



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
March 21, 2019

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Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Time: 8:00 a.m. – FINANCE Meeting
8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting
Location: Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting
February 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on February 21, 2019 in the Jordan 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.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Bagnoni (via phone), Mr. Barney, Mr. DiPaolo, Mr. Paris, and Mr. Sample. Mr. Lee, Mr. Leone (arrives late), Mr. Wachter, and Dr. Wood are also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2019

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the Minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments at this time.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris has no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance – Sheila Silman, Program Manager and Georgia DeFreo, VP of Operations

Ms. Silman: Good morning. Allow me to first introduce myself. I'm Sheila Silman, the Program Manager for the Erie County Re-Entry Services & Support Alliance and this is Georgia DeFreo, GECAC's Vice President of Operations.

I understand that we have about ten minutes so what I have done to help you is you have a certain amount of information in your hand; this is what I will be looking at and referring to during the presentation (the single page) just so you have a clear understanding. Also, my contact information is on the back; this is a brochure that we hand out to anybody who is interested and for other agencies to hand out to those individuals that may be interested. There are flyers inside on a couple different pieces of programming that we offer.

This program is an absolute result of a partnership between Unified Erie, Erie Together, and about 40 community stakeholders, whether they are in criminal justice and community services as well as concerned citizens in various phases. We started in 2013, meeting over three years to come up with what is the best plan and type of program based on data and based on evidence-based outcomes to address the needs of individuals who are returning from incarceration along with those individuals who are currently maybe in our community and involved in gun-related violence. Most recently, there was a Call-In, and that is a group violence reduction strategy and it goes around groups and violence as we're all familiar with the homicides that are taking place. Let me start with that.

This packet gives you a lot more detail and a lot more data and information. Mercyhurst Civic Institute is our research partner and that is who put that second packet together. Let's start on this side of the page so I can briefly show you some outcomes around how our program has definitely accomplished a major goal, which is reducing violence within the community. Within the community, you can see on the left side of the page that homicides in the City in 2014 to 2018; group-related homicides are in the gray and in 2014 there were five and in 2018 there were zero. Our program officially started in September 2016 and in 2017 we had what they call a "call-in" which is an event where individuals that are identified through a social network analysis; it's not by name but through direct identification numbers. It's specific types of crimes that are related to violence.

Those two homicides took place before our call-in in 2017 so what we are able to say is that since 2017, the event which is held in a church within the community, we have 12 speakers, of those speakers and the Mayor is very much on board with this, the Erie Police Chief, we have Jack Daneri District Attorney, Marsha PENCHINI from the Federal Prosecutor's Office and then we also go to the other side and we have a mother; a mother who has been a victim of violence because her two sons lost their lives to violence. And then we have actual individuals who appear that have actually come through the criminal justice system, turn their lives around, and also men who have been successful. We bring them forward for the participants to see that there are successful men in our community; this is not a lifestyle that you have to give into thinking that there's no other opportunity. Since then, we've had zero group-related homicides.

Over to the right-hand side you'll see there were 379 shots fired in 2014; that dropped down to 139 in 2018. The message that we want these people to stay alive and out of prison has been very effective. It also has been effective in the message that if we find that you have been invited to this, you have chosen not to partake, you want to continue in this lifestyle, then there are going to be consequences and it has been brought up within the court system,

during sentencing; this actually happened this past May when we had our third call-in. This young man was attempting, he was there, he heard the same message everybody else did. That weekend unfortunately, he involved himself in a situation where he ended up being involved in a gun shots-fired incident and that same day or the day before our last call-in which was January 23rd of this year, the District Attorney told the participants, "You know who I'm talking about. He was sentenced. He came, he heard, he didn't listen, he didn't heed, and he got six and a half to thirteen years." That is what we're trying to steer from.

The message is out there; they take it out to their peers. That is one part of the program. If you flip to the other side of the page, we will talk about the second part which is the individuals returning from incarceration. We have two levels of service within our program; the highest is called Intensive Case Management. This is for individuals who are residing here at the time of the events, incarcerated, and then returning back to the community. Those individuals, if they have already come back to the community and we didn't know about them before they left the prisons and went to jail, they have been here less than six months. Again, the goal is to reduce violence and recidivism within our county.

Dr. Wood: Can I just accentuate that for a minute and make sure that the Board heard it? You are focused on Erie County residents in the program that you are talking about today.

Ms. Silman: Yes. That is correct. Thank you for clarifying that. Allow me to go the next step. Yes, it's Erie County residents, but we do have individuals who are county residents that have been out more than six months. Maybe they're struggling with locating work due to criminal history and they are still welcome to come to us or if they are not originally from here at the time of the offense but they relocated here, then we'd offer a second level of service which we call Resource Coordination.

What's the difference? The length of time is the difference. The Intensive Case Management individual we work with anywhere from a year to two years; it depends on them. We also have what we call Client Support Funds and we will help utilize those dollars for that individual, which is our citizen, whether it's a bus pass, whether it's identification – which is a big thing – helping them get a state photo ID, birth certificate, that could be something that could be a barrier to gaining employment; it could be something to help them work through, things like that. That's the difference. And the Resource Coordination individual is up to 90 days and we don't utilize any Client Support Funds, but we will do anything Case Management wise.

The whole goal is to help the individual access and obtain whatever it is that they need to be able to succeed. In pointing out on the left side, you see our recidivism. It is out of the higher levels of service that our recidivism numbers are gathered because we work with them so long plus that's our citizen. When we were doing our strategic plan, we determined there was approximately a 42% recidivism rate across the board. So, that's where this number comes from when you look up and see 11 with new charges resulting in conviction and incarceration, those that were in our program when this occurred were at a 7% rate versus the 41% rate.

What does that mean in dollars and cents? It costs us \$12/day to work with individuals. These are projected numbers but if the individual goes to the Erie County prison, it's \$74/day, at the State it's about \$117/day, and at the Federal it's about \$95/day. The Governor is very much on board with Re-Entry, the Pennsylvania Re-Entry Council that myself and Amy Eisert from the Civic Institute that we're members of, and he himself at the press conference when they announced the Pennsylvania Re-Entry Council, he said (and he's right) that 95% across the nation of individuals who are incarcerated will return home. So, we need

to be prepared for the fact that these individuals are coming back, they've paid their price. How do we help them through this journey to access and attain what they need? Not only that, but to take it a step higher and that is when we talk about revitalization in our community and we talk about development and economic development, we do not want to forget that this is a valuable workforce population that can contribute and can bring in dollars, not in the sense of to their own homes, but also tax base. In the long haul we're looking at savings with real estate and investments in those areas as well.

On the right-hand side you'll see the goals achieved and outcomes; those are the jobs. The goal was identified; not everybody is looking for work because many have Social Security disability when they come out . . .

Ms. DeFreo: . . . or retirement. We have had several that when they came out, they were retirement age.

Ms. Silman: That's the other part too. It varies from anybody being in as short as three months to, within the County system, to the State system we had one gentleman who had been in for 35 years coming out. Think about 35 years and what has changed; let alone technology, the lay of the land. So much has changed. We had one guy who come out at 68 and he was in for 28 years and he was from Erie County – he couldn't get over the price of rent. He couldn't get over the cost of certain items in the grocery store; he was totally unprepared for inflation.

So, we are very pleased to see and be able to report that we are at a 77% placement rate for jobs. We work with employers, one in particular who actually called me when I started in 2016 – Corey from Sterling Technologies in Lake City. We have a Case Manager who works very well with their Human Resources personnel out there; we have approximately 20 individuals that we helped get employment out there. It's a full-time job. It's benefits. It's that kind of employment. It's not temporary employment.

I wanted to keep it brief because I know we only had ten minutes and let me wrap it up with where we are at with funding. We are at the end of our grant years. Erie Community Foundation and United Way of Erie County gave us a grant, between the two of them, \$600,000 a piece for \$1.2 million. We have enough money to safely get ourselves through July and August. We have been looking and have made the County Executive aware – we actually met with her in March of 2017 and again in 2018. We have held quorums to let folks know who we are, what we've done. Unified Erie's goals, ECRSSA, GECAC is the lead agency and we are looking to continue this program.

Let me end with this; typical case management in Erie County is usually around an individual, eligibility has a serious mental illness diagnosis, and most recently a diagnosis of opioid/substance abuse. Any individual who doesn't have that cannot receive case management in any form or fashion. This is not a level of care – it's not clinical – it's a level of service that has a very different eligibility base and really meets the needs of our individuals coming out.

I'm happy to open it up to questions, or Georgia, if there are any additional comments that you have.

Mr. Lee: Good morning, Sheila. Good morning, Georgia. First of all, thanks for the presentation. I'm well aware of the work that is being done through your particular initiative and I'll go on record as saying, Unified Erie has done a remarkable job – an outstanding job. The model that they have, which is prevention, enforcement, and re-entry which is the part you presented today, is a model that has really received national attention. I was at a convention

about two years ago for National Associations of Counties and I shared with them about Unified Erie and they were astonished about what the initiative incorporated but more importantly about the outcomes. As you can see, this is an outcome driven initiative. I hope you are able to leverage the funding. You were right to meet with the County Executive, myself, and our leadership team to talk about where you are and where you are going. I just feel that the work is so important in this community and is really, really needed. What I can really appreciate is the outcomes. Many times, we see programs and organizations come before us, but they don't have outcome information and they don't have measurable results. I commend you for that. Thank you for coming.

Ms. Silman: Just so you know for the funding, what we have is a staff of six. It is three case managers; we run right now a little high on the amount of people. Right now, we are at about 160 – 170 people a month right now that we work with and that includes both levels of service. I have an intake call-in coordinator who helps us coordinate all the intakes, myself, and we are sub-contracted through the Downtown YMCA for our client advocate role. It is a person who is a peer – he has done over 11 years of incarceration and he works with the individuals as a mentor. The bulk of the budget is really for staff.

Dr. Wood: Just summarizing back to you just to make sure we understand. My understanding of Unified Erie is it's basically a violence-interruption initiative and one piece of it is the re-entry piece and that is the piece that comes on the back end. So, the call-in is your violence interruption piece and the re-entry is trying to get folks who are disconnected from society and the workforce back into the workforce.

Ms. DeIFreo: When the strategy was first being developed and Unified Erie was looking at options and evidence-based programming for the enforcement section of the three-pronged approach, one of the things that came up was this call-in, a group violence reduction strategy. When they started looking at that process and the steps that came into play and looked especially at the help side of it, which is connecting those individuals that come to that event with services afterwards. We don't just tell them, "We want you safe, alive, and out of prison. Good luck." We say, "We want you safe, alive, and out of prison and here's all the people who can help you." We have all those services available that very night for them to talk to and then afterwards.

So, when they realize how similar that was to the services that were being put into place for the re-entry clients, that's when we realized we're not going to duplicate. We're not going to have two different entities doing the same thing and that's when we married those two pieces together with re-entry.

Mr. Barney: Doesn't GECAC provide a number of services like that, not necessarily for people incarcerated, but who need help with housing, jobs, things of that nature?

Ms. DeIFreo: What this does is it gives these individuals a one stop location to go to to get connected to those services. Anytime that there is a service already available in the community, whether GECAC provides it directly, St. Martin Center, the County through programs that they offer or whoever, we refer and we even will walk them to those services. They'll help them make the phone calls, they'll show them where those things are for the things that are not covered by those programs. Sheila mentioned sometimes some of our individuals don't qualify for workforce supports at the Career Link, but they need that pair of work boots or that set of tools to go get that job; they got the job but that's their barrier to get

that. This program can fill in those gaps, so we are leveraging those. But when you think about what she said about some of these individuals who have gone away 20 – 30 years plus, the Career Link didn't exist twenty years ago. A lot of the GECAC services were around back then but not all of them were. So, this gives them one place to go to help them to get to everything available in the community, which is unique.

Mr. DiPaolo: Is this mandatory through their probation or parole?

