRA Communications Services Report

Aug 2024

Meeting with Executive Director

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

Aug Comms

IMPLEMENTED

- August social media posts
- 2 new graphics created in August
- Strategic Marketing Planning meeting for fall with Executive Director

IN PROGRESS | 2024 Grant Releases and Graphics

- 2023–2024 Annual Report graphics
- Community Assets – Arts, Culture, Heritage
 - Media advisory and pitching
 - Press Event
 - Press release and distribution
 - Grant recipient graphics
- Mission Main Street – grant awards
 - Media advisory and pitching
 - Press Event
 - Press release and distribution
 - Grant recipient graphics
- Holiday Graphics

IN PLANNING

- Fall grants and event planning/scheduling (Anchor building in progress)





Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, September 6, 2024
11:00am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway
Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

1. Anchor Building review
 - 10 Applications

6 recommended

2. Update on First Ascent (Gannon University)

Memo Delivered

3. PLGIT Update

Resolution Reviewed

4. Good of the Order

REMINDER: Monday, September 9th at 9am, we are meeting up with members of Infinite Erie to tour the projects of the Eastside Renaissance group. We meet at **1108 Parade Street** to start.

Perry Wood

From: M Tredway <mtredway@infiniteerie.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:28 AM
To: M Tredway
Subject: ADVISORY: Infinite Erie to Announce Funding to Expand ECAT's Construction Trades Training Program

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Infinite Erie to Announce Funding to Expand ECAT's Construction Trades Training Program

Nearly \$1 million to include supervised On-The-Job Training (OJT)

CONTACT: Mary Wassell
wassell@parkerstrategygroup.com
814.528.4930 | mobile

ERIE, PA — Infinite Erie and partners, including Erie Insurance, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), and the Erie Community Foundation, will be hosting a press conference to celebrate the additional funding to expand the Erie Center for Arts & Technology's (ECAT) Construction Trades Training program. This expansion will address a demonstrated gap in the residential construction ecosystem and remove a barrier to the success of other projects focused on increasing affordable housing opportunities in Erie County.

WHAT: Press conference on the expansion of the Construction Trades Training program at ECAT

WHO: Kim Thomas, Executive Director, Infinite Erie
Karen Bilowith, Chair, Erie Action Team and President & CEO, Erie Community Foundation
Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA
Christine Goodrich Blashock, Esq., Chief Diversity & Community Development Officer, Erie Insurance
Daria Devlin, Director of Social Impact, Hamot Health Foundation

WHEN: September 12, 2024

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: 211 Parade Street (BEST property)
Erie, PA 16507

ABOUT INFINITE ERIE

By coordinating inclusive growth strategies to deliver transformative change, Infinite Erie will implement Erie's Investment Playbook and position Erie to attract & secure more public and private sector funding than like-size regions. Powered by the Erie Action Team, the team consists of public, private, philanthropic, and civic leadership in Erie County, who bring influence, guidance, and resources to empower the work of the Delivery Teams and put plans into action, including: Erie Community Foundation, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), Erie Insurance, Jefferson Educational Society, Hamot Health Foundation, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Erie County Redevelopment Authority, City of Erie, Diverse Erie, Erie's Black Wall Street, Urban Erie Community Development Corporation, Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation (GEEDC), and the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania (ex-officio)

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U.S. NEWS

Pennsylvania casinos ask court to force state to tax skill games found in stores equally to slots



FILE - People play slot machines at Philadelphia Park Casino and Racetrack, June 25, 2007, in Bensalem, Pa. The owners of twelve Pennsylvania casinos have asked the state's highest court to declare that a tax on slot machine revenue is unconstitutional because the state doesn't impose it broadly on cash-paying electronic game terminals known as skill games that can be found in many bars and stores. (AP Photo/Mel Evans, File)

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BY **MARC LEVY**

Updated 5:01 PM EDT, July 30, 2024



“There is no basis for requiring licensed entities to pay about half of their slot machine revenue to the Commonwealth while allowing unlicensed entities to pay no tax on such revenue,” they argue in the lawsuit.

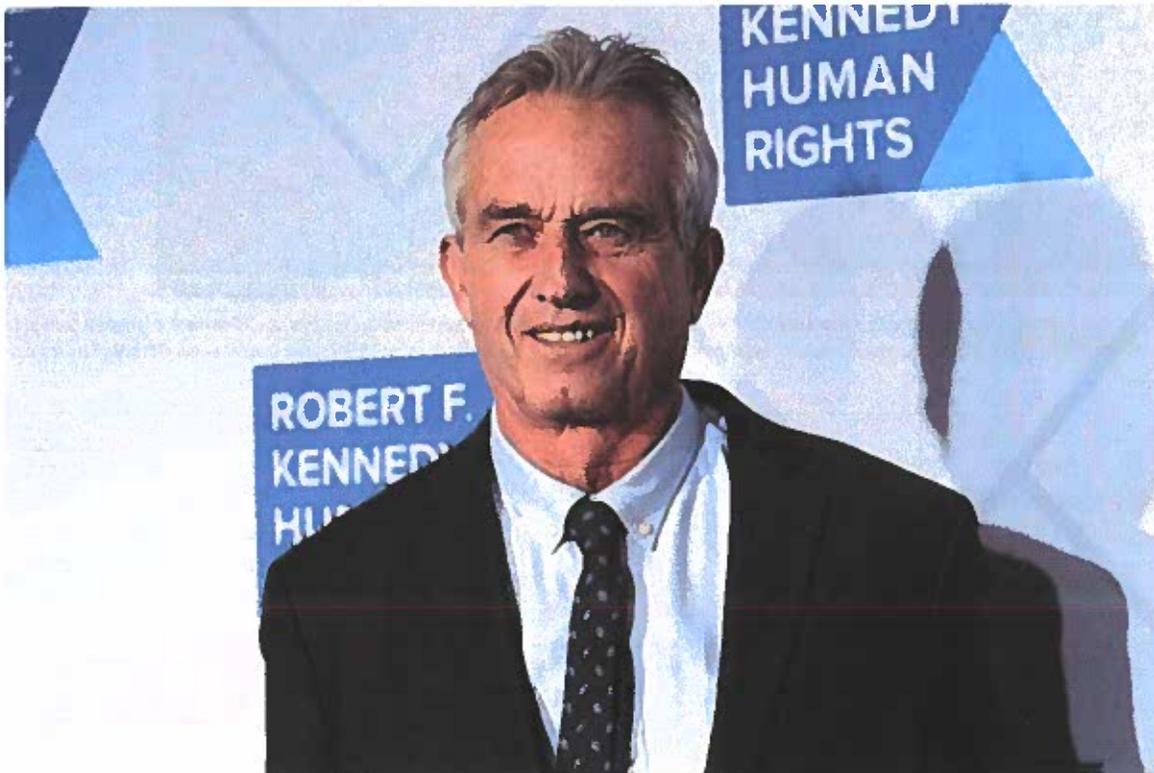
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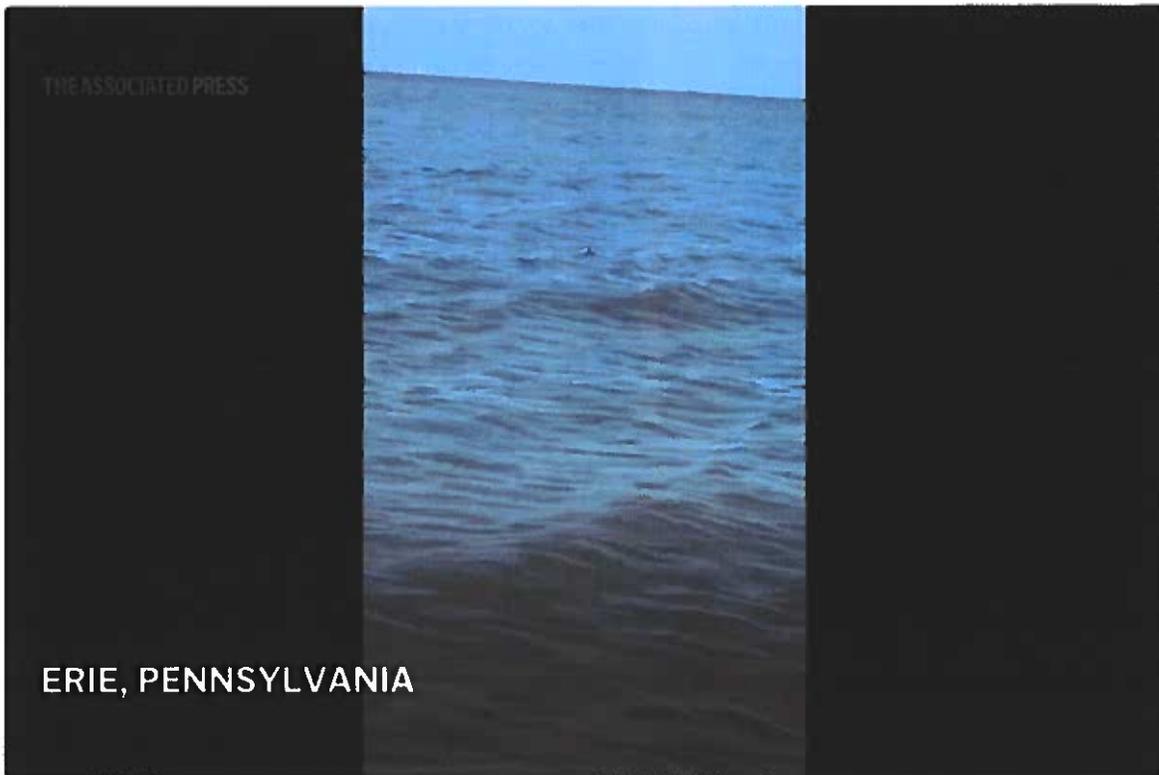
The lawsuit asks the court to force the state to apply the same tax rate to skill games or to bar it from collecting taxes on slot machines.

The casinos’ owners include dozens of principals, as well as major casino companies such as Caesars Entertainment Inc. and Penn Entertainment Inc.

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The state Department of Revenue declined comment on the lawsuit. The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board said it had just learned of lawsuit and was evaluating it.

Pennsylvania brings in more tax revenue from casinos than any other state, according to American Gaming Association figures.

The fate of the lawsuit, filed by the owners of 12 of the state's 17 licensed and operating casinos, is likely tied to the outcome of a [separate lawsuit](#) that the state Supreme Court is considering.

That case — between the state attorney general's office and Pace-O-Matic Inc., a maker of skill games — could decide whether the skill games that have become commonplace in nonprofit clubs, convenience stores, bars and elsewhere are unlicensed gambling machines and, as a result, must be shut down.

A lower court found that the Pace-O-Matic games are based on a player's ability and not solely on chance, like slot machines and other traditional gambling games that are regulated by the state.

For years, the state has maintained that the devices are unlicensed gambling machines that are operating illegally and subject to seizure by police. Machine makers, distributors and retailers contend that they are legal, if unregulated, games that are not subject to state gambling control laws.

Lawmakers have long discussed regulating and taxing the devices, but any agreement has been elusive.

It's unclear exactly how many **skill game terminals** there are in Pennsylvania, but the American Gaming Association estimates **there are at least 67,000**, which would be **more than any other state**.

Casinos operate roughly 25,000 regulated slot machines on which gamblers wagered almost \$32 billion last year and lost just over \$2.4 billion. The state and casinos effectively split that amount.

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Tammi Michali

From: Perry Wood
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Tammi Michali
Subject: FW: Skill Games

Please include this email in my ex dir report.

From: Kozak, David <dkozak@pasen.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 3:13 PM
To: Perry Wood <pwood@ecgra.org>
Cc: Nagle, Katherine <knagle@pasen.gov>
Subject: Skill Games

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Hi Perry,

I hope you've had a good week. I apologize for the delay, but after my week in Erie I was travelling all last week but didn't forget about you.

As far as an update, I went through the Legislation a little more as well as spoke with Senator Yaw's office to get some details.

So first, I was a little mistaken when I characterized the bill and how it fits into current gaming laws. [Senate Bill 706](#) is a standalone bill, meaning that it does not amend current gaming laws in Title 4, which is what the 2004 Race Horse Development and Gamic Act did. Because Senate Bill 706 is not amending Title 4, it is not bond to the unique distribution formulas for the casino revenue. That's not to say that, as conversations continue, that could change or we could see some of those unique formulas come into play; however, as the bill currently stands, those are not included.

That's not necessarily a bad thing. As I mentioned in our meeting, the bill is just a starting point, and any final product will likely be heavily negotiated among several interested parties. So, it is plausible that it ends up in Title 4 when everything is said and done. Again, I have not spoken to anyone who believes this legislation, or any other type of Skill Game legislation, is a priority for the fall prior to the end of Session.