Ms. Silman: It's voluntary but many times they will call and point them our way. As we know, and you were District Magistrate for many, many years, we know that you can certainly lead the horse to water, but if it's not in their heart for treatment, it's not going to work.

The nice part is that we have individuals on our staff who are from the community and they know a lot of these individuals and you sit down and it's that relationship engagement. If you're connecting with someone, if I'm coming in for a program and I'm connecting with that individual, you're more likely to have success than you are if you go in and go through the motions. I think that's another key piece, our team.

Mr. Sample: You made mention that sometimes one of the stumbling blocks, if you will, is the Social Security aspect. But some people have the limitation of if they go out and enter the workforce and make too much money, they lose those services. Is there any move to set some of that aside because the quality of life for people . . .

Ms. Silman: To try to answer your question - correct, there is a certain amount of money an individual can earn. What there are, there are a couple of places so if someone is on Social Security, SSI, you have to have a disability of some form. Most individuals it's around some form of mental health disability. Stairways Health has a program called Opportunities Unlimited and there are other part-time places that we can help people look into. That's the beauty of this is that our case managers understand how to give that person direction so they don't put that major income at risk and help guide them and direct them to get them where they need to be and be able to get a better quality of life and keep the income.

Mr. Sample: A lot of it is about self-esteem. If they're being told they can't work . . .

Ms. Silman: You are correct. And that is not always the case. They may not be able to work full-time but they certainly can do something to contribute. We often suggest volunteer work; there's no reason a person couldn't do volunteer work as well.

Dr. Wood: Just one last question, unless the Board has one. As Mr. Lee said, the program is a priority at the County and since it's economic development related we referred you to Ridge Policy Group. Could you tell us a little bit about how you worked with them? You are in the process, right?

Ms. Silman: We are in the process. I actually got an email earlier this week from the Ridge Policy Group that they are "shaking the tree", as they like to say, and that they would be getting back to us soon.

And so you're aware, I don't mind being transparent, we met this week myself and Amy Eisert with Dave Gibbons from UPMC Hamot, also Dr. James Taylor who is out of UPMC Pittsburgh, and Hamot's HR person, Christie. We talked with them, we have approached Erie Insurance for some funding, we have come here to you folks. Perry was gracious to meet with

us, Georgia, myself, and Mike Outlaw who I apologize wasn't able to make it today, to share this whole initiative and the outcomes and how vital it is. We've been trying to do our due diligence.

We have applied for grants; we applied for a Second Chance Act Grant over a year ago, we applied for a PCCD Grant and we missed that one by two points. The thing is with grants is they pigeonhole you into specific boundaries and the nice thing about being program-funded, which this is, is that it gives you the ability to make the decisions to help serve that individual. We've considered Medical Assistance funding; I met with John DiMattio, Erie County Director of Department of Human Services. Medical Assistance funding you have to be accredited and licensed. The other part would be what they call Blended Case Management again coming back to a serious mental illness diagnosis giving that person eligibility for it. Mr. DiMattio shared with us, honestly, there are over 4,000 clients on BCM services and they're not looking to expand that service in Erie County. That would take out those other individuals who don't have that serious mental illness diagnosis.

I want you to be well aware that we've done our due diligence to make sure that we're looking across the board to those who would be interested in partnering with us on this.

Mr. Paris: Are there any other questions? Thank you so much.

Dr. Wood: Thank you.

Ms. Silman: Thank you for your time. We very much appreciate it. You are more than welcome to pass this out to whomever. You never know if someone we know is involved in criminal justice. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: Good morning. I'm going to try and be just as brief. Hopefully everybody has had the opportunity to look over the Treasurer's Report. We will start with the Profit & Loss. There is nothing out of the ordinary on it, but I would like to note that if you go down to the Other Income & Expenses, you'll see Blue Highway Capital at \$250,000. That's the total loan. Summer Jobs drew down a little more this time, \$5,492.74. The only other drawdown was Community Assets, \$10,250. If you notice at the top, we didn't receive anything under the Gaming Revenue, but that will be coming in next month. Any questions on the Profit & Loss page?

Mr. Lee: Dale, when we talk about year-to-date, we're talking about the fiscal year?

Mr. Barney: Yes. We will be wrapping the fiscal year up shortly. Next, we'll go over to the Balance Sheet. Nothing out of the ordinary, just indicating Notes Receivable for Blue Highway. That's just the new loan that's out of there. Insurance you'll notice it's high and that's because we pay it all at once and as the months go on, we draw down. That's why that's \$12,841 for the insurance.

Statement of Cash Flow -you know we operate in the negative for Net Income as we proceed.

Dr. Wood: May I make one comment on the Cash Flow? We did receive the fourth quarter funding, but it came in in February so it's not going to be on the January financials, about \$1.3 million and that's what we're going to be receiving on average from the County for the second,

third, and fourth quarters. But that brings the total revenue for the year to \$4.45 million; that's a drop from \$5.4 million but that's basically the million for the land bank. I think it's safe to assume that's our new normal.

Mr. Sample: The casino has kind of leveled off because we had been experiencing drops.

Mr. Barney: Any questions pertaining to what Perry said? Now, onto Budget vs. Actual. If you had the chance to look at it, you'll notice nothing out of the ordinary. Books and Subscriptions – that's pertaining to the Times Newspaper. Advertising – it's quite large at \$2,666.90 – it should be noted that \$2,500 of that is for the Pennsylvania Downtown Center Conference because we were a sponsor of that and the remainder is for the Times News when we advertise our meetings. Travel – you might think, "Where did they go for \$523.98?" That's Board reimbursement for coming here and staff what travel they needed to do; that amount is quarterly.

Moving along to the Schedule of Grant Reserve, there is nothing out of the ordinary there. Check Detail report shows nothing out of the ordinary. If you see anything that raises questions, feel free to speak up.

Dr. Wood: Can I make a couple of comments on the Schedule of Grant Reserve? Harborcreek Little League received their Community Asset payment of \$10,250, GECAC drew down \$5,492 on Summer Jobs – that still leaves about \$9,000 left on Summer Jobs – and as Dale mentioned on the P&L under Notes Receivable, the Blue Highway Capital MRI was finalized by Tim and myself. Those are the main activities.

Mr. Barney: Does anybody have any questions pertaining to the checks or the credit cards? Perry's credit card has travel and phone/IT. Tammi's shows office supplies and postage and she indicated what was purchased for the CA press conference. If there are no questions, that concludes my report.

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There are no questions or comments of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 5-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Sample: On Monday, February 11th we had a Strategic Planning Committee meeting that was very well attended; five out of seven showed up. We reviewed the Maher Duessel quarterly reviews for the first two quarters. If you all remember last year we had voted to move to quarterly reviews of the financials as opposed to yearly, so Maher Duessel did that and didn't find anything out of the ordinary and presented that to us.

Next, we talked about the draft budget and during that time we reviewed the office lease. It had been requested of the staff that we look at other spaces available out in the County. There were numerous places; there were places that were less money but didn't have parking. We're still going through that. I believe it was also requested that we look at Pleasant Ridge East in the future; I don't believe it's available as of yet. That information was all very valuable. Frankly, I had always assumed that we paid a premium to be out here and with all things considered, I think this is a pretty good deal because of all the amenities that we get. But that's my own opinion. We get the meeting rooms at no charge and a couple other things, but we can continue to go down and review that.

We also reviewed the employee increases. There was some question as to how that was presented. I personally believe that we should look at merit-based plus cost of living. We're going to go in and review some more of that and looking at doing some additional

negotiations; not with the employees increases but that will be reviewed and presented before the budget. We also reviewed the Pilot Project from the Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership – Erie Business Attraction Support.

Frankly, I was very pleased with the attendance and I thought it was a very good session. We did have three attendants from the community and we had to inform them that it really wasn't a question and answer period but that's part of the fact that when we advertise our meetings as we are required to, that they have every right to be there and listen to what's going on. I think they were a little surprised that it wasn't a situation for commentary. That's all I have.

Mr. Paris: Thanks, Dave. Are there any questions? If not, we'll move on.

- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Leone: I have nothing to report.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: I will be very brief. The Summer Jobs Program 2019, and I will be sharing more as time goes on as we get closer to the kick-off. As you know, GECAC will be the Administrator for the program; this was done through the RFP process. They are in the third year of a potentially four-year contract. The reason I say that the contract covered for two years was an extension for two additional years. So, they are in the third year, which would be the first year of the extension.

We're going to be working very closely with them. One of the key areas that we feel is an opportunity to improve on is the interviewing process with the students and better matching the students with the employer. The projected amount of students for this year would be about 175; we view that as the cut-off line. That's what we had last year. Mr. Ben Wilson who is the key point person for GECAC, he has been working with the Department of Labor and Industry with Ridge Policy Group; they have set up conversations that have gone really well. They are going to be submitting a grant application in the near future for a potential match for the Summer Jobs Program.

In addition, we will be meeting with the Erie Regional Manufacturing Association about the pre-apprentice program; we made them a partner and we're going to do some things with them in the Erie region. So, we're excited. More information will be coming as we get closer to the launch of the program, which is April of this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Sample: I have one statement and one question, Gary. As I had expressed before, I was very pleased with GECAC's outreach last year into the County. I thought they did a great job making people aware that it was available, and they gave people enough time, especially in the school districts which is where a lot of this has to be orchestrated.

My question, it seems that about 180 is the manageable level. We had dreamed at one point to go beyond that, but I think you start to see a diminishment of services if you go beyond that at this point. Are we shooting at 180 again?

Mr. Lee: We're shooting at about 175 and it goes up to 180 without it being an issue. To your point, Dave, you're right. We cannot, based on capacity, we cannot exceed over 180 and based on the quality. Right now, it's more important to improve upon what we have. The County Administration has put a lot of emphasis that this is a County-wide program; we reiterated that to GECAC last year, so I'm glad to hear the feedback from you on that Dave because our goal – and again, this is going to take time, it's a process – but to have 50% inside the City of Erie and 50% outside the City of Erie. Currently, it's about 70/30. Some years it was about 65/35 but pretty much it hovers around 70% inside the City of Erie and 30%

outside the City of Erie. Again, since this is a County-wide program, the goal is to try and get 50/50.

It's really important to us that we really improve the quality of the program. We have gotten reports back from Keystone each year and one of the key areas is to do a better job of matching students with career opportunities. That's where we're going to start putting more emphasis on and that's where the interviewing process comes in.

Mr. Sample: And I think the exit interviews that they did at the end of last year were very helpful.

Mr. Paris: Thanks, Gary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everybody. I just want to give you a quick update on four things, primarily the revenue, which I mentioned during the Treasurer's Report, the Strategic Planning meeting we had, the 2019 Grants Management Plan that the staff has been diligently working on (we have a handout in front of you detailing what that's going to look like), and then our next step which is to look over nine Mission Main Street grant applications as well as Special Events, which will be coming in at the end of the month. We're going to have a busy grant review session the next time we convene to review the grants.

Let's start with the revenue. I mentioned briefly during the Treasurer's Report the final revenue for the calendar year of 2018 and the total was \$4,450,000. The chart on your left demonstrates the downward decline that we've been experiencing in funding and the chart on your right illustrates that the revenues are now coming in more evenly over a quarterly basis as opposed to the old fashioned, what we called the hockey stick model, where the true up or the majority of the funds would come in February/March of the following calendar year. Just to remind you, that is because in the first quarter, approximately \$700,000 of funds are being taken out for the land bank, in the second quarter another \$300,000 goes to the land bank, and then third and fourth quarter are more balanced and budgeted at about \$1.3 million.

We did hold a Strategic Planning meeting on February 11th, as was mentioned by Mr. Sample. We reviewed the Maher Duessel quarterly financials; we did two reports at that time because Maher Duessel is now catching up with doing quarterly reviews for us, they came in a little later than usual. We think that in 2019 we'll have a better schedule with them and they will actually come on a quarterly basis. We will be seeing the third quarter financials probably within the next month, and that will tee up nicely with the annual audit which is due in June to County Council.

We did also review the draft budget; we do not have another draft for you because we are still taking feedback from Board members on that. If you have any final questions on the draft budget just reach out and ask us and we will provide feedback.