So, as I understand it, Erie County, within the limits of Title 4, created their own board. If that is the case and the county did in fact decide to set up the board themselves, then the county and the board could make the decision on how to share the profits.

In speaking with Senator Yaw's office, based on the research that they have seen, they do not think the inclusion of skill games will diminish casino revenues. Casinos are currently making record profits while skill games, while found to be legal by the court, are still operating unregulated. Our hope with this legislation would be to see these games taxed to ensure the state and the counties and municipalities where these games are located see their fair share. As the bill currently stands, skill game revenue and casino revenue are separate pots of money and will be distributed separately.

I hope this helps. Please feel free to call or email any time with any questions.

-David

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Met w/ Dave Kazak

Senate of Pennsylvania Session of 2023 - 2024 Regular Session

MEMORANDUM

Posted: April 10, 2023 12:18 PM
From: Senator Gene Yaw
To: All Senate members
Subject: Skill Video Gaming Act

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will regulate and establish an additional tax on skill video games in the Commonwealth.

Skill video games, operated in a regulated environment, will significantly benefit the Commonwealth by providing substantial revenue and creating jobs. All games will be required to be connected to a terminal collection and control system that allows the Commonwealth to monitor all transactions and ensure that all taxes are accrued and paid.

Upon passage of this legislation, experts estimate that approximately \$300 million in annual tax revenue will immediately flow to the Commonwealth.

One of the largest skill video game manufacturers is located in my District. This industry has created hundreds of manufacturing jobs in and around my District. Nearly all of the components are sourced in the United States, many in our Commonwealth. Recently, manufacturing projects associated with skill video games have been reshored from China to Williamsport. The manufacturing of skill video games is creating good, family-sustaining jobs in our Commonwealth.

Additionally, my legislation will strengthen penalties for those who operate unlicensed and illegal games and gambling devices. These illegal gambling devices' negative impacts include but are not limited to the non-payment of local, state, or federal taxes, criminal activity, nuisance, and an increased strain on local and state law enforcement resources.

When so many small businesses, including bars, restaurants, and fraternal and veterans clubs are struggling due to the economic strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, skill video games are keeping them afloat by providing them with supplemental revenue.

This bill will address both the need to clean up the market to rid us of illegal gambling, provide the state with tax revenue, and support small businesses by giving them access to an additional revenue stream.

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation.



Introduced as [SB706](#)

Memo Updated: April 10, 2023 12:21 PM

1 scrip, card or other means approved by the department which is
2 redeemable only at the establishment for cash. Cash shall not be
3 dispensed directly by the terminal.

4 Section 1502. Winnings.

5 A player's net winnings from the play of a licensed skill
6 video game terminal shall be classified as compensation under
7 section 303 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as
8 the Tax Reform Code of 1971.

9 CHAPTER 17
10 TAX

11 Section 1701. Tax imposed.

12 (a) General rule.--A tax of 16% of all gross profits
13 generated by skill video game system play shall be paid to the
14 Commonwealth by the distributor. The distributor shall submit to
15 the department by the 20th of each month:

16 (1) A report of gross profits under this subsection for
17 the prior month.

18 (2) Any tax payments due under this subsection for the
19 prior month.

20 (b) Deposit.--Revenue received from the tax imposed under
21 this section shall be distributed by the department and shall be
22 proportioned monthly under the following formula:

23 (1) Fifty percent of the revenue shall be deposited into
24 the General Fund.

25 (2) Twenty-two percent of the revenue shall be
26 distributed to individual counties proportionally based upon
27 the gross profits derived from the operation of all skill
28 video game systems within that county.

29 (3) Twenty-two percent of the revenue shall be
30 distributed to individual municipalities based on the gross

1 profits derived from the operation of skill video game
2 systems within that municipality.

3 (4) Six percent of the revenue shall be distributed to
4 the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement for the purpose of
5 enforcing this act.

6 (c) Exemption.--Revenue generated from approved skill video
7 game terminals being played by the public and game credit
8 licenses to supply skill video game systems shall not be
9 subjected to the tax imposed under section 202 of the act of
10 March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of
11 1971.

12 (d) Information.--The distributor, operator and
13 establishment shall provide to the department any information
14 required by the department for the department's assessment and
15 review of taxes under this section.

16 (e) Prohibition on local fees and taxes.--No additional
17 taxes or fees, including amusement taxes, may be imposed on the
18 placement of a skill video game system or the revenue generated
19 by a terminal unless specifically authorized under this act.

20 CHAPTER 19

21 ADMINISTRATION

22 Section 1901. Governing practices and procedures.

23 The provisions of 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law
24 and procedure) shall apply to all actions of the department
25 under this act constituting an adjudication as defined in 2
26 Pa.C.S. § 101 (relating to definitions).

27 Section 1902. Law enforcement notification.

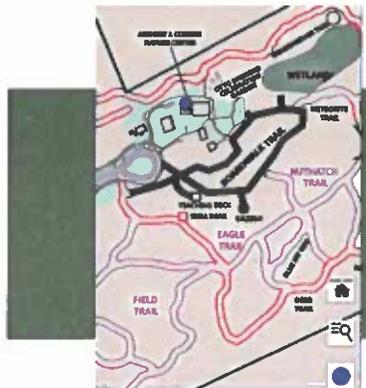
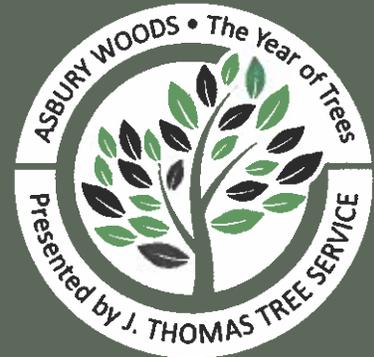
28 Notwithstanding any provision of this act or any other law to
29 the contrary, the department may notify law enforcement of
30 information relating to any violation or suspected violation of



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Asbury Woods Launches Interactive Trail Map

The first week of September Asbury Woods will debut a new interactive trail map and visitor experience through Engage by Cell, a recognized leader in mobile technology solutions. The new program will allow visitors to use a QR code to have a dynamic trail map in their hands. "Blue Dot" waypoint locating will use GPS to show visitors where they are on the trail system to enhance navigation and wayfinding. The program will also include points of interest along the trails to provide a deeper level of engagement for visitors who want to know more about the flora, fauna and history of Asbury Woods. Seasonable updates will ensure that there is always something new to learn whether a first-time visitor or a frequent trail user.