We reviewed that Pilot Project that the Erie Regional Chamber had submitted. The committee had decided to decline funding at this time. This was a Phase 2 concept to the Choose Erie project. We did fund Phase 1 of the Choose Erie project to the tune of \$39,500. We decided to pass on Phase 2. We'll see what the Chamber comes up with for Phase 3.

The Grants Management Plan in front of you, there are two sheets, the top one is a Grant chart in order to give you an idea how the staff is spreading the grants out throughout the year. January opens the Special Events which then closes in March, Mission Main Street Round 2 just came in in February and like I mentioned there were nine applications that came in and I will talk to you about those in a second. You haven't had a chance to review those yet; Tom will send out a link to review those and we'll have a committee meeting.

February through June, technically Renaissance Block Round 2 – that is technically open right now. However, we're not sure what the interest is. We're still gaging the interest. Those will be reviewed and awarded in June. We've had two communities, so far, express interest in the next round of Renaissance Block. We'll come back to you when we have better surveyed the interest in that.

February through June is Multi-Municipal Collaboration. March is a maybe as well; that is the third round of Mission Main Street. We're currently in the second round with nine applications. That's quite a bit. We budgeted \$2.5 million for that program over a three-year period and we did just over \$1 million in Round 1. Let's see what Round 2 does before we decide whether or not to open this up for Round 3. That's a question mark at this point.

Anchor Building is set to open in April. That's another interesting one because we've done some surveying and found out that there are other historical structures out there that qualify as Anchors for community revitalization. Those results are coming in as well; we have the feelers out there.

One of the things we talked about last year was the overwhelming number of applications that came in for Community Assets as we expanded that concept. The staff is recommending that we break it up into three cycles so that we review it in three cycles. Actually, in two cycles if you consider that Parks, Fields, & Trails and Community Centers are simultaneously. What we have is to open up those two up in July and the Arts, Culture, & Heritage to open in April. That's how we have it on the schedule. Based upon the sheer number that we get in, we know that Arts, Culture, & Heritage always have the largest number of applications. From a management standpoint, we think this will make 2019 more manageable. We also broke this out, if you prefer to see it in bullet form, the second page gives you an idea of the open, close, and award dates with potential grant workshops mixed in.

Finally, Mission Main Street. We just got these applications in. Just to review quickly, we introduced new guidelines for Mission Main Street in August 2018. The program opened August 16th and there are three application periods. November 2018 was the first one and we just awarded those, the current one was due February 15th and those haven't been reviewed yet, and a potential third, depending on what we do in this second round, which will be July 16, 2019. A reminder that there are two funding paths for this funding stream; one is a maximum grant of \$10,000 for planning purposes and the second is an implementation grant with a maximum of \$250,000. The planning grant is a one-year grant; the implementation grant is up to three years. We did have a bucket of \$2.5 million that we budgeted for the next three years. The current requests are \$1.8 million. There are eight implementation requests and one planning request.

The staff will do a brief summary and send that out; the full grant application will go out to you along with a brief summary and then we'll have a grant review session. Here they are briefly - Bike Erie, Downtown Edinboro, Union City coming in with two applications, Green Junction Park (that's a Corry application to redo a railroad building on their main street to tie the two together), Snyder Circle (also a Corry project), ReStore West 8th Street (an Our West Bayfront project), Building a Culture of Preservation (that's what we've done with Preservation Erie in the past and that is multiple downtowns joined in one application), Sisters of St. Joseph (that's a corridors and gateways program), and as I mentioned Union City has two applications. We will review those in depth in the coming month.

Are there any questions about what I just presented?

Mr. Sample: This is just a question for me, the \$1 million that goes to the land bank, is that restricted for the first year because our funds are viewed as restricted and I didn't know how that would be handled?

Mr. Wachter: No, it is not.

Mr. Sample: So they can spend it immediately? I was just wondering.

Mr. Wachter: I don't believe that it is restricted.

Mr. Lee: I can answer that. You're right, Tim. It is not restricted.

Mr. Sample: I didn't know since our funds are restricted the first year and we've developed a process, but we're still restricted for one calendar year.

Dr. Wood: That concludes my report. Thank you.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: Perry reported that we did close on the MRI with Blue Highway Capital. One of the documents that was related to that closing is a Control and Notification Agreement. When we give loans to financial entities to spend their monies in Erie County, there are not many physical assets in which to secure those loans so one way in which we do that is a Control and Notification Agreement which allows us to be able to recall funds and secure them, prior to the investment, in the event of an issue. I have that document that requires your signature. It was part of the closing package so, as part of the package which was approved, I have the original signatures. So, that would be for you.

I don't believe I have anything further. I have had computer issues this morning and am unable to sign in but I don't believe I have anything else.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to report on.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sample moves to adjourn.

MEMO

Date: March 15, 2019
To: ECGRA Board of Directors
From: Mike Paris, Chairman
Subject: Recommendation for Office Space

As Chairman of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Board of Directors, I have further reviewed the rental properties as requested by members of this Board. Working with the staff of ECGRA and compiling an average cost per month for the nine properties previously presented to the Board, I have come to the conclusion that the current location at 5340 Fryling Road, Knowledge Park in Erie, PA 16510 not only is an affordable office space, but also includes many conveniences at no extra charge.

Although other offices spaces were reviewed and some found to be slightly less expensive for annual rent, they would require additional rental fees for meetings and workshops, electronic display conveniences, and parking. With these extra fees, the cost of per month becomes a higher amount in comparison to what we currently pay.

There is also the cost of moving, preparation of new office space, reordering marketing items, and set up of the fiber network that we have traditionally accessed. To recoup these expenses, it would take up to five years to make a difference in the amount that is paid per month for rent.

At this time, it is my recommendation that the offices of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority remain where they are currently located at 5340 Fryling Road, Erie, PA 16510.

I've asked the staff will stay abreast of any possible office spaces that may come available within the County and can reopen this discussion when the opportunity presents itself.



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Profit & Loss
February 2019**

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2018-19 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	1,362,089.40	4,450,567.46		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	10,601.92	91,312.55		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC		22,916.67		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		14,970.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		10,841.13		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive		5,277.78		
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue				
Total Income	<u>1,372,691.32</u>	<u>4,595,885.59</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	6,396.70	100,932.09	125,766.63	137,200.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,452.31	14,780.18	21,083.26	23,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	496.25	15,765.01	24,566.63	26,800.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	3,582.78	36,344.11	54,816.63	59,800.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	15,087.83	192,209.79	204,577.12	223,175.00
Total Expense	<u>27,015.87</u>	<u>360,031.18</u>	<u>430,810.27</u>	<u>469,975.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,345,675.45	4,235,854.41		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements				
70030 · Community Assets		805,835.98		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	340,522.35	1,112,641.87		
70070 · Special Events		172,736.71		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration	(8,034.67)	437,515.33		
70100 · Mission Main Street	245,000.00	245,000.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program		140,876.59		
70130 · Small Business Financing		3,000,000.00		
70132 · Blue Highway Capital		2,164,500.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects		84,500.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow		295,000.00		
70170 · Renaissance Block		283,170.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		138,850.00		
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>577,487.68</u>	<u>8,880,626.48</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(577,487.68)</u>	<u>(8,880,626.48)</u>		
Net Income	<u>768,187.77</u>	<u>(4,644,772.07)</u>		



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2019

	February
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	52,898.56
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,103,861.41
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,337,925.59
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	3,280,626.29
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	9,722,413.29
Total Checking/Savings	9,775,311.85
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · Note Receivable - CIBA	18,846.25
12004 · Note Receivable - BWC - Ignite	1,000,000.00
12005 · Note Receivable - Progress	1,000,000.00
12010 · Note Receivable - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · Note Receivable - EDF Restruct	1,300,000.00
12060 · Notes Receivable - BWC - Inclu	2,500,000.00
12070 · Note Receivable - Blue Highway	250,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(760,000.00)
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	5,808,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	12,043.77
Total Other Current Assets	5,820,890.02
Total Current Assets	15,596,201.87
TOTAL ASSETS	15,596,201.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	5,677,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	14,563,909.76
Net Income	(4,644,772.07)
Total Equity	15,596,201.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,596,201.87



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Statement of Cash Flows
February 2019

	<u>February</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	768,187.77
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	<u>797.92</u>
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>768,985.69</u>
Net cash increase for period	768,985.69
Cash at beginning of period	<u>9,006,326.16</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>9,775,311.85</u></u>



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
February 2019

Expense	February	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	6,538.00	11,000.00	(4,462.00)	59.44%
62120 · Government Relations Services	4,790.30	48,721.93	50,000.00	(1,278.07)	97.44%
62130 · Professional Services	0.00	15,884.91	36,000.00	(20,115.09)	44.12%
62140 · Legal Services	1,487.50	28,013.50	35,000.00	(6,986.50)	80.04%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	771.35	4,000.00	(3,228.65)	19.28%
62150 · Payroll Services	118.90	1,002.40	1,200.00	(197.60)	83.53%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	6,396.70	100,932.09	137,200.00	(36,267.91)	73.57%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	291.99	5,000.00	(4,708.01)	5.84%
62890 · Rent	1,452.31	14,488.19	18,000.00	(3,511.81)	80.49%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,452.31	14,780.18	23,000.00	(8,219.82)	64.26%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	34.67	2,370.51	4,000.00	(1,629.49)	59.26%
65020 · Postage	15.99	379.84	600.00	(220.16)	63.31%
65030 · Printing	0.00	369.25	1,200.00	(830.75)	30.77%
65040 · Office Supplies	99.64	1,628.73	2,800.00	(1,171.27)	58.17%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	1,378.85	2,200.00	(821.15)	62.68%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	3,143.88	2,200.00	943.88	142.90%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	1,860.99	3,500.00	(1,639.01)	53.17%
65080 · Bank Fees	0.00	176.47	50.00	126.47	352.94%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	1,555.00	5,000.00	(3,445.00)	31.10%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	2,901.49	5,000.00	(2,098.51)	58.03%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	496.25	15,765.01	26,800.00	(11,034.99)	58.82%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	15.00	8,558.41	12,000.00	(3,441.59)	71.32%
65110 · Advertising	1,576.70	5,236.00	12,000.00	(6,764.00)	43.63%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,193.16	14,331.11	18,000.00	(3,668.89)	79.62%
65120 · Insurance	797.92	5,689.90	9,800.00	(4,110.10)	58.06%
65150 · Travel	0.00	2,528.69	8,000.00	(5,471.31)	31.61%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	3,582.78	36,344.11	59,800.00	(23,455.89)	60.78%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	13,150.80	170,432.01	200,000.00	(29,567.99)	85.22%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,024.68	13,256.66	15,000.00	(1,743.34)	88.38%
66015 · FUTA Tax	35.76	116.24	175.00	(58.76)	66.42%
66020 · PASUI Tax	251.51	953.92	2,000.00	(1,046.08)	47.70%
66500 · Retirement	625.08	7,450.96	6,000.00	1,450.96	124.18%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	15,087.83	192,209.79	223,175.00	(30,965.21)	86.13%
Total Expense	27,015.87	360,031.18	469,975.00	(109,943.82)	76.61%



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of February 28, 2019

	February	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
Uncommitted Funds	3,280,626.29		
Committed Funds	3,103,861.41		
2018 Restricted Funds:			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		375,769.51	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,317,928.22	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,394,780.33	
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue	1,362,089.40	1,362,089.40	4,450,567.46
Disbursements:			
First Quarter Disbursements		711,429.09	
Second Quarter Disbursements		4,182,926.29	
Third Quarter Disbursements		3,118,040.68	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements	585,522.35	851,265.09	8,863,661.15

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements

Community Assets

AmeriMasala	10,000.00
Booker T. Washington Center	25,000.00
Borough of Union City	50,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Erie	25,000.00
CAFE	7,840.00
City of Corry	21,404.89
City of Erie	50,000.00
Community Access Television	7,470.00
Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation	25,000.00
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	10,000.00
Edinboro Highland Games	10,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	15,000.00
Erie Center on Health & Aging	20,000.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	15,000.00
Bayfront Maritime Center	50,000.00
Erie PAL	15,000.00
Erie Yesterday	15,000.00
Friends of the Erie County Library	10,000.00
Girard Township	6,470.00
Greenfield Township	18,284.75
Harborcreek Little League	10,250.00
Harborcreek Township	15,000.00
Headwaters Natural Resource Center Trust	26,751.50
Inner-City Neighborhood Art House	25,000.00
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	10,000.00
Martin Luther King Center	25,000.00

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	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Mead Park Association		49,188.00	
Mental Health Association of NWPA		4,000.00	
Mercy Center for Women		20,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		11,000.00	
Presque Isle Light Station		15,000.00	
Presque Isle Partnership		11,000.00	
Sisters of Mercy		4,991.44	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		20,000.00	
Stairways Behavioral Health		9,000.00	
St. Martin Center		17,741.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		6,464.40	
Young People's Chorus of Erie		12,480.00	
Veterans Miracle Center Erie		12,500.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association		14,000.00	
WQLN Public Media		15,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		15,000.00	
			805,835.98

Special Events

Achievement Center	1,603.13
Albion Area Fair, Inc.	8,441.29
AmeriMasala	1,268.01
Borough of Union City	503.13
Borough of Wesleyville	398.87
CAFE	15,914.92
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.	1,584.51
Downtown North East, Inc.	4,746.55
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute	10,490.36
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	2,177.83
Edinboro Highland Games	2,332.19
Edinboro University Foundation	1,786.45
Lake Erie Ballet	2,672.43
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	2,054.18
Erie DAWN	1,635.37
Erie Downtown Partnership	1,890.64
Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc	1,711.15
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.	1,196.61
Film Society of Northwestern PA	1,294.22
French Creek Council, BSA	622.76
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	623.41
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	894.51
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	5,041.72

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	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Humane Society of NWPA		319.10	
Impact Corry		1,058.60	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		13,960.45	
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier		1,886.66	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		3,981.72	
Martin Luther King Center		398.87	
Mercy Center for Women		2,495.14	
The Nonprofit Partnership		3,085.26	
North East Community Fair Association		905.44	
Presque Isle Partnership		16,080.00	
Roar on the Shore Inc.		16,080.00	
SafeNet		3,190.96	
Saint Joseph Church		3,817.19	
Saint Patrick Church		4,620.91	
ServErie		4,339.11	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		2,097.70	
Union City Pride		800.11	
Waterford Community Fair Association		6,077.04	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		7,530.87	
YMCA of Greater Erie		6,262.26	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		2,063.75	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		801.33	
		<u>172,736.71</u>	
Municipalities			
Erie County	37,457.46	122,390.61	
Greene Township	37,457.46	122,390.61	
McKean Township	37,457.46	122,390.61	
Millcreek Township	37,457.46	122,390.61	
Summit Township	153,235.05	500,688.82	
Waterford Township	37,457.46	122,390.61	
			<u>1,112,641.87</u>
Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
Borough of North East		100,000.00	
City of Corry		30,000.00	
City of Erie		28,000.00	
Corry Industrial Benefit Association		35,000.00	
Erie Area Council of Governments		50,000.00	
Erie Area Council of Governments		47,450.00	
Erie Area Council of Governments		30,000.00	
Girard Township		16,600.00	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		100,000.00	
West Erie County EMA		8,500.00	
		<u>445,550.00</u>	

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	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Neighborhoods & Communities			
Renaissance Block			
Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	
Borough of Union City		25,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	
Robbins Blass Neighborhood Watch		6,000.00	
Sisters of Mercy		25,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		35,000.00	
Borough of North East		25,000.00	
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	
Preservation Erie		26,920.00	
ServErie		29,000.00	
		<u>258,170.00</u>	258,170.00
Anchor Building			
City of Corry		5,225.00	
Emmaus Ministries Inc		95,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		20,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		18,625.00	
		<u>138,850.00</u>	138,850.00
Mission Main Street - Round 1			
Borough of North East	140,000.00	140,000.00	
Borough of Union City	10,000.00	10,000.00	
City of Erie	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Erie Downtown Partnership	70,000.00	70,000.00	
		<u>245,000.00</u>	245,000.00
Small Business Financing			
PSU - Ignite Erie Industry+University		250,000.00	
Ignite Erie - Beehive Networks		364,500.00	
Mercyhurst - Innovation District		295,000.00	
International Institute of Erie - MicroEnterprise Fund		200,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - Inclusive Erie/Accelerator		2,800,000.00	
Ben Franklin TP - Innovation Fund &TECHcellerator		1,300,000.00	
		<u>5,209,500.00</u>	5,209,500.00
Youth & Education			
GECAC - Summer Jobs		140,876.59	
		<u>140,876.59</u>	140,876.59
Pilot Programs			
Erie's Public Schools - Master Plan		30,000.00	
BEST/OWB - Summer Youth Service Pilot		15,000.00	
Erie Regional Chamber - Choose Erie		39,500.00	
		<u>84,500.00</u>	84,500.00
Total Funds Disbursements	<u>585,522.35</u>	<u>8,613,661.15</u>	8,613,661.15

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of February 28, 2019

Committed Funds:	<u>February</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Renaissance Block			
Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
Borough of North East		25,000.00	50,000.00
Borough of Union City		25,000.00	50,000.00
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	100,000.00
Robbins Blass Neighborhood Watch		0.00	6,000.00
Sisters of Mercy		0.00	25,000.00
SSJ Neighborhood Network		35,000.00	70,000.00
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
Preservation Erie		26,920.00	53,840.00
ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
Anchor Building			
City of Corry		20,900.00	26,125.00
Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	100,000.00
Grace Church		100,000.00	100,000.00
Our West Bayfront		80,000.00	100,000.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		74,501.50	93,126.50
Mission Main Street			
Borough of North East	140,000.00	110,000.00	250,000.00
Borough of Union City	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
City of Erie	25,000.00	225,000.00	250,000.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	70,000.00	180,000.00	250,000.00
GECAC - Summer Jobs Program		9,123.41	150,000.00
PennVenture Partners		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Shaping Tomorrow			
Empower Erie - Community College		370,000.00	400,000.00
Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	200,000.00
Ignite Erie Beehive Network			
Edinboro University Foundation		143,000.00	200,000.00
Erie Regional Library Foundation		115,000.00	200,000.00
Gannon University		175,000.00	200,000.00
Mercyhurst University		102,500.00	200,000.00
Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00
Total Committed Funds	<u>245,000.00</u>	<u>3,103,861.41</u>	<u>4,414,591.50</u>



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Check Detail Report
February 2019

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Check	02/01/2019	EFT	VISA	2019 January - Tammi	-409.50
Check	02/01/2019	EFT	VISA	2019 January Visa - Perry	-356.86
Bill Pmt -Check	02/01/2019	2608	Innovation Collaborative, Inc.	Erie Collegiate Innovation Showcase	-1,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/01/2019	2609	KimKopy Printing	Name Plate	-15.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/05/2019	2610	Penn State University	2019 February Rent	-1,452.31
Check	02/06/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	01/19/19 to 02/01/19 Payroll	-6,874.31
Check	02/06/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	01/19/19 to 02/01/19 Retirement	-506.88
Bill Pmt -Check	02/07/2019	2611	Velocity Network, Inc.	Phone/IT/Fax	-577.10
Bill Pmt -Check	02/08/2019	2612	Ridge Policy Group	2019 February Government Relations	-4,790.30
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	2613	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2019 January Legal	-1,487.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2019	2614	Times Publishing Company	Startegic Planning meeting	-76.70
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2615	Erie County	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-37,457.46
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2616	Greene Township	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-37,457.46
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2617	McKean Township	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-37,457.46
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2618	Millcreek Township	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-37,457.46
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2619	Summit Township	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-153,235.05
Bill Pmt -Check	02/15/2019	2620	Waterford Township	4th Quarter 2018 Settlement Agreement	-37,457.46
Check	02/20/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	02/02/19 to 02/15/19 Payroll	-7,325.92
Check	02/20/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	02/02/19 to 02/15/19 Retirement	-499.62
Bill Pmt -Check	02/20/2019	2621	Borough of North East	2019 MMS - Round 1	-140,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/20/2019	2622	Borough of Union City	2019 MMS - Round 1	-10,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/20/2019	2623	City of Erie	2019 MMS - Round 1	-25,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/20/2019	2624	Erie Downtown Partnership	2019 MMS - Round 1	-70,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/20/2019	2625	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2019 March Copier Lease	-345.95





SCORECARD	CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE	CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE
	\$58.32	05/15/19

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		01/10/19
Days In Billing Cycle		31
Previous Balance		\$359.86
Purchases	+	356.86
Cash	+	0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$359.86
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	0.00

NEW BALANCE \$356.86

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$25,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$24,643.00
Available Cash	\$24,640.00
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

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Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$356.86
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$356.86
PAYMENT DUE DATE	02/04/19

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
01/10/19	\$356.86	\$356.86	02/04/19

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PERRY N WOOD
5340 FRYLING ROAD
SUITE 201
ERIE PA 16510-4672



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Closing Date: 01/10/19
Credit Limit: \$25,000.00 Available Credit: \$24,643.00

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Cardholder Account Summary

Trans Date	Post Date	MCC Code	Reference Number	Description	Amount
12/24/18	12/25/18	4814	24493988358083033471073	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$356.86
01/03/19	01/03/19	0000	74335269003001157343861	ACH PMT THANK YOU	\$359.86 -

phone bill

Additional Information About Your Account

ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 01/09/19

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$56.54	\$1.78	\$0.00	\$58.32	05/15/19

Interest Charge Calculation/Plan Level Information

Plan Description	ICM ¹	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Periodic Rate	Annual Percentage Rate (APR) ²	Interest Charge	Ending Balance
CURRENT						
PURCHASES	E	\$ 0.00	0.7708%	9.25% (V)	\$ 0.00	
CASH	F	\$ 0.00	0.7708%	9.25% (V)	\$ 0.00	
FEES/INTEREST CHARGE					\$ 0.00	
TOTAL				0.00%	\$ 0.00	\$ 356.86

¹ ICM Interest Charge Method. See reverse side of Page 1 for explanation.