Additional Asbury Woods content, videos, quizzes, feedback forms and links to upcoming programs and events will provide a one-stop-shop for all things Asbury Woods. The platform provides easy to use, app-like interaction with the convenience of not having to download a specific app to your smartphone.

To kick off our new platform, Asbury Woods is launching a trail naming contest! Currently there is a short trail that connects the Guided Trail to the east end of the boardwalk trail. This trail is called the Meteorite Trail as a nod to the large rock that sits at the intersection with the Guided Trail. The name meteorite is misleading. In fact, this unique rock is a glacial erratic. A glacial erratic is a rock that differs in type from the composition of rocks native to the area and was deposited in a new location through the movement of glaciers. Glacial erratics can be small pebbles or the size of a building but were all moved from their original location to where they rest due to glacial activity. They often are in unusual locations, don't match the surroundings and often show signs of scouring from movement over the surface of land and ice.



You can be part of Asbury Woods history by submitting your suggestion for a new name for this trail! Use the QR code below to visit our new mobile visitor platform and submit your suggested trail name by November 1. While on the platform, check out the interactive trail map, the points of interest and view upcoming events.

This initiative was made possible thanks to funding from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's Building a Better Future: Parks, Fields and Trails Grant Program.

Upcoming Events
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Winnie the Pooh's
Asbury Adventure
September 21

Scary Creature
Feature
October 10, 11, 12

6 Mile Trail Run
October 12

Winter Wonderland
December 1 - 30

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Tammi Michali

From: Laurel Mitchell <lbmit73@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 10:05 AM
To: Tammi Michali
Subject: Re: 2024 CelebrateErie Chalkwalk - Sponsor/Artist Pairing

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Tammi,

So sorry to have missed you over the weekend. We were fortunate to be able to get the design done completely on Friday, finishing just seconds before the big rain storm that hit downtown that evening!

While it's always fun to work among the crowds and hear the encouraging comments the visitors to C.E. have, it was especially nice to hear people mentioning that they recognized the tree logo of ECGRA and then talk about the organization positively. It was a joy to work on this mural and I was glad to have my teenage niece assist - as a result she's now hooked and hopes to work on the chalkwalk again next year. :)

We both thank you for the opportunity to be involved in our community this way and to help support the city and ECGRA.

Warmly,
Laurel

On Tue, Aug 20, 2024 at 3:03 PM Tammi Michali <tmichali@ecgra.org> wrote:

Laurel -

Thanks so much for the fantastic job you did on the chalkwalk this past weekend!

I was there Saturday and hoping to meet you, but maybe next year!

Best,

Tammi

From: Laurel Mitchell <lbmit73@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 6:56 AM

To: Tammi Michali <tmichali@ecgra.org>

Subject: Re: 2024 CelebrateErie Chalkwalk - Sponsor/Artist Pairing

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Innovative farming coming to east side

A.J. Rao

Erie Times-News USA TODAY NETWORK

In June 2023, an innovative farming project broke ground at the Joyce A. Savocchio Opportunity Park, raising hopes the former Superfund site would finally live up to its name and bring opportunity to Erie's east side.

In the coming months, those hopes are expected to be realized.

The project, a public-private partnership called Grow Erie, aims to bring a commercial aquaponics facility and a community greenhouse to the 25-acre park, located at the intersection of East 18th Street and Downing Avenue.

Construction of the aquaponics facility is underway and should be completed by late October, said Erie County Redevelopment Authority CEO Tina

Mengine. She anticipates the facility to begin growing by January.

Construction of the community greenhouse is expected to begin in late fall.

Together, she said, the facilities represent a \$5 million investment and are expected to generate roughly \$750,000 annually to help revitalize one of Erie's poorest neighborhoods.

"This is one of my favorite projects," Mengine said. "I love it because it's on the east side. I love it because it's urban agriculture, which everyone talks about as the future of agriculture. For us to have such a forward-thinking, high-tech facility in this location is very cool."

How will the facilities work?

The 17,000-square foot aquaponics facility will consist of a main steel building and two attached all-season greenhouse bays. The two bays will each house a large deep water culture pond and use hydroponic equipment to cultivate herb and leafy greens.

Hydroponics is a technique of growing plants that uses water-based nutrient solution rather than soil.

"Plants will be floating on rafts and their roots will be suspended in nutrient-rich water," said Paul Nickerson, cofounder and vice president of Integrated Agriculture Systems, a Harrisburg-based sustainable agriculture company assisting the project.

"The equipment for that is coming from the Dutch. They're the best at it. The style of raft that they use is rather new and high-end. This is one of their early bigger implementations of that technology."

Nickerson said the main building will house vertical racks for microgreen production, to include crops like pea shoots and micro-beets.

The main building will also include INTAG bioreactors that will process and recycle fish waste into natural growth nutrients for plant life cultivation, a process that will not require chemical, salt-based fertilizers.

Mengine said fish waste will be collected separately and the facility will not harvest fish as originally planned.

"Not rearing fish saves us about \$800,000," she said. "Plus, it's a specialized thing and we couldn't find buyers for all the trout, and it became too complicated."

Mengine said the facility is specifically designed for commercial customers like Curtze Food Service, a wholesale food distributor located near the park that's contracted to buy most of the facility's produce.

By contrast, the 2,500-square foot community greenhouse will be open to the public and operate as a co-op. The climate-controlled greenhouse, which will allow for year-round crop production, will be located across from the aquaponics facility, on the other side of Paragon Drive.

What will be the impact?

Mengine described Grow Erie — a partnership between the Minority Community Investment Coalition, the Redevelopment Authority and INTAG — as both an economic development initiative and a catalyst for community development.

“This used to be a dump site, a brown field — now, it will buzz with activity and jobs. And not minimum wage jobs,” she said. “This is all highly technical, so we’ll be teaching skills here. And ideally, we will add bays so that it becomes larger, and we’ll employ more.”

Mengine said MCIC, with the assistance of INTAG, will hire about a dozen workers initially, with a goal to include residents from the surrounding community.

James Sherrod, co-founder of MCIC and executive director of Bayfront NATO Inc., said Grow Erie will prove a change agent for the east side.

“There hasn’t been a lot of investment on the east side in a long time,” he said. “This is an opportunity for us to bring some employment and development here and hopefully spur other investment in this area.”

He added, “It’s also a great opportunity for the people that live in this area to have an identified area to come to and be able to work, grow fruits and vegetables, aside from being in their backyard.”

Mengine said annual profits of Grow Erie are estimated to reach \$748,000, which will be invested back into the community as well as into project expansion.