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SCORECARD	CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE	CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE
	\$31.22	05/15/19

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		01/10/19
Days In Billing Cycle		31
Previous Balance		\$370.02
Purchases	+	409.50
Cash	+	0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$370.02
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	0.00
NEW BALANCE		\$409.50

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$10,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$9,590.00
Available Cash	\$9,590.00
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

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Payment Summary

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PAYMENT DUE DATE	02/04/19

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Account Number
8023

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
01/10/19	\$409.50	\$15.00	02/04/19

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Account Number: ##### 8023

Closing Date: 01/10/19

Credit Limit: \$10,000.00 Available Credit: \$9,590.00



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Cardholder Account Summary

Trans Date	Post Date	MCC Code	Reference Number	Description	Amount
12/17/18	12/18/18	5541	24299108351002352901542	COUNTRY FAIR #48 ERIE PA	\$1.99 <i>o.s.</i>
12/17/18	12/18/18	7399	24493988352026796182615	SHRED-IT USA LLC 866-647-4733 IL	\$31.45 <i>o.s.</i>
12/19/18	12/19/18	5045	24204298353000014621442	MSFT * E05007ANUJ 800-6427676 WA	\$259.20 <i>phone/IT</i>
12/21/18	12/23/18	7399	24692168355100040342104	STAMPS COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$15.99 <i>postage</i>
12/28/18	12/30/18	5943	24445748363100171862218	OFFICEMAX/DEPOT 6029 ERIE PA	\$6.35 <i>o.s.</i>
12/28/18	12/30/18	5199	24137468363001232799290	KOLDROCK WATER 814-452-0200 PA	\$7.25 <i>o.s.</i>
12/28/18	12/31/18	5968	24789308364665101963704	ERIE TIMES NEWS CIRCULATI 814-8701600 PA	\$34.67 <i>mag/subs</i>
01/02/19	01/03/19	5541	24445009003000749586617	GET GO #3090 ERIE PA	\$1.99 <i>o.s.</i>
01/03/19	01/03/19	0000	74335269003001157343861	ACH PMT THANK YOU	\$370.02 -
01/06/19	01/07/19	5942	24692169006100147275471	AMZN Mktp US*M24LN6U42 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$48.62 <i>o.s.</i>
01/07/19	01/08/19	5541	24299109007000883690663	COUNTRY FAIR #56 ERIE PA	\$1.99 <i>o.s.</i>

Additional Information About Your Account

ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 01/09/19					
SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$29.17	\$2.05	\$0.00	\$31.22	05/15/19

Interest Charge Calculation/Plan Level Information						
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FEES/INTEREST CHARGE					\$ 0.00	
TOTAL				0.00%	\$ 0.00	\$ 409.50

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**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
MARCH
2019**





\$250,000 in Gaming Funds Announced to Implement the Erie Downtown Streetscape Master Plan via ECGRA's Mission Main Street Grants

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MARCH 14, 2019, 10:00 AM—Erie, Pa.— At the Mayor's weekly press conference held at City Hall, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) announced a Mission Main Street grant of \$250,000 in gaming funds to the City of Erie for their efforts to implement Phase I of the Erie Downtown Streetscape Master Plan. The project entails:

- Enhancing the physical appearance and streetscapes of the downtown
- Engaging with businesses, civic groups, government, transportation systems, and individual citizens for consistency and support throughout the project
- Reflect a welcoming, consistent image of downtown streetscapes and corridors
- Encourage existing businesses to expand and new businesses to locate in buildings around State Street

The Streetscape Master Plan is an effort to implement recommendations from Erie Refocused, the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the recent Urban Land Institute Study which call for investments in the downtown central business district to help Erie reimagine its future.

Mission Main Street Grants were established in 2013 by the ECGRA board of directors to support any area recognized as a "main street" — a distinct geographic area host to small businesses, special events, historic structures, green spaces, and parks. Today's announcement marks the beginning of the 6th round of Mission Main Street Grants and a total of \$1.2 million of gaming revenue invested this way by ECGRA. Mission Main Street grantees are required to match ECGRA's investments, ensuring that no less than \$2.4 million has been spent to revitalize main streets across Erie County in six years.

ECGRA's Mission Main Street Grants is one of three *IMPACT: Neighborhoods & Communities* initiatives invested in and measured by the ECGRA board of directors with the purpose of reinvigorating neighborhoods and main corridors, boosting buy-local efforts, and combating blight.

Using national best practices as models for grant making and impact investing, ECGRA has made and reported on 1,004 grants and loans to 244 nonprofits and municipalities totaling \$56 million of investments of local share gaming revenue.

Mission Main Street grant guidelines are available at www.ECGRA.org.



City awarded gaming grant for streetscape upgrades

\$250,000 grant will be matched by city

By Matthew Rink
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The city of Erie now has \$250,000 in casino gaming money to beautify a downtown stretch of State Street.

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority grant allows the city to implement the first phase of its 2010 Erie Downtown Streetscape Master Plan. It will use the money to target a stretch of State Street from Third to 12th streets.

"We're going to remove broken and settled brick pavers and concrete between the curb and the sidewalk," John Tushak, city engineer, said. "We're going to construct green space between the curb and the sidewalk with sufficient area for street trees, landscaping and stormwater management, compliant with the complete streets concepts."

Some trees will be trimmed and others will be replaced so that they no longer impede light from ornamental fixtures, Tushak said. Broken and settled sections of sidewalk will also be replaced.

Erie County Gaming

More from the mayor's news conference

City residents who don't follow large-item trash collection rules will be ticketed: **A3**

The city has selected its Early Intervention Program consultant: **A3**

Revenue Authority Executive Director Perry Wood and Mayor Joe Schember announced the grant, which is from ECGRA's Mission Main Street program, at the mayor's weekly news conference Thursday morning.

"There are dozens of main streets all across Erie County, from North East to Girard, from Independence Hill to the city of Corry," Wood said. "But the central business district that we're in right now is the largest of these groups. They're places of great economic impact. They host small businesses. They're the central place for government services. They're central parks. They have parades and events."

Schember said, "This streetscape master plan is an important step for us in realizing our vision of a world-class downtown."

See **GRANT, A3**

GRANT

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Erie's Downtown Streetscape Master Plan is part of the city's multi-year comprehensive plan, Erie Refocused. It also aligns with recommendations in a recent report by the Urban Land Institute.

The Mission Main Street

program started in 2013 with the aim of supporting areas where there are small businesses, historic structures, green spaces, parks and where special events occur. Thursday's announcement marked the start of the sixth round of Mission Main Street grant funding.

ECGRA grants require a dollar-for-dollar match. The city is matching the grant with the \$1 million it received for streetscape

improvements from the state's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program in 2017. City Planning Director Kathy Wyrosdick said RACP funds will target improvements around French and State streets, North Park Row and Third Street.

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\$250,000 in Gaming Funds Invested to Improve Erie’s Downtown Experience and Placemaking via ECGRA’s Mission Main Street Grants

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE FEBRUARY 27, 2019, 12:00 NOON—Erie, Pa.— At a press conference held at the Bayfront Convention Center, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) board of directors invested \$250,000 in gaming funds to the Erie Downtown Partnership for their efforts to do the following:

1. Accelerate efforts to revitalize small business through façade grants
2. Begin work on new placemaking projects such as murals
3. Purchase maintenance equipment and street furniture as part of the clean and safe efforts
4. To attract new business to the downtown through marketing efforts

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Using national best practices as models for grant making and impact investing, ECGRA has made and reported on 1,004 grants and loans to 244 nonprofits and municipalities totaling \$56 million of investments of local share gaming revenue.

Mission Main Street grant guidelines, available at www.ECGRA.org, were originally written in collaboration with a volunteer committee made up of 19 municipal, nonprofit, and business leaders from across the county. Applicants applied online at <https://ECGRA.eGrantusa.com> for up to \$250,000 over three years for an implementation project and up to \$10,000 for a one-year planning project. All projects require a 1:1 cash match.



Downtown Partnership gets funding boost

By Kevin Flowers
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The push to reinvent downtown Erie has received a \$350,000 financial boost.

John Buchna, the Erie Downtown Partnership's executive director, made that announcement Wednesday afternoon during the organization's annual meeting at the Bayfront Convention Center.

Buchna explained to the roughly 150 people who attended the luncheon meeting, including Erie Mayor Joe Schember, that the money will help fund such things as facade improvements for downtown businesses; public art projects; maintenance equipment; downtown marketing efforts, and pedestrian and bicycle-friendly gateways to the district.

The Erie Downtown Partnership is a nonprofit that serves a 70-block area from Sassafras to Holland Streets, between the bayfront and 14th

Street. The organization is among several working to make myriad improvements downtown.

"Everything that happens downtown impacts the surrounding neighborhoods and the community," Buchna said. "The road ahead is full of innovation, investment and opportunity."

The Downtown Partnership will receive \$250,000 over the next three years from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's Mission Main Street grant program. That program was established by the Gaming Revenue Authority in 2013 to improve commercial and business districts throughout Erie County.

The grants require matching funds. Most of the Mission Main Street grants have been much smaller in the past — up to \$10,000.

Perry Wood, the Gaming Revenue Authority's executive director, said ECGRA "recognizes that funding at scale requires larger strategic and multi-year commitments" to help organizations like the Downtown Partnership complete projects that enhance downtown districts and main streets.

The grant will help fund facade grants; placemaking public art projects such as murals; new maintenance equipment and outdoor furniture downtown, and help pay for the Downtown Partnership's marketing efforts aimed at bringing in new business.

In addition, UPMC is contributing \$100,000, by way of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program, that will be used to help create a new gateway near Third and State streets.

The Downtown Partnership

plans gateways at several downtown locations that are designed to help create a sense of place in each downtown neighborhood. Those gateways could include archways, benches or other elements.

The DCED program encourages private-sector investment into projects that help improve communities. Businesses that invest in such projects get a percentage of their financial investment back via tax credits.

Initiatives such as the new gateways, public art projects and facade improvements were all included in the Downtown Partnership's multiyear master plan for downtown enhancements, unveiled in 2016.

Recommendations in the downtown plan include creating and linking four distinct downtown districts, each with its own character, function, target markets and design; improvements to the physical environment;

housing upgrades; economic development involving the arts, offices, technology and tourism; transportation improvements, and more aggressive marketing of downtown.

The downtown plan was completed by CMK Planning at a cost of \$52,000, funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

Businessman and restaurateur John Melody said he's looking forward to seeing downtown grow and improve.

Melody owns U Pick 6 Tap House, 333 State St., where the Third and State gateway would be located.

"There's an excitement about downtown that's palpable," he said.

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Preservation pays



The renovated steel emergency intake gear tower is shown at its new location at Presque Isle State Park on Jan. 29. (PAT BYWATER/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

Local award winners demonstrate architecture-economy connection

By Pat Bywater
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As Erie enters a period that may involve the most significant changes in its built environment in decades, local preservationists are positioned to show policymakers and the public that honoring history makes sense — dollars and cents.

The latest contribution to this effort are the Greater Erie Awards, organized by Preservation Erie this year under the theme “Preservation Works.”

Each of the five winners — to be honored April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Jr.'s Last Laugh — show how preservation of historic structures and economic development go hand-in-hand.

Honorees Velocity Network and Woda Companies offer very different examples of how the renovation of old buildings can fit today's needs, point out Preservation Erie board members Eric Dahlstrand and Erin Wincek. Velocity's renovation transformed a neglected brick building into a sleek, modern structure fitting for the headquarters of a tech company. Woda's repurposing of a 1919 school as apartments “shows the possibilities” for vacant schools and churches that now dot the landscape, Wincek pointed out. And “there is nothing greener than repurposing an existing building,” Dahlstrand offers.

Other awardees demonstrate the importance of preservation to the kind of place-making that draws visitors, shoppers, grants and tax incentives. Here are each of the winners:

Velocity Network — design excellence

Velocity Network

completed its \$8.5 million renovation of the 30,000-square-foot former Rothrock Building at 121 W. 10th St. into a sleek, modern structure designed by Erie-based Kidder Wächter Architecture & Design. Velocity, which installs fiber-optic networks and offers information technology services, moved into the new headquarters in November 2018.

Willow Commons — adaptive reuse

The renovation of the former 1919 Wesleyville Public School, 2064 Willow St., Wesleyville, by Woda Companies into Willow Commons, a 45 one- and two-bedroom apartments, was completed in late 2017. It offers rentals for individuals 62 and older with income below 60 percent of the area's median income. The \$9.5 million development was made possible in part by through tax credits.

Presque Isle Waterworks Intake Tower — preservation excellence

The deteriorating tower, a popular landmark often mistaken for a lighthouse by peninsula visitors, was built in 1906, but was removed in November 2017 after Erie natives Dan and Sallie Shipley launched the renovation project with funding through their St. Louis-based foundation, the Dan and Sallie Shipley Charitable Fund. It was no longer being used by Erie Water Works, which donated it to the state.

The \$80,000 facelift of the 22-foot-tall, 11-ton tower was completed in September 2018 when it returned

to Presque Isle State Park and was placed on a concrete pad near its former Waterworks area ferry slip location.

Independence Hill — planning

In January 2017, The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network received a \$10,000 Mission Main Street grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority to aid Federal Hill property and business owners with planning and facade improvements. In recent years the historic hill neighborhood with its distinctive architecture has become a growing hub for unique, locally-owned merchandise and food sellers. The effort is designed to further foster the neighborhood as a destination shopping location.

Lawrence Park Historical Society — education and advocacy

In spring 2018, the Lawrence Park Historical Society's effort to collect information and educate residents about the benefits of a historic designation paid off when the Lawrence Park Historical District was accepted for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The district includes the parts of Lawrence Park and its signature row houses that were designed by the nation's first recognized city planner, John Nolen.