Funding for Grow Erie has been provided by sources like the city of Erie, the Erie Community Foundation, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and Diverse Erie. Mengine said the project has secured roughly \$4 million and has a number of pending grants to reach its \$5 million goal.

Gary Horton, MCIC co-founder who helped spearhead Grow Erie, described the park as a “beacon of hope and opportunity” for a neighborhood that’s long experienced disinvestment.

“From a personal and professional standpoint, I’m more than excited about the progress that we’ve made,” he said. “I’m already able to see the impact that it has had on the population that lives here — that even in our neighborhood, something can rise out of the ashes.”

The Corry Journal

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Union City approves 7 applications for Renaissance Grant funding

BY MARYANN MOOK
Correspondent

More houses in Union City will be getting a facelift.

Union City Borough Council, during its Tuesday meeting, approved seven applications for Renaissance Grant funding for home improvements.

The applications total a project amount of \$60,606, and \$23,600 in grant funding was requested.

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.

The applications were approved from Round 1 of 2024-25 grant funding and included residential properties on Perry Street, North Main Street, South Street, South Main Street, East High Street and Fourth Avenue.

There are not any income requirements, but those requesting a grant must fill out an application, which must be approved by borough council. 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; and chimney and ma-

sonry repairs.

Borough Manager Cindy Wells recommended Council approve the seven applications because the improvements to the properties will help in the fight against blight.

There is currently \$90,547 in Renaissance Grant funding available, so there will be another round of applications.

"We look forward to seeing these projects complete and there will be more opportunities in the near future for more applications," Wells said.

In other news, Council approved a motion to remove, or satisfy, a lien for \$2,690 the borough has against property at 121 E. High St. The property was donated to the Erie County Land Bank, which requested the lien be removed.

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Funding

(Continued from front page)

Council approved a quote in the amount of \$16,679 from Construction Services of PA for installation of a canoe/kayak launch at the American Legion ball fields. Construction Services of PA submitted the lower of two quotes. Because the project cost is below \$23,000, bids were not required. Wells told Council the quotes were received and reviewed by the borough's engineering firm, The EADS Group. The motion is contingent upon receiving an easement from the American Legion.

Council also approved a resolution accepting the audit report for the Erie Area Council of Governments. The audit was reviewed and accepted by COG members.

As a member municipality, Union City is required to approve the audit report.

In her reports, Wells said she had advertised twice for bidding for a towing company for a towing ordinance with no response. She asked if she should advertise it again.

"No, put it on the shelf for now," Council Vice President Matthew Joyce said.

In addition to Joyce, Council members present were James Kerns, Brian Osborn, Charlie Steadman and Melissa Winkler. Riley Cross and Pat Uber were absent.

Editor's note: Council has changed its meeting dates and times to the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Global Methodist Church, 42 E. High St. Due to Labor Day, the next meeting will be held on Sept. 16.

Advertisement

Infinite Erie to help fund training in building trades

Jim Martin

Erie Times-News USA TODAY NETWORK

A surge of construction activity in Erie over the last several years has underlined a problem: Erie isn't training enough people with the skills needed to do that work.

The construction trades training program at the Erie Center for Arts & Technology has been working to address that shortage through a training program that last year had 76 applications for 20 openings.

That effort has received a \$1 million boost that will enable ECAT to train more students and to provide on-the-job-training.

The site for some of that training was the backdrop Thursday for a news conference hosted by Infinite Erie, a group working to implement Erie's investment playbook by positioning the community to attract more public and private sector funding than like-size regions.

Members of Erie community chip in more than \$1 million

Kim Thomas, executive director of Infinite Erie, said Thursday that an additional \$1.028 million has been allocated for the program from Erie Insurance, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and the Erie Community Foundation.

The expanded funding will allow more students to be trained in the ECAT program. Beginning Sept. 24, a new class of 35 building trades students will begin training. Students will meet three evenings a week for a total of 20 hours a week, said Kate Neubert-Lechner, the group's executive director. She said ECAT had 175 applications for those positions.

With the support of Erie's Build Community Development Corp., the extra money will also allow those students to receive on-the-job training, often in the communities where they live.

Daria Devlin, director of social impact for Hamot Health Foundation and executive director of Build CDC, said the program will pay wages to students as they learn new skills.

“Recent studies have shown that we are facing a nation-wide shortage of construction workers to meet the industry demand, and that shortage has become a barrier to utilizing resources and scaling up neighborhood revitalization work here in the Erie community,” Devlin said in a statement.

“This investment allows us to expand ECAT’s existing, successful program and build a pipeline of skilled construction workers while simultaneously providing individuals with the opportunity to earn family sustaining wages.”

House will serve as training facility

Some of those wages will be earned working inside of 211 Parade St., an 1,100-square-foot home built in 1903, according to Erie County property records.

The property, owned by Bayfront Eastside Task Force, looks good from the street and has some people inquiring about rental opportunities, said Jeremy Bloeser, executive director of the organization. A new roof and windows on the front of the house already have been installed.

Open the front door, however, and it’s apparent that there’s a lot of work to be done, Bloeser said.

“It’s not ready to be lived in. It’s an empty canvas,” he said.

Devlin said the house is one of the locations where supervised students enrolled in the ECAT program can begin to improve their skills.

Donald Crenshaw, a Black contractor who attended Thursday’s announcement, said the training effort is an important step toward ensuring that the tradesmen working in the community reflect the population that lives there.

Devlin is inclined to agree “We need to do better to diversify our workplace,” she said.

Neubert-Lechner said that her organization is working to set students up for success even before they attend a class or start hammering nails on the job.

Many need to find ways to overcome challenges that can include childcare and a long list of other things that can stand in the path of success.

“Many students have so many barriers they don’t have a way to get started,” she said.

Contact Jim Martin at jmartin@timesnews.com.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21, 2024

Resolution to enter into agreements with six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2024 Anchor Building Grant Program

Whereas, ECGRA’s mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of investing in neighborhoods and communities by working with citizen groups organized as nonprofits, authorities established to promote economic development and municipal governments;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law finds that a) “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”;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states that entities like ECGRA may have as its purposes the promotion of “new or improved residential facilities or other activities deemed appropriate to eliminate blight”, and the promotion of “urban and commercial centers”; and

Whereas, the six (6) recipients are identified as the following primary applicants: Borough of Union City, Explore the Possibilities, Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society, Greater Erie Community Action Committee, Impact Corry and North East Community Foundation;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$445,000.00 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 agreements with six (6) recipients of the Anchor Building Grant Program so that they may flourish and create an economic impact on the region.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 19th day of September 2024 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
September 19, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



2024 - 25 ANCHOR BUILDING

Organization	Project Title	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Borough of Union City	Anchor Building - City Building	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00
East Side Renaissance Inc	908 Parade St	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Explore the Possibilities	St. John's Church to Early Learning Center & Special Needs Community Resource Center	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Fort LeBoeuf Histocial Society	Historic Easgle Hotel Preservation Project	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	1006 Revitalization Project	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Impact Corry	City Center Railroad Freight Building to Brew Pub & Event Venue	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Maggie Knox Western	HVAC and Facility Improvements at 1020 Collective	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Mercy Center for Women	MCW Final Renovations	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
North East Community Foundation	Gibson Street Renovation	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00
Sarah A Reed Children's Center	St. Ann's Campus Enhancement: Phase 2	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$870,000.00	\$445,000.00

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22, 2024

Resolution to authorize the executive director and solicitor to enter into negotiations and execute a grant agreement with Gannon University for up to \$500,000 for the purpose of investment in the Institute for Health and Cybersecurity Knowledge (I-HACK)

Whereas, ECGRA has established a Transformational Grant funding stream to make impactful 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 university-based technology transfer in strengthening the economy of Erie County; 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 states that ECGRA should continue to focus its investments in a manner to fill gaps in the system and take advantage of new opportunities, including the funding of economic development and analysis of progress made toward closing the gaps that exist in the economic development financing system, and explore relationships with other groups that may leverage the ECGRA 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 an agreement with Gannon University by authorizing the executive director and solicitor to negotiate and execute on terms and conditions in order to effectuate the 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 Gannon University a grant in the amount of \$500,000 subject to contract negotiations with the executive director and legal counsel.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on 19th day of September, 2024 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

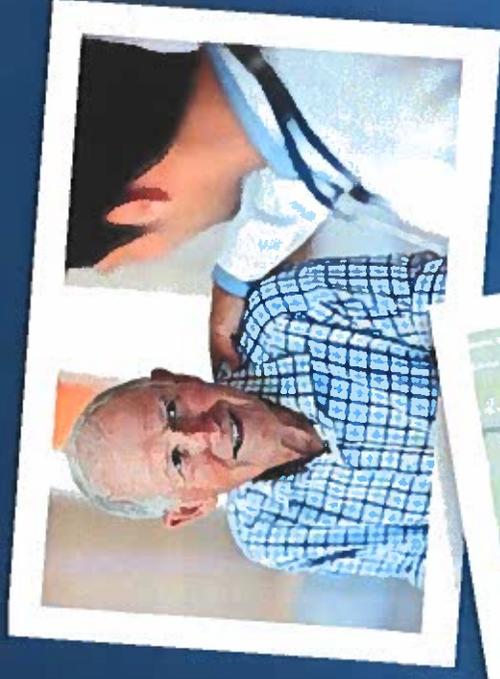
September 19, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

Fight Cancer With Our Breakthrough Platform xDRIVE/DxPP

Discover what our first-in-kind AI and cell enrichment technologies bring to treatment planning and drug development for cancer patients.



Founder Story

“When I lost my son to cancer, I knew there had to be better solutions.

I understood that each patient is unique and realized each treatment should match the patient’s disease, but cancer treatment today is a recipe book.

First Ascent is changing that.”

- Jim Foote / CEO





The Future of Cancer Treatment

First Ascent xDRIVE Platform

FDA

2018 Congress passes FDA **“Right to Try”** act. “patient has a life-threatening illness and exhausted approved treatments, working with a Physician the patient has the right to try whatever means the patient feels they need to take to save their own life.”

Pharma

Under “Right to Try” a pharmaceutical can make available to a doctor a Phase-1 drug “Investigational drug” for use, provided **claims of effectiveness** in support of approval

Doctors

Treating physicians, with informed consent on the eligibility of the investigational drug, intended to form the **primary basis of a claim of effectiveness** in support of approval

First Ascent
Biomedical

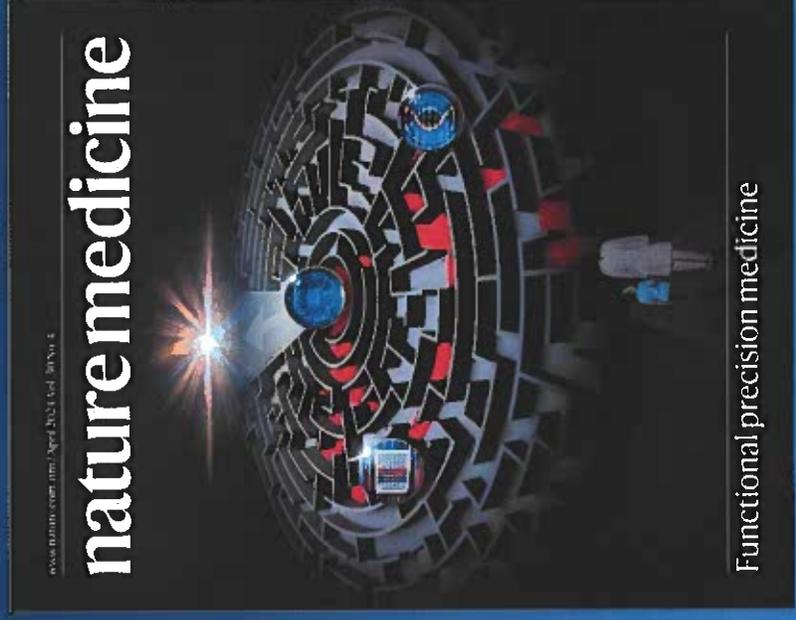
- First-In-Kind Cell Enrichment Technology
- Functional Drug Testing 100’s of FDA Approved Drugs
- AI/ML delivering **effectiveness** report in a week

Patient

For patients whose cancer has returned First Ascent provides new ways to fight using Functional Drug Testing, AI and Genomics to deliver actionable results in a week

The Future is Now!

xDRIVE by First Ascent Biomedical is the first and only medical oncology decision support system with a top-tier medical journal manuscript backing that integrates functional drug testing, DNA/RNA sequencing, and AI-guided tumor weakness mapping fed with First Ascent Biomedical exclusive data, resulting in a 60%+ response rate, compared to a <10% response rate in DNA/RNA based standard care practices today.