The designation may open the way for preservation grants, tax credits and tourism promotion.

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
11:00am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

1. Special Events Review
2. Mission Main Street – Round 2 Review





Renaissance Block Program Workshop March 14, 2019





2019 Special Events

Organization Name	Charity Check Verification Date	Name of Event	Amount Requested from ECGRA	What is the total budget for your programs	County Council District
Roar on the Shore Inc	03/08/2019	2019 Roar on the Shore Bike Week	\$20,000.00	\$527,750.00	3
CAFE	03/02/2018	CelebrateErie 2019	\$16,000.00	\$335,700.00	2
Jefferson Educational Society	02/28/2019	JES Programming/Global Summit	\$19,500.00	\$315,000.00	4
Wattsburg Agricultural Society. Inc.	03/08/2019	Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. 2019 Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$14,688.00	\$293,754.00	6
Albion Area Fair	03/02/2018	Albion Area Fair	\$14,378.00	\$287,550.00	7
Dr. Gertrude A Barber Foundations	03/07/2019	Barber Events 2019: 12th Annual Art Show and Sale; 7th Annual Barber Beast on the Bay; 55th Annual Christmas Ball	\$13,370.00	\$267,391.26	2
YMCA of Greater Erie	03/05/2018	2019 Special Events	\$11,476.00	\$237,095.00	2
Edinboro University Foundation	03/07/2019	Centennial Celebration/Art 100	\$10,650.00	\$213,000.00	6
Waterford Community Fair Association	09/04/2018	2019 Waterford Community Fair	\$7,063.15	\$169,963.00	6
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	03/08/2019	Regional Dance America Northeast Dance Festival 2019	\$8,121.60	\$162,432.00	7

Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	03/08/2019	Annual Greek Festival	\$7,500.00	\$150,000.00	1
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	03/08/2019	26th Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival	\$6,920.00	\$138,400.00	3
Downtown North East, Inc.	02/13/2017	North East Area Chamber of Commerce Events 2019	\$6,350.00	\$126,625.00	5
ServErie	03/08/2019	ServErie Saturdays, ServErie Spring Soiree, ServErie School Initiative	\$6,292.00	\$125,834.00	2
Saint Patrick's Church		Erie Irish Festival	\$5,807.50	\$116,150.00	2
Erie Downtown Partnership	02/14/2017	Erie Downtown Event Programming	\$6,250.00	\$111,500.00	2
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	02/17/2017	36th Annual Drum Corps Competition; 23rd Annual German Heritage Festival	\$5,280.00	\$105,600.00	4
Mercy Center for Women	03/08/2019	Celebration of 25 Years Serving Women and Children on the Road to Recovery	\$5,000.00	\$100,000.00	3
Saint Joseph Church Bread of Life Community	03/08/2019	Oktoberfest 2019	\$5,000.00	\$100,000.00	3
The Nonprofit Partnership	01/26/2016	Nonprofit Day 2019	\$4,875.00	\$97,500.00	3
Presque Isle Partnership	03/08/2019	2019 Special Events	\$4,862.00	\$97,245.00	1
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	03/08/2019	Saint Paul's Annual Italian Festival	\$4,598.33	\$91,966.66	3
Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership	03/07/2019	Erie Regional Chamber 2019 Events	\$4,450.20	\$89,004.00	2
The Iroquois School District Foundation	03/08/2019	Erie Food Truck Festival	\$4,200.00	\$88,100.00	2

JCA Foundation/Erie Homes for Children and Adults	02/13/2017	EHCA 2019 Special Events	\$3,380.00	4
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	09/04/2018	Four Seasons Performances	\$3,075.00	3
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.	03/08/2019	March Against Crime, Victims' Rights Speaker Series and Conference, Moonlight on the Bay	\$3,071.55	3
Edinboro Highland Games		Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$2,950.00	6
SafeNet	03/08/2019	Scrabble Tournament, Garden Party, Intimate Partner Violence Conference, Big Backyard Children's Parties	\$2,600.00	3
WQLN Public Media	08/16/2016	Sounds Around Town Summer Concert Series and TV & Radio Broadcasts	\$2,393.00	5
Borough of North East		Light Up North East	\$18,500.00	5
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier (LEAF)	03/06/2018	2019 LEAF Events	\$2,050.00	2
Achievement Center	03/01/2018	Over the Edge & Trivia Night	\$2,010.55	1
AmeriMasala	09/04/2018	The AmeriMasala	\$2,390.00	3
Harborcreek Township		Harborcreek Community Concert & HC Light Up Night	\$1,224.00	5
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc	02/04/2019	Maple Festival, Honey Harvest, Scary Creature Feature and Winter Wonderland	\$1,217.50	1
The Goodell Project, d/b/a Goodell Gardens & Homestead	03/08/2019	2019 Schedule of Educational and Cultural Events	\$1,185.95	6
Union City Pride, INC	01/26/2018	Gathering at French Creek	\$1,002.97	3

Erie Asian Pacific American Association	02/14/2017	Asian Festival 2019	\$950.00	\$19,000.00	2
Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation	03/08/2019	Sunset Celebration	\$595.00	\$16,900.00	1
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	07/18/2018	Global Youth Service Day "Say it, Say it Loud"	\$7,025.00	\$14,050.00	4
French Creek Council, BSA	03/08/2019	2019 Scouting Series	\$683.00	\$13,667.50	5
Borough of Union City		Annual Fireworks Extravaganza	\$631.00	\$12,614.00	6
Preservation Erie		Independence Hill District Flea Market	\$622.00	\$12,450.00	3
Duran's Down Home Days		Durans Down Home Days 2019	\$475.00	\$9,500.00	6
Corry Area Arts Council, Inc.	3/8/2018	4th of July in the Park	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	6

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Build a diverse economic base
Catalyze smart new investment
Cultivate a strong entrepreneurship ecosystem

ECONOMIC VITALITY

Create an inviting, inclusive atmosphere
Celebrate historic character
Foster accessible, people-centered public spaces

DESIGN

COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Build leadership and strong organizational capacity
Ensure broad community engagement
Forge partnerships across sectors

ORGANIZATION

Market district's defining assets
Communicate unique features through storytelling
Support buy-local experience

PROMOTION





Mission Main Street 2018-2020
ROUND 2

Organization	Project	Contact	Email	Amount Awarded
Bike Erie	Erie's Bicycle Revolution: The Stealthy Engine for Economic Growth & Community Wellness	Gretchen Fairley	gretchen.fairly@gmail.com	\$55,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Edinboro Business Revitalization	Kevin Oppele	kopple@edinboro.net	\$250,000.00
Borough of Union City	Downtown Union City Improvements	Cindy Wells	secretary@UCBorough.us	\$250,000.00
Corry Industrial Benefit Association	Green Junction Park	Ed DiMattio	ed@corryidc.org	\$250,000.00
Corry Industrial Benefit Association	Snyder Circle Blight Removal and Rejuvenation	Ed DiMattio	ed@corryidc.org	\$250,000.00
Our West Bayfront	Re-Store West 8th	Anna Frantz	anna@ourwestbayfront.org	\$250,000.00
Preservation Erie	Building a Culture of Preservation	Melinda Meyer	info@preservationerie.org	\$247,500.00
Sister's of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	2019 SSJNN Neighborhood Corridors and Gateways	Gretchen Durney	gdurney@ssjnn.org	\$250,000.00
Union City Pride, Inc.	Union City Intersection Revitalization	Tara Lineman	tlineman@ucasd.org	\$10,000.00
Total Requested				\$1,812,500.00



MISSION MAIN STREET – ROUND 2

1. Bike Erie

Project Name: Erie's Bicycle Revolution: The Stealthy Engine for Economic Growth and Community Wellness

Project Summary: Lead efforts to transform streets and communities into healthy, vibrant and accessible places. They wish to support the expansion of bicycle friendly infrastructure and encourage people to ride, improve the physical safety of cyclists and prevent accidents, strengthen the cycling community in Erie, decrease the number of stolen bikes, raise awareness of established bike routes, and encourage cycling for recreation and transportation.

The efforts will include a bike rack initiative for business owners, a two-year safe cycling messaging campaign, quarterly meet-ups and a speaker series, a bike lock-up initiative, and a bike route map for the City and County.

Project Cost: \$110,000

Grant Request: \$55,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$14,000 from Erie Co. Dept. of Health, Bike Erie, Erie Co. Library, Federal Work Study Program, businesses that purchase bike racks
- Year 2: \$17,000 from Erie Co. Dept. of Health, Erie Co. Library, SSJNN Pedal Mettle, Federal Work Study Program, Bike Erie, businesses that purchase bike racks
- Year 3: \$24,000 from Erie Co. Library, SSJNN Pedal Mettle, Federal Work Study Program, Bike Erie, businesses that purchase bike racks

Job Creation/Economic Impact: Bike Erie anticipates support to local jobs and businesses through their project expenditures. This includes metal workers and contractors for the bike racks, safety messaging via local advertising, printshop for route maps, hotel/restaurant/shopping from maps promoting tourism, attraction of customers and businesses due to bike-friendly climate.

2. Borough of Edinboro

Project Name: Edinboro Business Revitalization

Project Summary: The Borough and local business community intend to conduct a substantive improvement to both the look of the downtown as well as the marketability of small businesses through façade grants, streetscape improvements, social media training, and the working relationship with Edinboro University and the recently founded Edinboro Community and Economic Development non-profit.

Such improvements include continuation of façade grants, transformation of lighting and sidewalks, increase lighting capacity, new banners, resurface parking areas, social media training, and Wi-Fi services to downtown.

Project Cost: \$555,000

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$100,350 from local businesses and Borough
- Year 2: \$148,750 from local businesses and Borough
- Year 3: \$55,900 from local businesses and Borough

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Expand existing businesses through increased marketing services/social media and entice new businesses to become established with a fresh new look.

3. Borough of Union City

Project Name: Downtown Union City Improvements

Project Summary: Help preserve the architectural heritage of downtown Union City and encourage private investment to create a compelling commercial corridor and encourage long term commitments to the community.

Improvements will include handicap accessibility of the Municipal Building, structural assessments/second story use assessments for downtown corridor, develop building improvement matching grant program, implement at least one strategy identified in the Union City Historic Preservation Plan, and continue existing façade program.

Project Cost: \$500,000

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$75,000 from other grants, foundations, property owners, and donations
- Year 2: \$100,000 from other grants, foundations, property owners, and donations
- Year 3: \$75,000 from foundations, property owners, and donations

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Hire local design and construction specialists to help business owners and operators fund projects that otherwise would not be funded.

4. Corry Industrial Benefit Association

Project Name: Green Junction Park

Project Summary: Rehabilitation of the two existing train depots into a two-acre park that connects to three Rails & Trails routes.

The plan is to create park-like settings on both sides of Center Street, utilize the smaller depot building for a small museum and restrooms and the larger depot for a restaurant with a covered stage area for concerts, an adult exercise area, a playground/restroom at the Corry Diamond, and walking and bike paths.

Project Cost: \$600,000

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Not specified, but indicates \$250,000 secured

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Connect the Junction and East Branch Trails, bringing in visitors as well as opening a new restaurant and small museum.

5. Corry Industrial Benefit Association

Project Name: Snyder Circle Blight Removal and Rejuvenation

Project Summary: Continue the removal of the blighted multi-tenant housing units and replace with new commercial space and market rate housing. Creation of 4 acres of commercial property, 2 acres of buffer, and 8 acres of market rate housing.

Project Cost: \$590,000

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$75,000 from Arlene H. Smith Charitable Foundation and from Corry Community Foundation
- Year 2: \$30,000 from Corry Community Foundation
- Year 3: \$30,000 from Corry Community Foundation

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Estimated 17.5 new jobs.

6. Our West Bayfront

Project Name: Re-Store West 8th Street

Project Summary: Implement a simultaneous set of neighborhood interventions including property repairs, vacant lot enhancements, and traffic and security improvements.

These improvements include exterior building improvements, shared parking, security cameras, thermoplastic crosswalks, repair/replace sidewalks, and a two-way traffic study.

Project Cost: \$524,420

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$62,210 from property owners
- Year 2: \$212,210 from other grants, foundations, property owners, and NAP Tax Credit
- Year 3: completed

Job Creation and Economic Impact: 20 potential jobs to be created.

7. Preservation Erie

Project Name: Building a Culture of Preservation

Project Summary: Build capacity to address cultural and historic preservation in the region, promote responsible stewardship of historic and cultural assets, increase public awareness and community pride in historic and cultural resources.

Preservation Labs will be held to teach preservation skills and two projects with the HOPE Crew to restore historic structures for continued use and implementation of these skills. Continue the façade improvement programs, begin issuing historic designation plaques, and work with neighborhood groups for a listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Project Cost: \$495,000

Grant Request: \$247,500

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$40,500 from foundations, property owners, donations, and registration fees
- Year 2: \$111,000 from other grant, foundations, property owners, donations, and registration fees
- Year 3: \$96,000 from foundations, property owners, donations, and registration fees

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Utilization of local vendors for services and goods necessary for implementation of the projects.

8. Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network

Project Name: 2019 SSJNN Neighborhood Corridors & Gateways

Project Summary: Improve neighborhood image, increase feelings of safety, offer education and empowerment programs and decrease community disconnectedness.

This will be accomplished by implementing recommendations from the Federal Hill Strategic Plan. Improvements include 8 anchor buildings to receive significant exterior improvements, 30 buildings to receive façade work and lighting, 8 new murals/public art pieces added, and pole banners and large planters along sidewalks.

Project Cost: \$500,000

Grant Request: \$250,000

Grant Match:

- Year 1: \$100,000 from other grants, foundations, property owners, private donations, and NAP Tax Credits
- Year 2: \$84,250 from other grants, property owners, private donations, and NAP Tax Credits
- Year 3: \$60,000 from other grants, property owners, private donations, and NAP Tax Credits

Job Creation and Economic Impact: Utilization of local vendors for services and goods necessary for implementation of the projects. At least 4 part-time students and 1 part-time supervisor.

9. Union City Pride, INC – Planning Grant

Project Name: Union City Intersection Revitalization

Project Summary: Develop a plan to aesthetically and functionally revitalize the properties surrounding Union City's downtown gateway at the intersections of PA Routes 8 and 6. Things to consider are the design and architectural plan for the NW, SW, and SE corners of specified intersection, removal of the Union City Dinor structure and possible uses for that area, and façade improvements of existing buildings.

Project Cost: \$20,000

Grant Request: \$10,000

Grant Match:

- \$10,000 from the Union City Community Foundation (not secured)

Job Creation and Economic Impact: By stabilizing the downtown, Union City Pride believes additional investment will follow, additional jobs will ultimately be created in the downtown retail sector, and the overall economy of the community will improve.

RIDGE POLICY GROUP

Funding Opportunities	Awards
Erie School District/Mercyhurst University – PAsmart Award	\$ 500,000
Greater Erie Community Action Committee – pre-apprenticeship program	\$ 49,995
ARC Grant – Investing in Appalachia’s Future: ARC 5-year Strategic Plan	\$ 200,000
EDA – Regional Innovation Strategies Assistance to Coal Communities Program	\$ 1,000,000
Millcreek School District Foundation – tax credit	\$ 20,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,769,995



February 19, 2019



GREATER ERIE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

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

Dear Dr. Perry Wood:

I want to take a moment to thank The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and the team at the Ridge Policy Group for your help and support over the past few months as GECAC explored and applied for the PAsmart Grant opportunities through the Labor and Industry grant initiatives.

On February 6, 2019, GECAC was awarded \$49,995 from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry to administer a pre-apprenticeship program. The Program is in partnership with Erie Together, Penn State Behrend and Excutool Manufacturing. The Pre-Apprenticeship is designed to introduce students to the opportunities associated with Injection Molding. We are thrilled and excited about this opportunity, and we want to thank you and the Ridge Policy Group for helping GECAC secure the grant.

In addition to the pre-apprenticeship program the Ridge Policy group has been a great resource for our team at GECAC. Working with the team at Ridge Policy helped introduce GECAC to funding opportunities associated with our goal and mission. As a Community Action Agency, we are committed to providing programs that help and change the lives of our community.

Again, thank you and if you have any questions or if there are further opportunities that would be a good fit for GECAC to explore, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 814-459-4581 Ext. 413/bwilson@gecac.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin D. Wilson".

Benjamin D. Wilson, MA
Director of Workforce Development

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January 25, 2019



Perry N. Wood
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Executive Director
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Erie, PA 1510

Dear Dr. Wood:

I want to take time to express my sincere appreciation for the help provided by The Ridge Policy Group over the past year. During 2018, GECAC was considering pursuing the US Department of Labor Youth Build grant opportunity. During the application process, the team at Ridge Policy helped connect our staff to some valuable resources to strengthen our grant application. Although GECAC decided not to pursue the opportunity, The Ridge Policy Group provided support and made themselves available while we explored the potential grant opportunity.

Our team at GECAC is grateful to have access to the Ridge Policy Group. Having this partnership has given our team an opportunity to be at the table to explore and collaborate with other community initiatives. Currently our Workforce Development Manager, Mr. Benjamin Wilson, and our Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance Program Manager, Sheila Silman, are both working with the Ridge Policy Group to identify funding opportunities. Mr. Wilson has reported that the relationship, knowledge base and access to key information for funding opportunities has been a positive experience.

Dr. Wood, I would like to thank you and the entire team at ECGRA for the continued support. I especially look forward to our continued access to The Ridge Policy Group as we explore and apply for opportunities to bring innovative programming to meet our community's needs. Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on my team. You can reach me at 814-459-4581 Ext. 416, or djones@gecac.org, or you may reach out to Mr. Wilson at 814-459-4581 Ext. 413, bwilson@gecac.org.

Sincerely,


Danny J. Jones
Chief Executive Officer





Dear Perry Wood,

On behalf of the Erie Innovation District, I would like to take the time to express our support of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and its coordination with Ridge Policy Group. Both of these organizations have been integral in the success of several key Erie Innovation District initiatives over the past year to include a final application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for a Secure Smart City Technical Feasibility Study. Without ECGRA and Ridge Policy Group, we would not have been positioned to pursue opportunities with ARC and EDA.

Over the past several months, we have seen our community come together in a multitude of ways. ECGRA and Ridge Policy are examples of an organization that is fostering collaboration amongst local businesses and organizations throughout our region, as we all work towards a brighter future for the City of Erie and those who call it home.

Again, we appreciate the strong relationship we have with both organizations and look forward to future collaboration.

Sincerely,

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Karl H. Sanchack
Erie Innovation District
President & CEO



Tammi Michali

From: admin@millcreekeeducationfoundation.org
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Tammi Michali
Subject: Ridge Policy Group

Hi Tammi,

A few comments about my positive experience with the Ridge Policy Group...

Immediately after first meeting with representatives from the Ridge Policy Group, they were able to reach out to DCED on behalf of our organization to get answers for us about our PA-EITC Pre-K Scholarship Initial Application. It had been several months without a response to our application and within a day, our application was approved and we could seek corporate support for the program.

Throughout the year, I was able to email representatives from the Ridge Policy Group with questions I had regarding both state and federal funding opportunities. Their connections and insight for both the state and federal level opportunities were invaluable. I still hope to work with them on future proposals for both STEAM and school security funding possibilities.

I am very appreciative of ECGRA's commitment to finding resources to support nonprofit initiatives like ours and connecting us with the Ridge Policy Group professionals that have valuable insight and connections with funding decision makers.

Please let me know if there is any additional information you need.

Thank you

Kris

Kristina Huber, CFRE
Executive Director
Millcreek Education Foundation
(814) 860-3364





ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Public Health
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Melissa C. Lyon, MPH
Director

Kathy Dahlkemper
County Executive

February 14, 2019

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Perry Wood, Executive Director
5340 Fryling Road
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Erie PA 16510

Re: Ridge Policy Group Support

Dear Perry,

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDH) is an accredited, local, county health department which works to promote its mission throughout the community and in conjunction with local partnerships, "To preserve, promote and protect the health, safety and wellbeing of the people and the environment of the County." The ECDH provides services to all residents in both the county and city of Erie within the divisions of Community Health Services, Environmental Health Services, Health Promotion and Quality Improvement, Epidemiology, and Public Health Preparedness, in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH). The motto of the ECDH is, "Working together, caring for the people and the place we call home...Erie County."

The ECDH has become the contractor for the Corry Community Blue Zones Project (BZP). Starting in January 2019, the City of Corry has the unique opportunity to participate in the Blue Zones initiative. Started in 2009 by Dan Buettner and National Geographic, this is a country-wide initiative that seeks to increase longevity and overall quality of life. The project looks at the five 'Original Blue Zones' worldwide, which include Sardinia, Italy, Okinawa, Japan, Loma Linda, California, Nicoya, Costa Rica, and Ikaria, Greece. These places are known for the amount of people who live to an old age, and do so free of chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's and heart disease. Following the example of the established lifestyles in these regions, the Blue Zones Project came up with a way for whole communities to have significantly longer, healthier, and more fulfilling lives.

The main goal of Blue Zones is to transform communities to be healthier and have a better future by making the healthy choice the easy choice. Through a community-wide approach, the project hopes to increase longevity for as many individuals as possible. Schools, restaurants, faith-based communities, and worksites work together to create a healthier community for all. It brings together evidence-based practice, tools, and expertise to the community.

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) has been a significant partner throughout the three year local discovery and support phase of implementing a Blue Zones Project in Erie. ECGRA

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connected the ECDH with the Ridge Policy Group very early on to assist with securing funds and finding funding opportunities to support the BZP implementation or related projects.

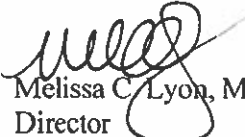
The Ridge Policy Group presented three funding opportunities that would not have otherwise been identified by ECDH. They provided phone consultation and technical support to assist with the understanding of the funding opportunity and provided backing in advocacy for the project had any applications moved forward.

Unfortunately, the opportunities were not ideally timed with the BZP launch dates, as many of the funding opportunities required specific projects with tangible outcomes. The BZP for the Cory Community is still identifying their priorities and tangible outcomes. In addition, at least one of the opportunities prohibited government entities from applying and the ECDH would have needed to secure a solid relationship with a nonprofit entity to move forward. There was not adequate time to secure that relationship and submit an application.

Overall, the ECDH has been extremely satisfied with the assistance that the Ridge Policy Group has provided. I am sure that there will be better timed opportunities for securing necessary funding once the Cory Community Blueprint is completed and approved for implementation.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to ECGRA for facilitating the Ridge Policy Group connection with the ECDH and the Blue Zones Project.

Sincerely,


Melissa C. Lyon, MPH
Director



Ridge Policy Group Activity ECGRA February 15 – March 15 Report

Overview

For more than a year, the Ridge Policy Group has looked for any and all relevant state and federal funding opportunities for the county of Erie on behalf of our work with ECGRA. We are excited to see that many of those funding opportunities are being recognized and awarded to benefit the community in January-February. This month, we were focused on find opportunities for GECAC's prison reentry program.

Funding Opportunities Presented by RPG for Potential Pursuit this Month

- Community Collaborations to Strengthen and Preserve Families
- EDA Regional Innovation Strategies (two potential opportunities)
- Multiple grant opportunities for GECAC reentry opportunities (included with attached document)
- DOC's current solicitation for Reentry Services

Additional RPG Relevant Activity for this Month

- Harrisburg RPG team shared GECAC prison reentry program information with Senator Laughlin and suggested that he ask a question about the program at a PA appropriations hearing
- Harrisburg RPG team spoke to DOC about prison reentry program
- Harrisburg RPG team is helping the Erie Innovation District connect with Sheri Collins on
- 2/21/2019 - Perry Wood and Mark Campbell Meeting
- 3/11/2019 – Emailed Perry Wood information on President Trump's FY20 Budget
- 3/11/2019 – Emailed Sheila Silman information on President Trump's FY20 Budget related to reentry programs



Grant Name	Agency	Topic	Deadline	Description	Notes
Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children	Dept. of Justice	Family Engagement, Youth	4/15/2019	This program will provide states and localities with funding to implement positive family engagement strategies and activities that address the needs of incarcerated parents and their minor children.	Limited to states & units of local govt
Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Initiative	Dept. of Justice	Mentorship, Youth	4/22/2019	Supports applicant organizations as they strengthen and/or expand their existing mentoring activities with active chapters or subawardees and/or other mentoring organizations.	
Pathways to Justice Careers for Youth	Dept. of Labor, ETA	Job Training, Youth	2016: May 9	A pilot program that will provide combined mentoring and career exploration in the field of justice and emergency services personnel (for example, police officers, firefighters or paramedics) for youth enrolled in the 11th and 12th grades between the ages of 16 to 21 in public or alternative high school.	The purpose of these grants is to improve employment opportunities for youth that are at-risk of dropping out of school and at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile or adult justice systems (some youth may have already become involved with the juvenile justice system) by giving them mentorship and a career pathway that leads them to careers in justice and emergency services. High poverty-high crime areas
Reentry Demonstration Projects for Young Adults	Dept. of Labor, ETA	Job Training, Youth	April - June	Will give organizations the chance to improve employability outcomes for young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 that have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system, residing in high-poverty, high-crime communities.	Last available in 2016 but could expect a new solicitation in 2019 or 2020
Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness	HHIS, SAMHSA	Substance Abuse, Mental Health	2018 Cycle: May - June	Goal is to provide grants to state and local government agencies, and Indian tribes to provide reentry services and programs. This program furthers the Department's mission to reduce recidivism and combat violence by facilitating the successful reintegration of offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness returning from incarceration.	Typically is a yearly grant program
Gang Suppression Implementation	Dept. of Justice	Youth	2018 Cycle: June-Oct. See notes.	The purpose of this program is to support jurisdictions with an established gang presence to coordinate gang suppression efforts and activities by prosecutorial and law enforcement agencies.	FY 2019 Expected release: Q2
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program	Dept. of Justice	Mental Health	2018 Cycle: Nov.-Jan. See notes.	Seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan and implement justice and mental health strategies collectively designed between justice and mental health	FY 2019 Expected release: Q2
Innovative Reentry Initiatives: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism	Dept. of Justice	Reducing recidivism	Typical Cycle: May-June See notes.	The Innovations in Reentry Initiative seeks state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to engage in a three part recidivism reduction program: strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. Applicant jurisdictions will propose to establish or expand a recidivism reduction initiative in line with the RNR framework and evidence-based practices.	FY 2019 Expected release: Q2
Fast Reentry and Employment Implementation Program	Dept. of Justice	Reducing recidivism	Typical Cycle: May-June See notes.	Goal is to fund the development of strategic plans that are comprehensive, collaborative, and multi-systemic in their approach to increase public safety by reducing recidivism and improving employability in offenders returning to communities from incarceration.	





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Kathy Dahlkemper
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 27, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Wood,

The Erie County Department of Health, with financial support from Corry Memorial Hospital affiliated with LECOM Health, Highmark Health and UPMC Hamot, is proud to have launched Blue Zones Project in Corry. The discovery phase of this community wellness initiative began in February, making Corry the 47th Blue Zones community in the United States. The full project will launch in May.

Blue Zones Project is an initiative that seeks to transform communities by making the healthy choice the easy choice, thus increasing longevity and overall quality of life. It has seen great success in communities across the country such as Albert Lea, Minnesota, which has seen a 40 percent reduction in healthcare costs for city workers, a 25 percent increase in property values, and more than three years of life added to participants.

Blue Zones Project engages the entire community, bringing together schools, restaurants, faith-based communities and worksites to create a healthier community for all. The success of this community-wide initiative depends on community-wide support.

That is why I am asking you to consider becoming a sponsor. Approximately 85 percent of the funding has been pledged by Corry Memorial Hospital affiliated with LECOM Health, Highmark Health and UPMC Hamot. We are now seeking the remaining funds. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss project sponsorship and the potential for a financial commitment toward this community health. I will be in contact with your office to schedule a time to discuss this further.

We know that the success of our community is directly related to the well-being of our greatest resource – our citizens. We hope that you have the same passion to make the Corry region, and Erie County overall, one of the healthiest places in America to live, work, play, worship and age.

On behalf of the citizens of Erie County, I wish to extend to you my deep appreciation for your willingness to consider this request to help create a healthier community.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dahlkemper



RESOLUTION NUMBER 2, 2019

Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) applicants to the Mission Main Street Grant Program – Round 2

Whereas, the Regional Assets Committee recommended to the Board of Directors and subsequently did pass a set of guidelines, an online application, match requirements, and eligibility requirements to provide funding support for Erie County’s main streets; and

Whereas, the two (2) Mission Main Street applicants recommended for immediate funding are identified as Borough of Edinboro and Borough of Union City; and

Whereas, the applicants are awarded grants totaling \$450,000 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, enters into agreements with nine (9) Erie County Mission Main Street applicants so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region through tourism, and continue to enrich the quality of place we all call home: Erie County, Pennsylvania.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 21st day of March 2019 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

March 21, 2019

ATTEST:

Secretary
ECGRA





Mission Main Street 2018-2020
ROUND 2

Organization	Project	Contact	Email	Amount Awarded
Borough of Edinboro	Edinboro Business Revitalization	Kevin Opple	kopple@edinboro.net	\$250,000.00
Borough of Union City	Downtown Union City Improvements	Cindy Wells	secretary@UCBorough.us	\$200,000.00
Total Requested				\$450,000.00



RESOLUTION NUMBER 3, 2019

Resolution to Enter into agreements with 45 Erie County Special Events Grants applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019

Whereas, the Regional Assets Committee has established a set of eligibility and funding criteria for special events that are produced by municipalities and nonprofits;

Whereas, there were forty-five (45) applicants for special events funding, and the Board of Directors affirms that forty-five (45) applicants have met the funding eligibility;

Whereas, the forty-five (45) special events applicants are identified as the

Achievement Center, Albion Area Fair Inc., AmeriMasala, Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc., Borough of North East, Borough of Union City, CAFÉ, Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc., Corry Area Arts Council, Inc., Downtown North East, Inc., Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundations, Edinboro Highland Games, Edinboro University Foundation, Erie Asian Pacific American Association, Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre, Erie Downtown Partnership, Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, French Creek Council, BSA, Harborcreek Township, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Iroquois School District Foundation, Jefferson Educational Society, Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier, Lake Erie Fanfare Inc., Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society, Mercy Center for Women, The Nonprofit Partnership, Preservation Erie, Presque Isle Partnership, Roar on the Shore, Inc., SafeNet, St. Patrick's Church, ServErie, Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community, The Goodell Project, Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation, Union City Pride, Inc., Waterford Community Fair Association, Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc., WQLN Public Media, YMCA of Greater Erie, Young Artists Debut Orchestra, and Youth Leadership Institute of Erie;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$175,515.39 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 forty-five (45) Erie County Special Events Grants applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region through tourism, and continue to enrich the quality of life for Erie County residents.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____,

This resolution was passed on the 21st day of March 2019 by a vote of ____ to ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

March 21, 2019

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA





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2019 Special Events

Organization Name	Name of Event	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Achievement Center	Over the Edge & Trivia Night	\$2,010.55	\$1,449.48
Albion Area Fair	Albion Area Fair	\$14,378.00	\$10,351.80
AmeriMasala	The AmeriMasala	\$2,390.00	\$1,070.28
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc	Maple Festival, Honey Harvest, Scary Creature Feature and Winter Wonderland	\$1,217.50	\$876.60
Borough of North East	Light Up North East	\$2,140.00	\$1,540.80
Borough of Union City	Annual Fireworks Extravaganza	\$631.00	\$454.10
CAFE	CelebrateErie 2019	\$16,000.00	\$12,085.20
Corry Area Arts Council, Inc.	4th of July In the Park	\$385.00	\$277.20
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.	March Against Crime, Victims' Rights Speaker Series and Conference, Moonlight on the Bay	\$2,777.80	\$2,000.02
Downtown North East, Inc.	North East Area Chamber of Commerce Events 2019	\$6,350.00	\$4,558.50
Dr. Gertrude A Barber Foundations	Barber Events 2019: 12th Annual Art Show and Sale; 7th Annual Barber Beast on the Bay; 55th Annual Christmas Ball	\$13,370.00	\$9,626.09
Edinboro Highland Games	Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$2,950.00	\$2,124.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Centennial Celebration/Art 100	\$10,650.00	\$7,668.00
EHCA Foundation/Erie Homes for Children and Adults	EHCA 2019 Special Events	\$3,380.00	\$2,367.00
Erie Asian Pacific American Association	Asian Festival 2019	\$950.00	\$684.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	Regional Dance America Northeast Dance Festival 2019	\$8,121.60	\$5,847.55
Erie Downtown Partnership	Erie Downtown Event Programming	\$6,250.00	\$4,014.00
Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership	Erie Regional Chamber 2019 Events	\$4,450.20	\$3,204.14
French Creek Council, BSA	2019 Scouting Series	\$683.00	\$492.03
Harborcreek Township	Harborcreek Community Concert & HC Light Up Night	\$1,224.00	\$881.96
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	26th Annual Zabawa Polish Heritage Festival	\$6,920.00	\$4,982.40
Jefferson Educational Society	JES Programming/Global Summit	\$19,500.00	\$11,340.00
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier (LEAF)	2019 LEAF Events	\$2,050.00	\$1,476.00
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	36th Annual Drum Corps Competition; 23rd Annual German Heritage Festival	\$5,280.00	\$3,801.60
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	Annual Greek Festival	\$7,500.00	\$5,076.00
Mercy Center for Women	Celebration of 25 Years Serving Women and Children on the Road to Recovery	\$2,262.50	\$1,629.00
Preservation Erie	Independence Hill District Flea Market	\$622.00	\$448.20
Presque Isle Partnership	2019 Special Events	\$4,862.00	\$3,500.82
Roar on the Shore Inc	2019 Roar on the Shore Bike Week	\$20,000.00	\$17,421.75

SafeNet	Scrabble Tournament, Garden Party, Intimate Partner Violence Conference, Big Backyard Children's Parties	\$2,600.00	\$1,620.00
Saint Joseph Church Bread of Life Community	Oktoberfest 2019	\$5,000.00	\$3,600.00
Saint Patrick's Church	Erie Irish Festival	\$5,807.50	\$4,181.40
ServErie	ServErie Saturdays, ServErie Spring Soiree, ServErie School Initiative	\$6,292.00	\$3,060.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Saint Paul's Annual Italian Festival	\$4,598.33	\$3,310.80
The Goodell Project, d/b/a Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2019 Schedule of Educational and Cultural Events	\$1,185.95	\$810.00
The Iroquois School District Foundation	Erie Food Truck Festival	\$4,200.00	\$3,171.60
The Nonprofit Partnership	Nonprofit Day 2019	\$4,875.00	\$3,510.00
Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation	Sunset Celebration	\$845.00	\$608.40
Union City Pride, INC	Gathering at French Creek	\$1,002.97	\$722.14
Waterford Community Fair Association	2019 Waterford Community Fair	\$7,063.15	\$6,118.67
Wattsburg Agricultural Society, Inc.	Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. 2019 Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$14,688.00	\$10,575.14
WQLN Public Media	Sounds Around Town Summer Concert Series and TV & Radio Broadcasts	\$2,393.00	\$1,722.96
YMCA of Greater Erie	2019 Special Events	\$11,476.00	\$8,535.42
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	Four Seasons Performances	\$3,075.00	\$2,214.54
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	Global Youth Service Day "Say it, Say it Loud"	\$702.50	\$505.80

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