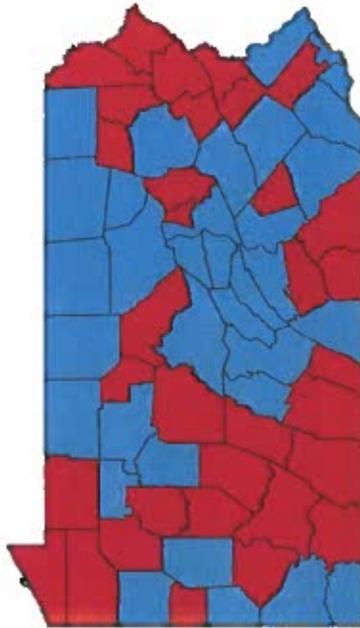
Pennsylvania Cancer Statics

35% Did Not Survive

Percent Change Between Projected 2022 and Observed 2019 Cancer Deaths, by County, Pennsylvania Residents

Observed
Projected

Statistic
Incidence
Mortality



Source: American Cancer Society's State Cancer Profiles Center

Sex
 All sites
 Female
 Male

Cancer Statistics Dashboard

All cancer sites

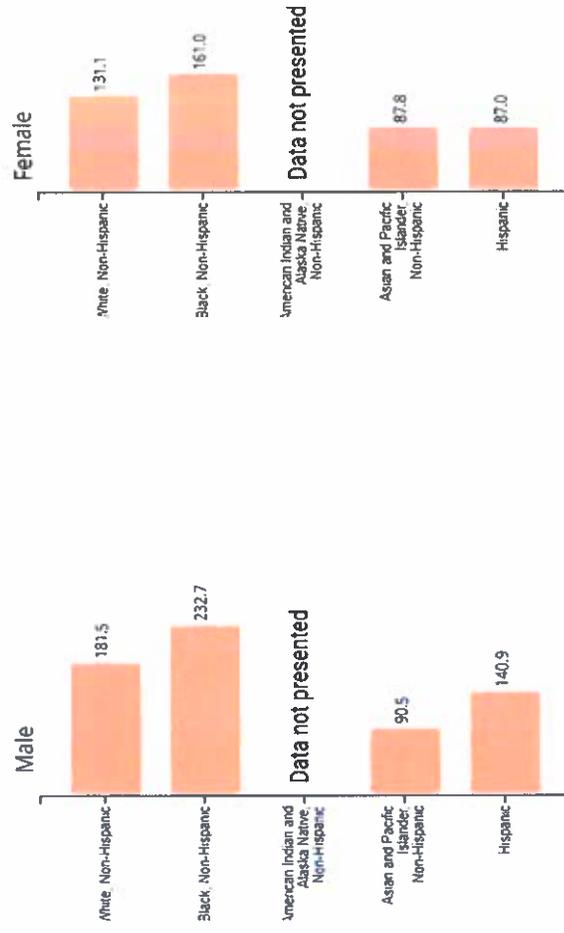


Survival
Five-year net survival percent
65.0
2012-2018

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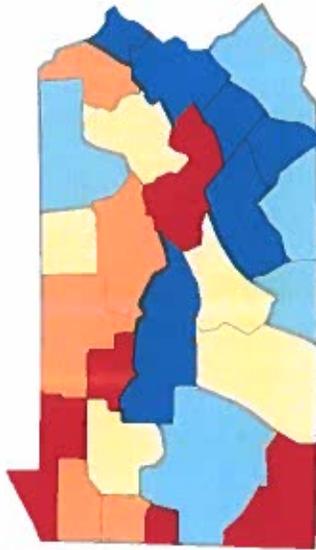
Pennsylvania Cancer Statics

Rate of Cancer Deaths in Pennsylvania, By Sex and Race and Ethnicity All Types of Cancer, 2020

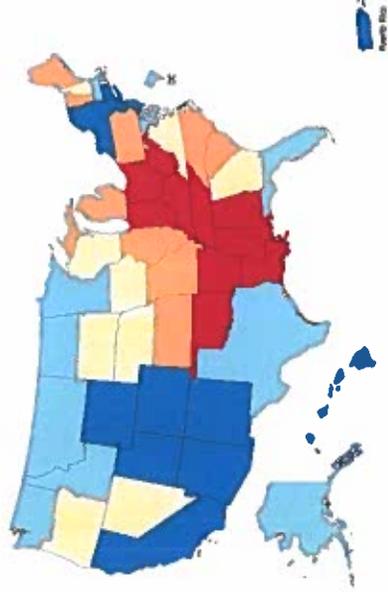


Cancer Mortality Rates

Death Rates for Pennsylvania by Health Service Area
All Cancer Sites, 2018 - 2020
All Races (includes Hispanic), Both Sexes, All Ages



Death Rates for United States by State
All Cancer Sites, 2018 - 2020
All Races (includes Hispanic), Both Sexes, All Ages



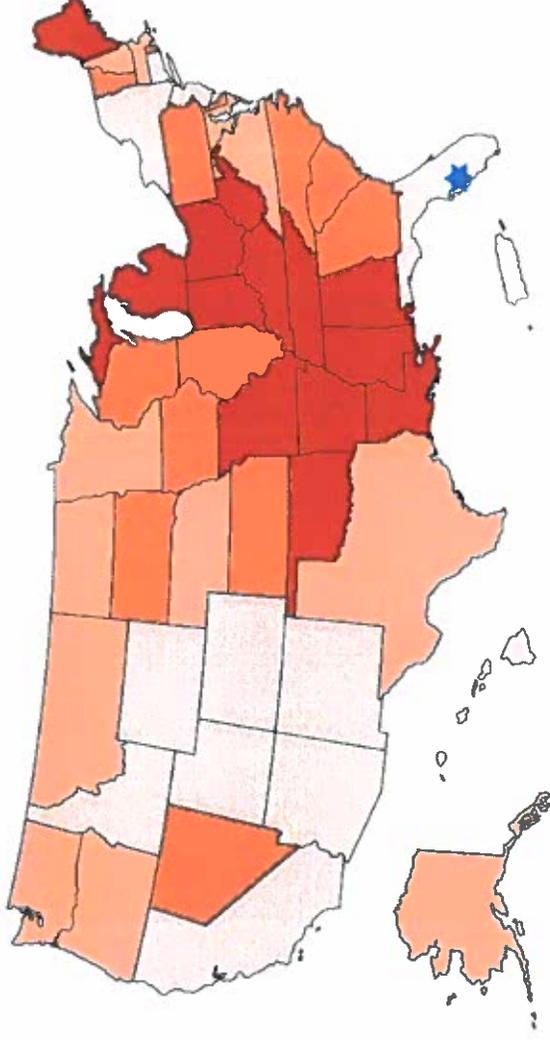
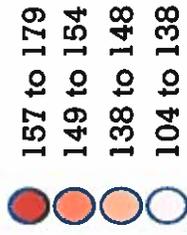
Go To Market Strategy

Go to Market Strategy

We have based our patient acquisition strategy on a two-pronged approach:

1. Partner with nationally recognized comprehensive cancer centers at the geographic hubs
2. Establish regional alliances with non-profits that patients gravitate to when seeking care
3. Establishing Regional Lab footprint to simplify and accelerate logistics (1) FL, (2) KY, (3) NV

Deaths per 100,000
standard population

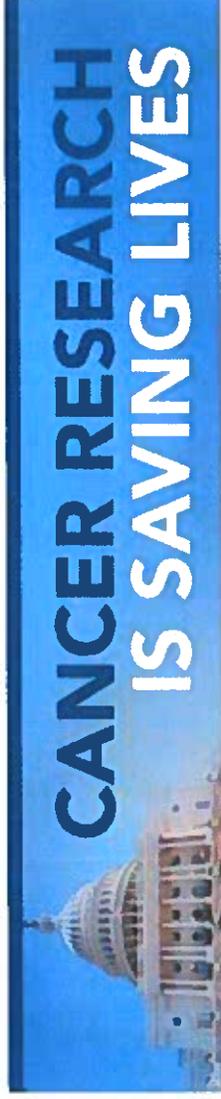


Economic Impact For First Ascent Lab

First Ascent Biomedical Positions

Position	Median Salary	10yr Job Outlook	Number of Openings	Job Openings within 100 Miles
Computer & Information Research Scientist	\$124,370	23%	6,149	732
Medical & Health Service Managers	\$104,830	28%	44,721	4,361
Data Scientist	\$103,500	35%	10,480	965
DBA	\$85,660	9%	4,400	466
PhD. Scientist	\$84,745	17%	68,701	6,621
Accountant	\$78,000	4%	74,846	6,586
Medical Lab Scientist	\$99,930	10%	14,334	1,523
Clinical Lab Technician	\$57,380	7%	24,350	373
Medical Records Specialist	\$47,180	8%	16,132	1,429
Patient/Customer Support	\$38,500	-4%	215,288	16,922
Total Impact	\$824,095		479,401	39,978

Economic Impact of Research



PENNSYLVANIA

Estimated 2019 Population¹: 12,801,989

IMPACT

Economic Impact of Research²

- United for Medical Research reports that in 2019, NIH funded awards totaling **\$1.944 billion** in Pennsylvania, supporting **26,981 jobs** and **\$4.930 billion** in economic activity.
- In 2019, the pharmaceutical industry in Pennsylvania supported **81,036 jobs** and **2,517 businesses**.

Impact of Cancer in Pennsylvania³

- In 2020, an estimated 1,806,590 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States. Of these cases, **80,240** will reside in Pennsylvania.
- In 2020, an estimated 606,520 Americans will lose their lives to cancer, including **27,860** residents of Pennsylvania.

Economic Impact

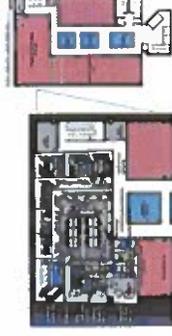
- **\$1.944B** in NIH research funding
- **\$4.930B** in economic impact
- **26,981 jobs** supported in PA
- **81,036 biopharma jobs** in PA

It's more than just scientific instruments



"A CLIA lab is more than just a space filled with scientific instruments; it's a crucible of knowledge, where the flames of curiosity and innovation ignite, transforming research into reality. With precision as their guiding principle, these laboratories illuminate the mysteries of human health, unravel the complexities of diseases, and forge a path towards a healthier, more informed future.

In the crucible of a CLIA lab, scientific dreams take shape, and the world is forever changed, one life at a time."



RESOLUTION NUMBER 23, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY APPROVING ECGRA INVESTMENTS INTO THE PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST (PLGIT) PURSUANT TO THE ECGRA INVESTMENT POLICY AND PRIOR BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Name of Unit: Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
an **authority** authorized Erie County Government
by _____

(herein referred to as this "Governmental Unit") to join with other local government units as a settlor of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust for the purpose of purchasing shares of the Trust.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust was formed in accordance with the authorization contained in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, as amended, initially by the Boroughs of Chambersburg and Emmaus, to provide a vehicle for Pennsylvania municipal entities to pool their funds for investment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality Authorities Act, as amended, authorizes municipal authorities to join with other political subdivisions and municipal authorities in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act for the purpose of purchasing investments; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that any joint cooperation agreement shall be deemed in force to any local government unit, when the same has been adopted by all cooperating local governmental units;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Governmental Unit shall join with other local governmental units in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and other similar acts by becoming a settlor of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (the Trust) and entering into the Declaration of Trust, which is adopted by reference with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this section and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

Section 2. This Governmental Unit is authorized to purchase shares in the Trust from time to time with available funds, and to redeem some or all of those shares from time to time as funds are needed for other purposes, subject to the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1. These actions are to be taken by the officers designated for this purpose, pursuant to general or specific instructions by the governing body of this Governmental Unit.

Section 3. The Trustees of the Trust are designated as having official custody of this Governmental Unit's funds which are invested by the purchase of shares in the Trust.

Section 4. As required by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act the following matters are specifically found and determined:

- (a) The conditions of the agreement are set forth in the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;
- (b) This Governmental Unit's participation in the Trust shall be terminable at any time by Resolution, subject to the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;

(c) The Declaration of Trust and the purchase of its shares are for the purpose of investing this Governmental Unit's funds in obligations which are otherwise legal investments, as part of a pooled arrangement with other local governmental units, thereby achieving economic and other advantages of pooled investments; and the powers and scope of authority delegated are set forth in the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;

(d) It is not necessary to finance the agreement authorized herein from funds of this Governmental Unit except through the purchase of shares in the Trust;

(e) The Trust shall be managed by a Board of Trustees as set forth in the Declaration of Trust and the By-Laws provided for therein;

(f) Shares may be repurchased and redeemed from time to time as this Governmental Unit may determine to be necessary or appropriate to meet its cash investment requirements in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1 and;

(g) The Trust shall be empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including social security, for its employees.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest date permitted by law.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 19th day of September 2024 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
September 19, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA