



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
September 19, 2019

AGENDA

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## 14. ADJOURNMENT

### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019

Time: **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 8:00 a.m.**  
**BOARD MEETING: 8:30 a.m.**

Location: Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**August 15, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on August 15, 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. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, Mr. Paris, and Mr. Sample. Mr. Lee, Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – July 2019

Mr. Sample makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion.

**Mr. Cleaver:** I have a comment on this. I noticed in the minutes there was a lot of discussion on this company that we pay X number of dollars monthly. Do we get an annual, I'm speaking as an individual, do we get any kind of thing in writing on a monthly basis or quarterly or . . .

**Dr. Wood:** Who are we talking about?

**Mr. Cleaver:** Ridge Policy Group.

**Dr. Wood:** We get an activity report monthly –

**Mr. Cleaver:** That's what I mean; does it tell us what they're doing for us?

Dr. Wood: Yes.

Mr. Cleaver: There were a lot of comments in the minutes and I think they do more for the County than they do for ECGRA but again, I'd just like to sort of see what transpires with this company.

Dr. Wood: Absolutely.

Mr. Cleaver: Sometime down the road.

Dr. Wood: It is in your Executive Director's Report. Three or four pages in there is an activity report that looks like this; it's normally a couple of pages long. Then there is a second report, which is the cumulative amount of funds that have been brought into Erie County.

Mr. Cleaver: That's my concern.

Dr. Wood: You can see here that it's \$4.2 million to date brought in.

Mr. Cleaver: And they are responsible for that?

Dr. Wood: Yes.

Mr. Cleaver: Ok. I still second that. As long as I can look at a report.

There is no further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.

#### DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments at this time.

#### COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris has nothing to report on today.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

#### PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: Good morning everyone. The Treasurer's Report is going to be pretty short unless we have some substantial questions. Hopefully everyone has had the opportunity to review it and there should be a copy in front of you. You'll notice there is not a lot of activity as far as income; we did receive a couple of payments as far as interest from Progress Fund, the Savings account, Blue Highway, and the EDF Restructured. Moving down, you'll see the expenses are basic and there is nothing out of the ordinary there. It should be noted under Other Expenses that we did pay the final payment for the Summer Jobs Program of \$3,633.07. Net Income – we didn't have any substantial income so there is a deficit because of expenses.

The Balance Sheet is pretty basic. If anyone sees anything they would like to ask about, feel free to do so. Moving on to the Statement of Cash Flow, it's an indication of the payouts we had made. The Budget vs. Actual for the month of July, you'll see that everything is standard other than the Professional Services. That is a larger amount due to the fact that we had the Economic Impact Study Update done, which was an update from the original study done in 2015. The Professional Development charges is Tom getting recertified as a city planner.

The Schedule of Grant Reserve shows no activity in the month of July until you get to the third page where you see where we paid the Summer Jobs.

Dr. Wood: Just to clarify, that is the final payment of 2018. You'll see in the August report that we've made our first payment for 2019 on Summer Jobs. This is the period of time where the majority of the drawdown takes place because they're paying the young people's wages for the program.

Mr. Barney: Next is the Check Detail Report and everything is explained right there. Then we go to the VISA's and you'll notice that Perry's is not there. The only expense that is on Perry's is the Phone/IT and we paid it twice last month. In the future going forward, unless he has an expense out of the ordinary, we won't get a print out from his VISA because everything will be on Tammi's. The next VISA report is Tammi's and there's just the usual – office supplies, postage, subscriptions, and things of that nature.

That concludes the Financial Report for today. Are there any questions?

Mr. Lee: I have a question. For the Erie Area COG (Council of Governments), the first payment of \$28,500, how much do we commit to them each year?

Dr. Wood: That amount was for a grant for the Census project and I believe that was a \$50,000 grant and that was just the first payment of that.

Mr. Lee: Thank you.

There is no further discussion of the Treasurers Report. Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Paris: We did have a meeting last week and Perry is going to have some updates on what was discussed there.

Dr. Wood: I'll just give a brief summary of the meeting for the record and then I'll talk a little more about it during my Executive Director's Report. Three things we discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting – 1) the North East Revitalization Fund which is only in concept format at this point; it's the first time I talked to the Board about the concept. North East had approached us about this kind of revitalization fund for their Main Street and the surrounding neighborhoods. We began discussions with them, Tom and I have meet with them three times now, so it would kind of be a new direction for mission-related investments. We will have them come present to you at the September Board meeting so you can get a more in-depth idea of what they're looking to do in their downtown. I'll talk about it more in my Director's Report.

2) Mission Main Street Round 3 – here is the grant book for this round which is 2019-2021 for the three-year cycle. We reviewed five applications and the recommendations from the committee you'll see in my report. 3) Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round 2 – you'll see the five applications that were reviewed. There were summaries handed out as well as emailed to you of all of the grants in this round, which was a total of ten grants to review, plus you should have access to the Foundant software online if you wanted to go more in-depth on any of these grants.

- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Leone is not present so there is nothing to report.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In reference to the Community College. As many of you know, August 1<sup>st</sup> County Council approved an updated version of the Memorandum of Agreement with the County and the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College. There were a lot of items included in there dealing with control of the curriculum, location of the college, the role that the advisory board would play. All the items that were put into the Memorandum of Agreement the administration had discussed with Northern Pennsylvania Regional College over the last seven months. There was a meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the task force and the task force consists of the County Executive, Councilman Anderson, Ron DiNicola, Joe Maloney, Jim Sparber, and myself. The County Executive and I could not attend due to prior commitments, but the other four members went to meet with the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement. Northern Pennsylvania Regional College explained to the task force why the majority of the items put into the Memorandum of Agreement does not fit into their model. There was no meeting planned at the conclusion of last Friday's meeting. Since then, there has been talk about a meeting for the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> with the task force and the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College so we're going to see if that will transpire.

At the end of the day, it's really important to the administration that three things be accomplished: 1) that we meet the needs of the businesses in the region, 2) meet the needs of the students, and 3) that it's affordable and flexible. That's the goal of the administration. Stay tuned. In the opinion of the administration, there is way too much politics involved in this process; the application was stand alone that we submitted back on June 30, 2017 is still with the State Board of Education. It has been stalled and the reason it has been stalled is for political reasons. We're hoping that they will vote on that, either up or down. We were told initially that it was going to take 12 to 18 months; it's been over two years now. We're going to see what transpires there but at the end of the day, we hope we will have a model that will be able to adapt to those businesses. Are there any questions? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Paris: Thank you, Gary.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. I want to give you a quick update on where we are at with three of the Impact areas - Neighborhoods & Communities, Municipalities, and Quality of Place. But first, just a quick recap of what we've done since the beginning of the fiscal year – some of the major milestones to remind you of. First, the audit was finalized and it's in front of you today in an institutionalized form; that is sent to County Council, the County Executive's office, and the County Controller all for the purposes of archiving for historical records.

The Annual Report was also finalized and that is also sent to those three entities. The Grant Management Software that we asked you to renew, was renewed. Tim took care of the issue we, as well as all other Authorities, had with the Social Security Administration; that was put to rest. The Blue Zones Pilot Project was approved and of course that program was launched and the 2018 Summer Jobs Program, the financing of it, was closed out. Of course, we will be getting a debriefing report from GECAC as well as Keystone Research that Gary and I always attend every year and we'll come back with a formal evaluation.

For today's report, I want to talk to you about our revenue because we got the second quarter revenue in August. You won't see it recorded in the July financials, but you'll see it next month in the August financials. The Strategic Planning Committee has its recommendations, the Ridge Policy Group has its update, and then we'll talk about what's next.

Here is our standard revenue dashboard; I always show this to illustrate two keys points. The first is historically, in Series One through Eleven that everything looks like a hockey stick and that is because in the past the way the Commonwealth sent the revenue in was in drips and drabs until there was something that they called the "true up" at the end of the year which was consistent with Gaming legislation which ensured that a certain percentage of funds would come back to the local municipalities. After eleven years of data, Department of Revenue decided to change the distribution model. The basically saw that the gaming had stabilized, and a certain amount of revenue would be coming in. You can see the new series, Series 12, this is what we're operating in now and this is the new consistency – more of a plateau model. The reason it is so low in the first quarter is because a large amount of the revenue comes out and is sequestered for land bank activities. By the time the second quarter rolls around, which is what we have here for August, there's a small amount taken out for the land bank and it will increase slightly for the third and fourth quarters, bringing us up to our annual amount which is about \$4.5 million in revenue a year.

The second chart gives shows you that the revenues are stable, but they are slightly on the decline. You see in Series 12 that there is a major drop, but that is the minus \$1 million for the land bank. We are on a slight downward trend, but the good news is that it's slight and fairly stabilized.

The letter that always comes is from the Director of Finance at the County, Mr. Sparber, is included in your Executive Director's Report; I always put that in there so you can see the exact amount that we receive and how we receive communication from the County. They send the funds in the form of a wire transfer, so this letter is the confirmation that funds were deposited.

Mr. Cleaver: I've got a quick question here. The casino recently just converted over to the sports betting. It definitely has to have an impact on income. Does that affect us in any way as far as our monies that come to the County and get sent over to us? The impact is going to be great, and that's just my personal opinion, but I've seen what's happened in the past couple of weeks.

Dr. Wood: That's great to hear. Tim and I did have a discussion about the legal review of the legislation. We took a look at the clauses that affect sports betting and they fall into the same clauses as the slot machines. Technically, we should benefit from the revenue of sports betting, but it's still at the same percentage as slots. We don't really know what the size of that will be yet. The slots are the main source of income at the casino and the table games and these other things are much smaller. It's going to be a wait-and-see approach but in theory, we should benefit.

Mr. Cleaver: I was just curious. I'm involved there, you know I spend a little time there, but they have to remove some slot machines and that's a loss of revenue without a doubt, and every time they take 40 or 50 out, they have to run down to Harrisburg to kiss some politicians butt to the reason why they're taking them out and the State is worried about losing money. But, just from what I see because I know a lot of people, the bookies are probably going to take a beating but there's a lot of people betting at that casino on everything from soccer to professional football. Erie is a gambling town as far as football. I was just curious if that had any effect. I know it's down the road, but I was just curious about that.

Dr. Wood: Today is August and those basically just opened up, maybe we'll see some bump in the third quarter revenues and maybe that's how we can explain that bump. We'll come back to you when those numbers come in.

Mr. Sample: I would personally like to thank Mr. Cleaver for being the eyes and ears and monitoring the casino for the ECGRA Board.

Dr. Wood: Mission Main Street Round 3 was recently executed on. Just a quick recap: we created this program in 2013. It was steady and (inaudible) group around the Main Streets all over Erie County, nonprofits and boroughs alike, as well as the City of Erie have access to these funds to do various downtown activities. In 2018, the Board revised the guidelines, changing it from a one-year grant to a three-year grant, changing the maximum amount applicable from \$15,000 per applicant to \$250,000 per applicant. We did that based on feedback and research. We had focus groups and a couple of things were clear: they wanted multi-year funding so they had some reliability, and the second thing was they wanted larger amounts so they could have a bigger impact and they quantified that for us. The Board reacted in 2018 by changing those guidelines.

Round 1 was awarded January 2019, Round 2 got split into two different groups – 2A was awarded in March 2019 and 2B were the applications that we had further questions on and there wasn't enough information on so we punted and the Board came back and approved 2B in May 2019. We're asking you today to approve Round 3. The Strategic Planning Committee is recommending you award the three recipients listed, which are Borough of Girard, Impact Corry, and Waterford Borough. The recommendation is \$622,200 to those three applicants and it's on your agenda today as Resolution Number 12, 2019.

The next thing we discussed at the Strategic Planning meeting was Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round 2. We created Multi-Municipal Collaboration in 2012, we conducted a short-term progress report on how it was going in 2014 and decided to continue the program at that point in time. The grant review committee found that out of the \$275,655 in requests, they're recommending \$175,655 to four applicants and you will see them in Resolution Number 13, 2019 on your agenda. Those four are the Borough of North East, Girard Township, West County Paramedic Association, and West Erie County Emergency Management Agency.

Finally, we had a brief conversation about the North East Revitalization Fund and I just want to enter a little information into the record about what that is and the direction it's headed. First of all, it's a network of all the relevant organizations in North East coming together to plan leading up to 2025. Downtown North East is the local 501c3 that handles the main street, North East Chamber represents the business community, North East Community Foundation represents the funders and other foundations that are out there, and North East Borough are all at the table rowing in one direction, coming up with a strategic plan as we speak with this North East Revitalization Fund concept. They have a working title called Sustain North East; this is really the cornerstone that would provide matching funds from different sources and they want us to be just one of the funders who participates in it.

What I really like about it is it's a pro-active approach to the acquisition and redevelopment of main street historic structures; in other words, their ownership in many of their buildings along main street is getting older and there's not necessarily a succession plan. This fund would like to step in and be the group that gets them through the succession plan whether it be financing these



buildings as they get transferred to new owners, or in some cases for downtown North East, actually take ownership of some of these buildings creating a revenue stream for their organization. They have a record for doing this. They did it when they created the Grape Museum a few years ago; that museum eventually became what today is Skunk & Goat. (Inaudible) in the region. They were kind of the facilitator that made sure that building was repurposed.

ECGRA wrap around services – I just want to talk to you about this briefly and kind of plant the seed on this because I think this is a new direction that we could head. It's a smart way for us to use our resources. We would go into a community and we would have a conversation with a complex community network like the one that's here. North East is extremely organized, Corry is this organized, certainly downtown Erie is this organized, and many others are getting to this level of organization. The idea of wrap around services is that Tom and I would go in, we would do an analysis of what the needs are, we ask them what their top five priorities are as a community, we do matchmaking between ECGRA grant-making sources and their top five priorities. This is still a competitive grant process; it's not a forgone conclusion but at least it gets them on some type of timeline to implement these projects. Finally, we would use Ridge Policy Group grant services so if there are things we can't fund or are unable to fund, we can provide them with the information from Ridge Policy Group.

We did ask Ridge Policy Group to come to town and do a meeting with this network of folks; that's been conducted and their analysis is in the process right now. At the very least, they'll have access to these grant services. Best case scenario, we put money into this revitalization fund after we have them come and present, and if the Board likes it, we proceed from there.

Are there any questions about this? Like I said, it's just in concept phase and they will be here in September for the Board to (inaudible). If this works, we can do this with other communities.

Ridge Policy Group update – as I said earlier, you can see two reports in your Executive Director's Report. These reports are in the Executive Director's Report every month. First is an actual activity report, so this is everything that Ridge Policy Group has done for us in the last 30 days, second is called the deliverable summary which is a list of the grants that we have received, or rather that Erie County or some entity in Erie County has received as a result of Ridge Policy Group has been a part of, whether they've made an introduction, gave a presentation, or as we talked about last month, made a phone call, if they helped an entity write a grant and then market it to whatever bureaucratic institution (inaudible). That report is available to you monthly.

Just a refresher of the five focus areas that we agreed upon that Ridge Policy Group would pursue with the first one being health care from an economic development standpoint and we focused in on Blue Zones as our main focus there and Ridge Policy Group has been in D.C. helping Blue Zones. Entrepreneurship & Innovation – we see a lot of results with the Economic Development Administration as well as the Appalachian Regional Commission. Neighborhoods – of course we focus on neighborhoods through our Renaissance Block but we haven't had any hits there yet. Youth & Education Workforce – of course, we've been promoting the Summer Jobs Program to both State and Federal officials and I think next month we're going to have a really exciting announcement about that. We've been working with GECAC and Edinboro University on a partnership there to take Summer Jobs to the next level. And the final area we haven't had any hits on either and that's the Transportation & Site Selection, although we've done a lot of informational briefings on transportation funding especially to the City of Erie. We'll see what happens now with the Transportation Bill in Congress right now and Ridge Policy Group is going to help us dissect it and see what types of funding is available.

Mr. Wachter: PennDot has also applied for \$25 million in a BUILD Grant, formerly the TIGER Grant, in order to fund the Bayfront Parkway. That's something they looked at too.

Dr. Wood: That's the idea of connecting downtown Erie to the Bayfront. What's next? Right now, we have the Community Assets applications are open, so all three of the subcategories are open which are Arts, Culture, & Heritage which is due today, August 15<sup>th</sup>; Parks, Fields, & Trails; as well as Community Centers and those are both due on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll be coming back to you

with the Arts, Culture, & Heritage first and then the other two later on. Just a quick reminder of how those three categories function – Arts, Culture, & Heritage is a \$150,000 bucket with a maximum per applicant of \$15,000; Parks, Fields, & Trails is a \$150,000 bucket with a maximum per applicant of \$25,000; and Community enters is a \$100,000 bucket with a maximum per applicant of \$15,000. Those are currently open. As soon as they close, we will let you know.

What's Next? Anchor Building is currently open as well and is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. We keep this one open for six months because it's a little more complex when dealing with redevelopment and historic structures. This is in the assessment phase because the staff – mostly Tom with his redevelopment authority experience – is working with the applicants on their applications, the proformas of understanding what the construction costs are, the ability to see if a grant from us really makes sense.

We're entering review phases for two key funding sources: Renaissance Block is coming up on one year in October, and the Beehives that are coming up on one year in December. The first thing we do in the review phase is we contact the applicants to let them know that we will be entering a review phase, we ask them for interim reporting, some of the ones in Renaissance Block are (inaudible), Beehives are in their first year of a three-year grant so this is really interim stuff but we want to see what kind of progress they have made. We'll collect information from them and bring it back to you.

Finally, we'll be rolling out the economic impact study update. As you can see today, we paid for that already. It's basically complete but is a little rough around the edges so we're going to polish it and design some kind of rollout. That completes my report. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you for your time.

Mr. Paris: Thanks, Perry.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report.

### OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to follow up on.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 12, 2019 – Resolution to enter into agreements with three (3) applicants to the Mission Main Street Program – Round 3.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the resolution into record. Ms. Hess seconds the motion.

Mr. Sample: I serve as a board member for Impact Corry. As such, I have abstained from any deliberation or involvement in the process to determine whether to recommend an award to Impact Corry, and I abstain from the deliberation, and vote, regarding the approval of the Resolution. Further, I announced my conflict during the meeting and request that this memo be made part of the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.

There is no further discussion. Motion carries 5-0-1, with Mr. Sample abstaining.

Dr. Wood: Tim, for the record, can you explain the potential conflict of interest memo to the Board and why Mr. Sample entered it?

Mr. Wachter: Under the Pennsylvania Ethics Act, you are not permitted to vote on items which would involve the conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is anything where your vote would impact a private, pecuniary, or financial interest for yourself, immediate member of your family, and/or a business with which you are associated. Service on a non-profit board would be determined to be a business with which you are associated, so if we are going to be taking a vote or an award relative to, in this case going to Impact Corry, you would be required to abstain not only in the deliberations on whether to make the award and in the building of the program, so to speak, but also from the vote. In order for that abstention to be fully, legally effective the Ethics Act requires that not only do you announce your abstention and the reason therefore verbally during the course of the meeting but also you are required to file an abstention memo, which dictates the reason for the abstention in writing and ask that it be included in the minutes for that month's meeting. That is the reason we do an abstention memo. Very transparent.

Dr. Wood: Thank you.

- b. Resolution Number 13, 2019 – Resolution to enter into agreement with four (4) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2019 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grants – Round 2.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.

### ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Sample moves to adjourn.

The Board goes into Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. for purposes of personnel.



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Michael Paris  
Chairman of the Board  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

FROM: David Sample   
ECGRA Board Director

DATE: August 15, 2019

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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On this date, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was presented with Resolution Number 12, 2019, which pertains to the granting of funds to the Borough of Girard, Impact Corry and Waterford Borough through the Mission Main Street Grant Program.

I serve as a board member for Impact Corry. As such, I have abstained from any deliberation or involvement in the process to determine whether to recommend an award to Impact Corry, and I abstain from the deliberation, and vote, regarding the approval of the Resolution. Further, I announced my conflict during the meeting and request that this memo be made part of the minutes of the ~~March~~<sup>August</sup> 15, 2019 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.





## ***SUSTAIN NORTH EAST***

Presented to Erie County  
Gaming Revenue Authority

September 2019

## Who are we?



### o **Downtown NE, Inc.**

- o Established 9/2009
- o 501c3 certified 3/2010
- o Many professionals (some retired) on Board
- o Designed after Main Street/Elm Street programs
- o Now concentrating on special projects
- o In great fiscal shape, small budget
- o Acquired/administered about 25 grants, including 5 ECGRA Mission Main Street grants
- o Assisted 27 businesses & non-profits with 36 grants for over **\$1.6 million of investments** in past 10 years

### o **NE Borough**

- o 4,294 Borough residents: 10,609 including North East Township
- o New, aggressive Borough Manager with grant writing and code compliance experience
- o Updated and enforcing new building codes, including fines
- o Currently administering \$250,000 MMS grant
- o Administered \$50,000 Renaissance Block Grant program
- o Exploring NAP and NPP programs
- o Exploring joint programs with North East Township

## Who are we?

### o NE Area Chamber

- o New Board, Executive Director and staff
- o Purchased building in downtown for permanent home
- o Increasing membership
- o Sponsors numerous events including Wine Fest, Sugar Plum Weekend, Small Business Day, North East Uncorked, Light Up North East, Pet Parade, etc
- o Extensive marketing to other cities and regions
- o Compiling lists of potential new building owners and businesses interested in downtown North East

### o Others

- o North East Historical Society
- o North East in Bloom
- o North East Township
- o North East Community Foundation
- o North East Arts Council
- o Preservation Erie
- o Businesses and Residents



## Relevant Past Experience

### Grape Country Marketplace

- o Mercyhurst donated 17 West Main to DNE in 2011
- o DNE borrowed \$252k from Key Bank & \$75k from the Erie County Redevelopment Authority
- o Raised another \$75k in grants, donations & Welch's products
- o Renovated building systems and interior





## Grape Country Marketplace

- o Opened Grape Country Marketplace in 2012 with wine shop and restaurant
- o Changed restaurants in 2014



## GCM

- o Sold building to **The Cork 1794** in 2016 for major expansion & moved GCM to 15 West Main Street
- o 17 West Main Street became **The Skunk & Goat Tavern**
- o Sold GCM to private company in 2018; still operates today



## Current Issues/Concerns

- Vacancies in downtown commercial buildings
- Deteriorating historic buildings (Downtown is a **National Register of Historic Places** district)
- Although current on taxes, buildings suffer from lack of investment by owners
- High utility costs due to poor systems & building conditions



## Current Issues/Concerns



- Unrealistic owner expectations
- Businesses leaving
- Underutilized upper floors/access issues
- Losing our historic integrity & commercial viability
- Mercyhurst North East news—makes everything even more critical

## Proposed Solution

- o Proactive approach by DNE and partners
- o We know: the value of the buildings vs. the work that needs to be done requires non-profit assistance
- o Enforce codes/initiate discussions with building owners
- o Acquire funds to purchase and renovate buildings



## Proposed Solution

- o Involve new owners & tenants upfront
- o Sell renovated buildings to new owners
- o Add proceeds to new Revolving Loan Fund—to be administered by DNE
- o Target 7 buildings initially

**Long-term goal= increase assessed & market values, create jobs, increase revenues to local government and schools, preserve historic downtown**



## Proposed Solution—

Add access to upper floors w/elevator & walkway



## Proposed Solution—

Add access to upper floors w/elevator & walkway



Markus Perspective - View from Upper Floor Walkway  
Downtown North East LLC - Elevated Building Access Walkway  
18 SEPTEMBER 2018

**North East partners agree that:**

- Public/private partnerships must continue to spearhead revitalization efforts.
- Larger-scale projects are needed NOW to sustain our historic buildings.
- ALL financial resources must be leveraged to accomplish these major preservation and sustainability activities.

**We will *SUSTAIN NORTH EAST!***





WAYNE SCHOOL:  
REIMAGINED

650 East Avenue, Erie, PA

Project offering presented by  
the Erie Center for Arts &  
Technology (ECAT)

Contact Daria Devlin  
[daria@eriecat.org](mailto:daria@eriecat.org)

## WHO WE ARE:

The Erie Center for Arts & Technology (ECAT) is a proven entrepreneurial strategy to improve academic achievement and increase adult employment in high demand middle-wage jobs. ECAT is a local replication of the Pittsburgh-based Manchester Bidwell model.

## WHAT WE DO:

Visual-based arts education for high school students at risk of dropping out; and

Industry-driven workforce training in middle skills, middle wage jobs for unemployed and underemployed adults

## HOW IT WORKS:

Teaching artists for youth programs

Certified job training

Job placement assistance for adults

Embedded mentorship

No cost to any student

World-class facility

## Successful Manchester Bidwell replication sites:

Sharon, PA

Brockway, PA

Pittsburgh, PA

Buffalo, NY

Akko, Israel

Cleveland, OH

Grand Rapids, MI

New Haven, CT

Chicago, IL

San Francisco, CA

Purchase and renovation estimate: \$9.5 million

Capital stack breakdown:  
\$2.6 million New Market Tax Credit investment

\$3.9 leverage loan financing

\$3 million private support

## WHY WAYNE SCHOOL?

ECAT will create a world-class facility in the former Wayne School at 650 East Avenue. Wayne was chosen for its location in one of Erie's most distressed neighborhoods and the existence of an anchor tenant in Wayne Primary Care.

With full renovation, ECAT will transform this historic and prominent blighted property into a community hub for healthcare, job training, creative enterprise and the arts.

## PROJECT DETAILS:

Ground Floor (29,800 sq ft):

- Pharmacy operated by Primary Health Network
- Gym space to be updated and offered for community use
- Cafeteria space to be converted to gallery/meeting/event space
- 4200 sq. ft for additional medical practice or daycare partner
- Entrance vestibule

1st Floor (16,500 sq. ft):

- ECAT youth arts and adult training facility

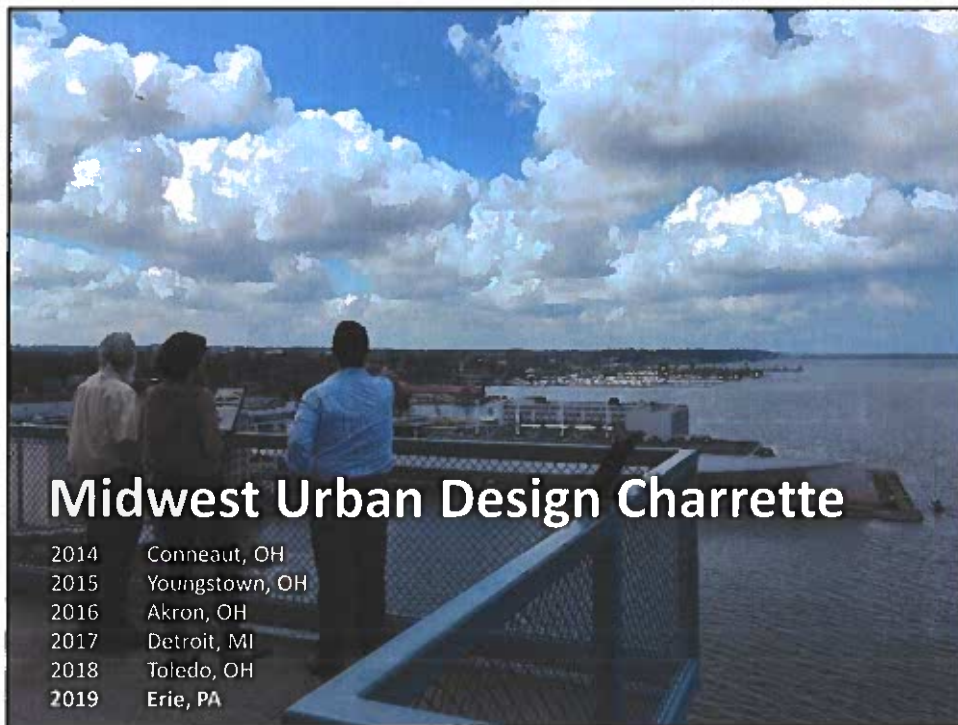
2nd Floor (17,200 sq. ft):

- Commercial space available for rent

3rd Floor (17,200 sq. ft):

- Expanded medical offices with specialty





- The Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) is the combined home of the urban design graduate program at Kent State University and the public service activities of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.
  - Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative will work with a city, suburb, town, or neighborhood that is facing an urban design challenge and needs fresh ideas and perspectives.
  - The CUDC selected Erie to be the focus of an intensive community design charrette to be held in October of 2019.
  - The ideal community partner will be a government agency or other vested stakeholder with the potential ability to realize some of the recommendations that emerge during the charrette process.
  - The partner will also be responsible for basic food and lodging for approximately 30 students and staff over a 3-4 day charrette period.
  - The CUDC will bring drawing supplies and expertise.

**ERIE CHARRETTE : DRAFT SCHEDULE**

Thursday, Oct 17	8:00am	Meet at CUDC and depart for Erie
	10:00am	Assemble at The Jefferson (3207 State St)
	10:30-11:30	Site tour of Bayfront Parkway
	11:30-12:00	Set up for Community Meeting @ The Jefferson
	12:00 - 1:30	<b>COMMUNITY MEETING</b> @ The Jefferson --> Dialogue with Stakeholders --> Box lunch
	2:00pm	Form teams
	2:30-5pm	Work Session @ The Jefferson
	6:00pm	Charrette Team Dinner
	7pm-10pm	Work Session @ The Jefferson --> Preliminary site analysis/conceptual development
Friday, Oct 18	8am-12pm	Team Work Session @ The Jefferson
	12-1pm	Lunch in-house
	1-4pm	Team Work Session @ The Jefferson
	4:30-7pm	Midpoint progress review with <b>Community Partners (Site TBD)</b>
	4:30pm-11pm	Work Session: Begin draft presentation
Saturday, Oct 19	8am-10pm	Work Session @ The Jefferson to prepare final presentation
	10pm	Final presentation deadline // Box lunch
		Relocate to Main Library: 160 E Front St
	2-3pm	Preparations through draft presentation
	3:00-4:30	<b>COMMUNITY PRESENTATION</b> @ Main Library: 160 E Front St --> Final Urban Design Proposals
	5:00pm	Pack up and leave Erie
Thursday PM		<b>CUDC Staff Present Final Urban Designs to Community</b> Time & location TBD

## Erie Bayfront Charrette

Oct. 17-19, 2019

RECONNECTING THE BAYFRONT



## What is a Charrette?

Charrette [shuh-ret]:

The word charrette may refer to any **accelerated collaborative session** in which a group of designers drafts a solution to a design problem.

Such charrettes serve as a way of **quickly** generating a design solution while integrating the aptitudes and interests of a **diverse** group of people.

*The Challenge as noted from Erie Refocused*

**DO REASSERT ERIE'S PEDESTRIAN SCALE**

Development in Erie must respect the city's pedestrian-centered origins. Downtown, the Bayfront, and neighborhoods will be recognized as great places when they prioritize pedestrian comfort, safety, and interest.

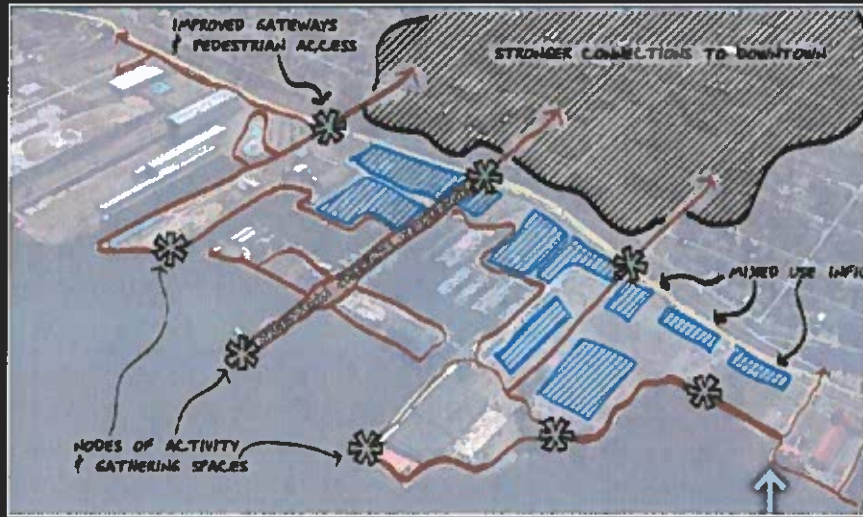
**DON'T DESIGN FOR AUTOMOTIVE CONVENIENCE**

Development and infrastructure that prioritizes the comfort and speed of drivers does not make the city more pleasant and desirable

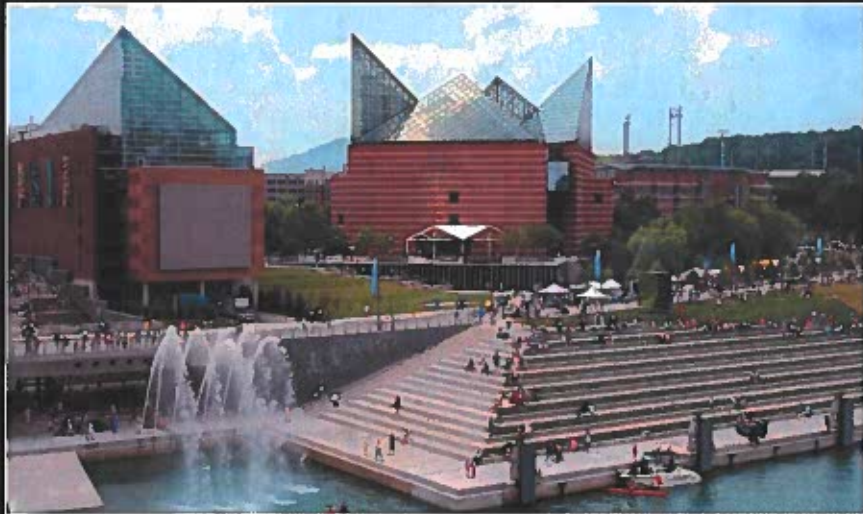
Recent development on the Bayfront has featured an abundance of structured and surface parking which cannibalizes prime waterfront sites, makes Bayfront more difficult to explore on foot, and heightens the sense of isolation from downtown

**Taken from Erie Refocused**

- "Downtown and the Bayfront feel far apart"
- Create an "iconic" connection between the Bayfront and Downtown
- Create a public space that contributes both to downtown and to the Bayfront which will become an economic development generator in its own right.



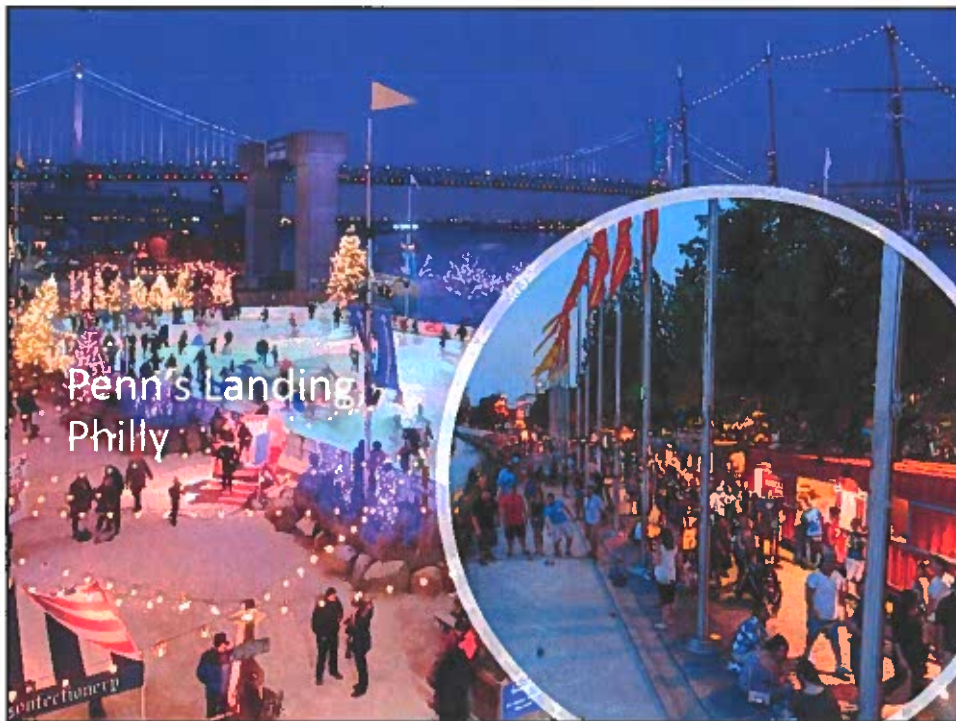
Erie Refocus Recommendation to Connect at Three Points



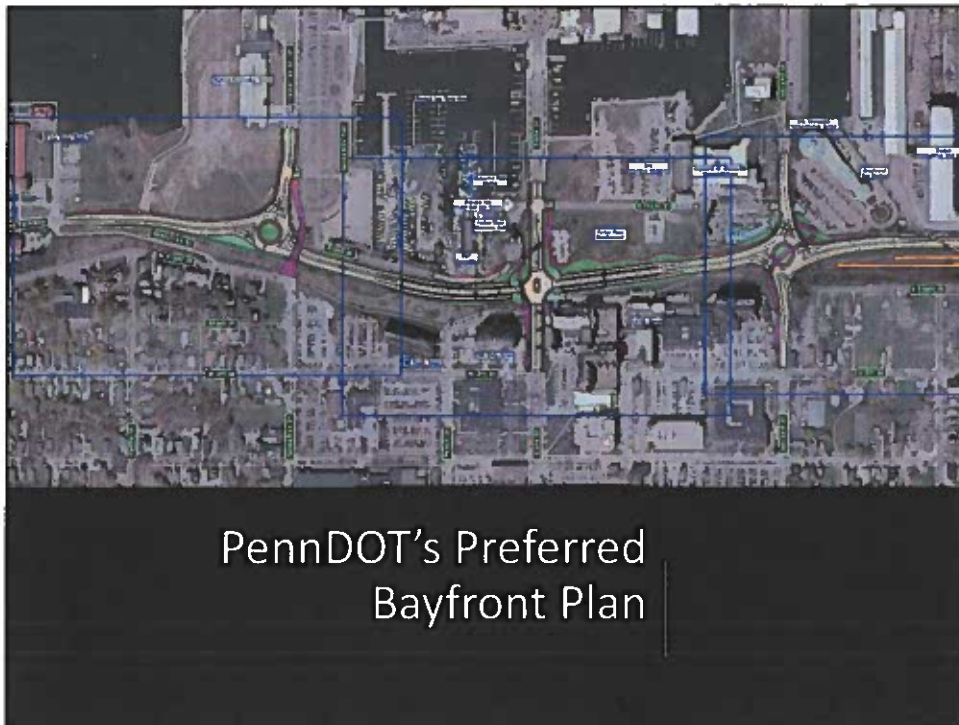
Ross's Landing Chattanooga



**Seattle Art Museum Olympic Sculpture Park**



**Penn's Landing  
Philly**



## Penndot's Option II \$30 million



## Design Process

The slide features a blue background. On the left side, there are two photographs: the top one shows a hand-drawn urban planning map with various annotations and a red line; the bottom one shows a group of people walking on a sidewalk. On the right side, there is a circular diagram with four colored circles (Research in orange, Review in green, Create in red, and Reflect in blue) arranged in a circle, connected by arrows in a clockwise cycle.

## Midwest Urban Design Charrette

The photograph shows a large group of people, mostly young adults, standing in front of a waterfront building with a lighthouse-like structure. The sky is overcast. The group is diverse in age and appearance.

**Kent State University**  
**Lawrence Tech University**  
**University at Buffalo**

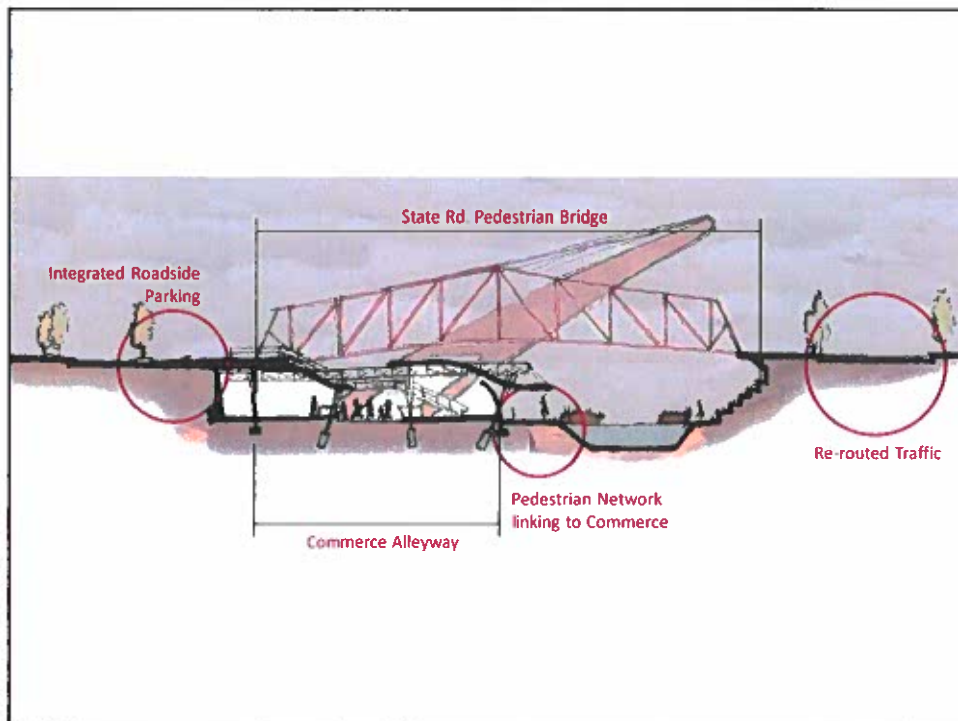
**Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative**  
**College of Architecture & Design**  
**School of Architecture & Planning**

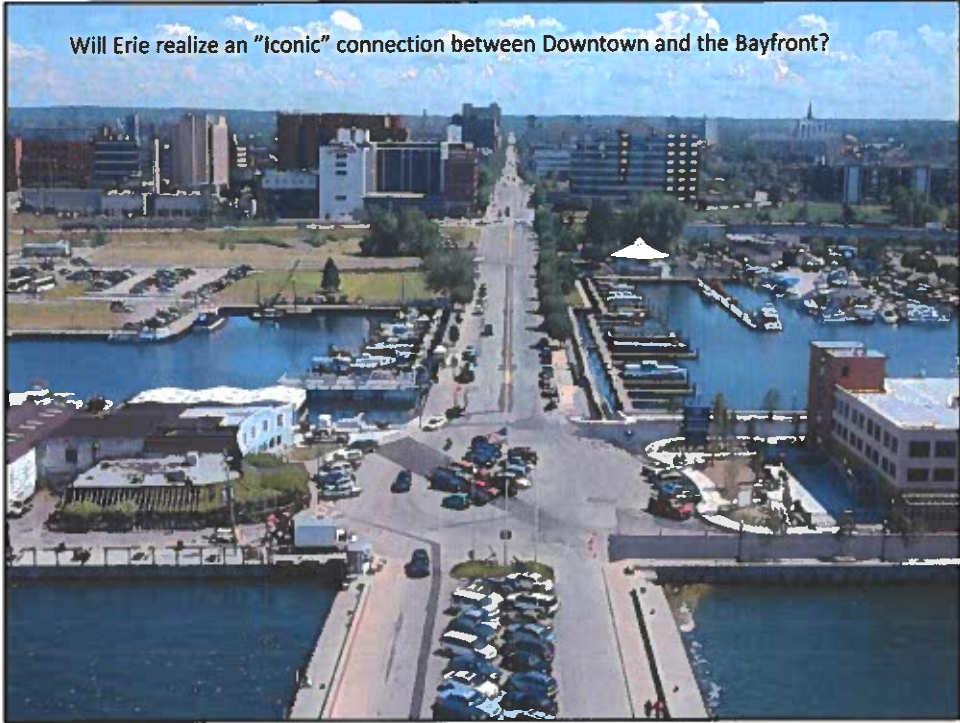














**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Profit & Loss  
August 2019**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>44800 · Gaming Revenue</b>	1,314,153.08	1,687,472.72		
<b>46400 · Other Types of Income</b>				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	11,499.28	57,939.97		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		7,583.33		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		10,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		6,502.71		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive		6,319.44		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		2,227.14		
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue				
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,325,652.36</u>	<u>1,778,045.31</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	15,032.40	56,011.53	60,835.00	146,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	0.00	4,410.93	9,585.00	23,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,304.45	7,303.58	11,100.00	26,650.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	11,523.37	22,266.20	25,355.00	60,850.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	15,046.71	87,887.12	94,687.50	227,250.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>42,906.93</u>	<u>177,879.36</u>	<u>201,562.50</u>	<u>483,750.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	1,282,745.43	1,600,165.95		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>				
70030 · Community Assets		0.00		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	328,538.27	421,868.18		
70070 · Special Events		175,515.39		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		98,500.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street		405,040.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program	128,993.89	132,626.96		
70130 · Small Business Financing		0.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects		50,000.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow		0.00		
70170 · Renaissance Block	68,000.00	88,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building	32,806.20	64,276.20		
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>558,138.36</u>	<u>1,435,826.73</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(558,138.36)</u>	<u>(1,435,826.73)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>724,607.07</u></u>	<u><u>164,339.22</u></u>		





**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August 31, 2019

	<b>August</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	23,227.76
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,678,802.61
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,333,256.84
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	2,899,074.66
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	9,911,134.11
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	9,934,361.87
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · Note Receivable - CIBA	18,846.25
12004 · Note Receivable - BWC - Erie Growth	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	(1,310,000.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	5,258,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	3,174.25
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	5,262,020.50
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	15,196,382.37
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>15,196,382.37</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,103,948.28
Net Income	165,369.91
<b>Total Equity</b>	15,196,382.37
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>15,196,382.37</b>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
August 2019

	<u>August</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	724,607.07
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>725,404.99</u>
Net cash increase for period	725,404.99
Cash at beginning of period	<u>9,208,956.88</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>9,934,361.87</u></u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**August 2019**

Expense	August	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	9,500.00	11,500.00	(2,000.00)	82.61%
62120 · Government Relations Services	4,000.00	16,807.35	58,000.00	(41,192.65)	28.98%
62130 · Professional Services	9,990.00	23,040.00	36,000.00	(12,960.00)	64.00%
62140 · Legal Services	962.50	5,040.00	35,000.00	(29,960.00)	14.40%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	1,182.43	4,000.00	(2,817.57)	29.56%
62150 · Payroll Services	79.90	441.75	1,500.00	(1,058.25)	29.45%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>15,032.40</b>	<b>56,011.53</b>	<b>146,000.00</b>	<b>(89,988.47)</b>	<b>38.36%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	54.00	5,000.00	(4,946.00)	1.08%
62890 · Rent	0.00	4,356.93	18,000.00	(13,643.07)	24.21%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,410.93</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>	<b>(18,589.07)</b>	<b>19.18%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	221.97	2,170.20	3,500.00	(1,329.80)	62.01%
65020 · Postage	69.07	208.26	500.00	(291.74)	41.65%
65030 · Printing	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00%
65040 · Office Supplies	209.79	769.96	2,800.00	(2,030.04)	27.50%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	374.99	2,200.00	(1,825.01)	17.05%
65060 · Copier Lease	691.90	1,729.75	4,200.00	(2,470.25)	41.18%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	206.04	2,000.00	(1,793.96)	10.30%
65080 · Bank Fees	0.00	130.00	200.00	(70.00)	65.00%
65085 · Professional Development	99.00	1,001.00	5,000.00	(3,999.00)	20.02%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	12.72	713.38	5,000.00	(4,286.62)	14.27%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>1,304.45</b>	<b>7,303.58</b>	<b>26,650.00</b>	<b>(19,346.42)</b>	<b>27.41%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	2,500.00	3,217.00	12,000.00	(8,783.00)	26.81%
65110 · Advertising	4,076.70	4,153.40	12,000.00	(7,846.60)	34.61%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	4,148.75	9,790.89	18,000.00	(8,209.11)	54.39%
65120 · Insurance	797.92	3,989.60	9,850.00	(5,860.40)	40.50%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	4,900.00	(4,900.00)	0.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	1,115.31	9,000.00	(7,884.69)	12.39%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>11,523.37</b>	<b>22,266.20</b>	<b>65,750.00</b>	<b>(43,483.80)</b>	<b>33.86%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	13,355.01	78,135.90	201,000.00	(122,864.10)	38.87%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,041.70	6,089.64	15,100.00	(9,010.36)	40.33%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	99.04	2,000.00	(1,900.96)	4.95%
66500 · Retirement	650.00	3,562.54	9,000.00	(5,437.46)	39.58%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>15,046.71</b>	<b>87,887.12</b>	<b>227,250.00</b>	<b>(139,362.88)</b>	<b>38.67%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>42,906.93</b>	<b>177,879.36</b>	<b>488,650.00</b>	<b>(310,770.64)</b>	<b>36.40%</b>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of August 31, 2019**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Uncommitted Funds</b>	2,899,074.66		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	3,678,802.61		
<b>2018 Restricted Funds:</b>			<b>3,337,925.59</b>
<b>2019 Restricted Funds:</b> (75% - after settlement payments)			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		279,989.73	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue	985,614.81	985,614.81	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<b>1,265,604.54</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>			
First Quarter Disbursements	314,860.00	880,820.03	
Second Quarter Disbursements	558,138.36	561,771.43	
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<b>1,442,591.46</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>Community Assets</b>			
<b>Special Events</b>			
Achievement Center		1,449.48	
Albion Area Fair, Inc.		10,351.80	
AmeriMasala		1,070.28	
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.		876.60	
Borough of North East		1,540.80	
Borough of Union City		454.10	
CAFE		12,085.20	
Corry Area Arts Council		277.20	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.		2,000.02	
Downtown North East, Inc.		4,558.50	
Barber National Institute		9,626.09	
Edinboro Highland Games		2,124.00	
Edinboro University Foundation		7,668.00	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc		2,367.00	
Erie Asian Pacific American Association		684.00	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		5,847.55	
Erie Downtown Partnership		4,014.00	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner		3,204.14	
French Creek Council, BSA		492.03	
Harborcreek Township		881.96	
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church		4,982.40	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		11,340.00	

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	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier		1,476.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		3,801.60	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society		5,076.00	
Mercy Center for Women		1,629.00	
Preservation Erie		448.20	
Presque Isle Partnership		3,500.82	
Roar on the Shore Inc.		17,421.75	
SafeNet		1,620.00	
Saint Joseph Church		3,600.00	
Saint Patrick Church		4,181.40	
ServErie		3,060.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		3,310.80	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		810.00	
Iroquois School District Foundation		3,171.60	
The Nonprofit Partnership		3,510.00	
Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation		608.40	
Union City Pride		722.14	
Waterford Community Fair Association		6,118.67	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		10,575.14	
WQLN Public Media		1,722.96	
YMCA of Greater Erie		8,535.42	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		2,214.54	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		505.80	
		<u>175,515.39</u>	<u>175,515.39</u>
 <b>Municipalities</b>			
Summit Township	147,842.22	189,840.68	
Greene Township	36,139.21	46,405.50	
McKean Township	36,139.21	46,405.50	
Millcreek Township	36,139.21	46,405.50	
Waterford Township	36,139.21	46,405.50	
Erie County	36,139.21	46,405.50	
		<u>421,868.18</u>	<u>421,868.18</u>
 <b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
Erie Area Council of Governments			
return of unspent funds - 2018 MMC		-30,000.00	
Census 2020 Outreach - 1st payment		28,500.00	
JES - Civic Leadership Academy		100,000.00	
		<u>98,500.00</u>	<u>98,500.00</u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of August 31, 2019**

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>Neighborhoods &amp; Communities</b>			
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
Borough of Union City Round 1, Payment 2		20,000.00	
Our West Bayfront - Payment 2	40,000.00	40,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network - Payment 2	28,000.00	28,000.00	
			<u>88,000.00</u>
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
Performing Artsits Collective Alliance 2018	37,831.20	69,501.20	
City of Corry - return of unspent funds	-5,225.00	-5,225.00	
			<u>64,276.20</u>
<b>Mission Main Street - Round 2A</b>			
Borough of Edinboro		95,350.00	
Borough of Union City		75,000.00	
			<u>170,350.00</u>
<b>Mission Main Street - Round 2B</b>			
Our West Bayfront - 1st Payment		116,190.00	
Preservation Erie - 1st Payment		28,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network - 1st Payment		90,500.00	
			<u>234,690.00</u>
<b>Small Business Financing</b>			
<b>Youth &amp; Education</b>			
<b>Summer Jobs &amp; More</b>			
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	128,993.89	132,626.96	
			<u>132,626.96</u>
<b>Pilot Programs</b>			
Partnership for a Healthy Community - 1st Payment		50,000.00	
			<u>50,000.00</u>
<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	<u>558,138.36</u>	<u>1,435,826.73</u>	<u>1,435,826.73</u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
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<b>Committed Funds:</b>	<u>August</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
Borough of North East		0.00	50,000.00
Borough of Union City		5,000.00	50,000.00
Our West Bayfront	40,000.00	10,000.00	100,000.00
Robbins Blass Neighborhood Watch		0.00	6,000.00
Sisters of Mercy		0.00	25,000.00
SSJ Neighborhood Network	28,000.00	7,000.00	70,000.00
2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
Preservation Erie		26,920.00	53,840.00
ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
City of Corry	(5,225.00)	0.00	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	37,831.20	5,000.00	93,126.50
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
1 Borough of North East		110,000.00	250,000.00
Borough of Union City		0.00	10,000.00
City of Erie		225,000.00	250,000.00
Erie Downtown Partnership		180,000.00	250,000.00
2A Borough of Edinboro		154,650.00	250,000.00
Borough of Union City		125,000.00	200,000.00
2B Our West Bayfront		133,810.00	250,000.00
Preservation Erie		122,000.00	150,000.00
SSJ Neighborhood Network		159,500.00	250,000.00
<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
Erie Area Council of Governments		21,500.00	50,000.00
<b>GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2019</b>	128,993.89	21,006.11	150,000.00
<b>PennVenture Partners</b>		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
Empower Erie - Community College		370,000.00	400,000.00
Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	200,000.00
<b>Beehive Network</b>			
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
<b>Pilot Program</b>			
Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>	<u>229,600.09</u>	<u>3,678,802.61</u>	<u>5,664,591.50</u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Check Detail Report**  
**August 2019**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/02/2019	EFT	VISA	2019 July Visa - Perry and Tammi	-783.41
08/05/2019	2753	Flagship Multimedia, Inc	Erie Visitors Guide	-4,000.00
08/05/2019	2754	Parker Philips	Economic Impact Update	-7,500.00
08/05/2019	2755	Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2018 Anchor Building - Payment 3	-37,831.20
08/05/2019	2756	The Corry Journal	2019-20 Subscription	-186.00
08/05/2019	2757	Times Publishing Company	Strategic Planning Meeting	-76.70
08/05/2019	2758	Velocity Network, Inc.	Phone/IT/Fax	-791.89
08/05/2019	2759	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2019 August Copier Lease	-345.95
08/07/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	7/20/19 to 8/2/19 Payroll	-6,692.59
08/07/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	7/20/19 to 8/2/19 Retirement	-519.45
08/07/2019	2760	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2019 Summer Jobs - 1st Payment	-128,993.89
08/07/2019	2761	Ridge Policy Group	2019 August Government Relations	-4,000.00
08/12/2019	2762	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2019 July Legal	-962.50
08/14/2019	2763	SSJ Neighborhood Network	Renaissance Block - 2nd Payment	-28,000.00
08/15/2019	2764	Erie County	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-36,139.21
08/15/2019	2765	Greene Township	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-36,139.21
08/15/2019	2766	McKean Township	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-36,139.21
08/15/2019	2767	Millcreek Township	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-36,139.21
08/15/2019	2768	Summit Township	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-147,842.22
08/15/2019	2769	Waterford Township	2nd Quarter 2019 Settlement	-36,139.21
08/21/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	8/3/19 to 8/16/19 Payroll	-7,395.92
08/21/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	8/3/19 to 8/16/19 Retirement	-518.65
08/21/2019	2770	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	GECAC Annual Dinner Sponsorship	-2,500.00
08/21/2019	2771	Our West Bayfront	Ren. Block - 2nd Payment	-40,000.00
08/27/2019	2772	Parker Philips	2019 June Professional Services	-2,490.00
08/27/2019	2773	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2019 September Copier Lease	-345.95
08/28/2019	2774	Diligent Corporation	Board meeting software	-3,000.00

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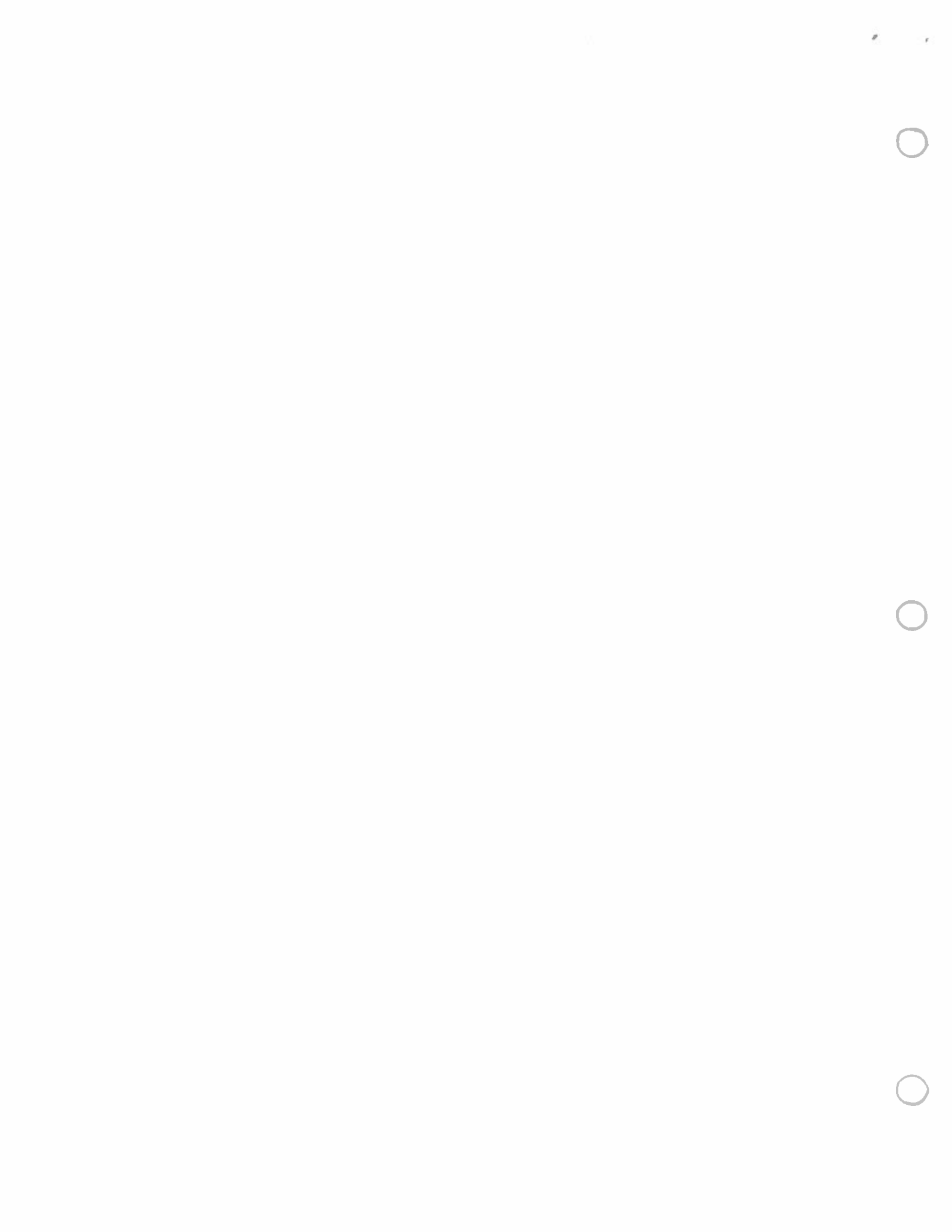
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**E·C·G·R·A**  
ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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





# Ridge Policy Group Activity

## ECGRA August 15 – September 15 Report

### RPG Relevant Activity

- Sent over follow-up information on algae bloom clean-up in response to conversations with Ridge Environmental Center and Other Sources
- Sent over follow-up after 8/14 meetings in Erie with Perry Wood, Councilman Foust, Ridge Environmental Center, and Karl Sanchak

### Funding Opportunities Presented

#### **Federal Opportunities:**

##### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative accelerates efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

All projects must support one of the GLRI focus areas:

- **Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern**
- Invasive Species
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health (formerly Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution FY2010-2014)
- Habitat and Species (formerly Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration FY2010-2014)
- Foundations for Future Restoration Actions (formerly Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication and Partnerships FY2010-2014)

Funding is typically available in February and July of each year.

More information can be found [here](#).

##### **NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science**

NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) typically has up to 30 new and continuing harmful algal bloom (HAB) research awards over the last several years. NCCOS HAB competitive research programs develop science-based solutions to address expanding HAB impacts that are affecting coastal resources and economies in every U.S. coastal region. HAB species and impacts vary regionally and NCCOS projects are advancing the understanding of bloom toxicity, applying new technologies to detect HABs and their toxins in the field, producing HAB forecasts, and exploring HAB prevention and control methods. Summaries of new and continued research projects by region are below. NCCOS projects are the result of a rigorous competitive peer-review process that ensures support for the highest quality science.





This year's funding opportunity was from January – February and it is expected to be similar next year. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities a permanent, independent source of low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects. Funds are available for the implementation of a variety of watershed pollution management activities related to HABs, including: removal of leaking or damaged septic systems, implementation of agricultural BMPs such as no-till equipment and manure management measures, and wetland restoration. Other projects to prevent the degradation of water quality that are less focused on drinking water systems, but still impact source water, include green infrastructure and stormwater management activities.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **319 Grant Program for States and Territories**

Under Section 319, states, territories and tribes receive grant money that supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects.

More information can be found [here](#).

### **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)**

USDA provides funding through the RCPP to foster restoration efforts and the sustainable use of soil, water, flora, and fauna at regional and watershed scales. Through the RCPP, funding recipients partner with agricultural producers to help the producers implement and maintain conservation activities in defined project areas. The partners administer RCPP funding to local project participants and stakeholders. Funds have previously been provided to water and sewer districts for watershed conservation projects. RCPP funding is allocated at the national level, state level, and for **critical conservation areas such as the Great Lakes, Mississippi River watershed, and Chesapeake Bay**. State entities administer state-specific funds. A project can be eligible for funding at all levels. Funding is provided in accordance with the rules of EQIP, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and other USDA conservation programs.

More information can be found [here](#).





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
City of Erie/Erie Innovation District (ARC POWER grant)	\$ 500,000
Erie Innovation District (EDA grant)	\$ 2,000,000
TOTAL:	\$ 4,269,995





## Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2019  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510

### AGENDA

1. Announcement in Edinboro – Goodell Gardens 10:00am
2. Mission Related Investments
  - a. Sustain North East
  - b. eCAT
3. Board Effect Software
4. Community Asset – Arts, Culture & Heritage Review





**ECGRA invests in Edinboro  
AGENDA**

**Perry Wood**  
ECGRA, Exec. Director

ECGRA Invests in Edinboro/Emcee

**Scott Rastatter**  
Erie County Council

Remarks on ECGRA Investments in  
Edinboro

**Dr. Guiyou Huang**  
Edinboro University

Remarks on ECGRA investments in  
Edinboro

**Kevin Oppe**  
Edinboro, Borough Manager

Remarks on economic energy built  
by investments

**Brenda Cannell**  
ECED, Chair

Remarks on ECGRA investment  
used as a catalyst for cooperation &  
progress

**Michael Paris**  
ECGRA, Board Chair

Check Presentations

**CHECK PRESENTATIONS**

**Mission Main Street, Borough Manager, ECED**

**Edinboro Highland Games, Tim Thompson**

**Downtown Edinboro Arts and Music Festival, Fred Parker**







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## **ECGRA Investments Support Edinboro Community, Economic Revitalization**

*Latest Award totals tops half million dollars invested in Edinboro Community*

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**EDINBORO, PA** (September 11, 2019) – As towns and communities across the region reinvest in local businesses, infrastructure, and neighborhoods, ECGRA officials announced a new round of investments in Edinboro, including a \$250,000 Mission Main Street grant to support the Borough of Edinboro’s efforts to reinvigorate its downtown corridor.

“Local share gaming revenue is making a transformational impact through reinvestment in Erie County’s Main Streets, and helping fuel economic activity by supporting successful arts and cultural experiences like the Edinboro Highland Games,” County Council Member Scott Rastatter said. “These experiences draw visitors and residents to our communities, while investments in our Main Streets help to grow the local economies.”

ECGRA officials today also awarded Special Events grants to the Edinboro University Foundation (\$7,668) and Edinboro Highland Games (\$2,124). Today’s announcement marks more than a half a million dollars (\$693,971.07) of local share gaming revenue invested in the Edinboro community since 2011.

“These projects are part of an overall strategy to improve the business environment and enhance the community offerings that make towns like Edinboro desirable places to live, work and play,” said Perry Wood, ECGRA Executive Director. “ECGRA dollars are empowering this well-organized group of leaders to make a lasting impact on the long-term viability of one of Erie County’s unique and historic towns.”

Rastatter was joined by Edinboro University President Dr. Guiyou Huang, Edinboro Borough Manager, Kevin Opplé, and local Borough and Economic Development officials to celebrate the ongoing reinvestment in the Edinboro community.

“ECGRA is maintaining a keen focus on investments that move the needle for Erie County by supporting innovation and collaboration through the Beehive Network, which opens the doors of our universities entrepreneurs across Erie County,” said Dr. Guiyou Huang. “We are excited to partner with our neighbors who support EU’s efforts to provide the best possible experience for our students and area residents.”

Using national best practices as models for grant making and impact investing since 2008, ECGRA has made and reported on 1,075 grants and loans to 248 nonprofits and municipalities totaling over \$58 million of investments of local share gaming revenue.

“The success of facade renovations made possible through 2018 ECGRA grants has energized the community to invest in the improvement of the downtown community,” said Opplé. “The ECGRA and Borough investment of about \$18,000 leveraged more than \$65,000 in investments from business and building owners, fueling the first downtown renovation program in over a decade.”

ECGRA has set aside \$2.5 million in grants over the next three years for Main Street revitalization. Mission Main Street grantees are required to match ECGRA’s \$1.2 million of local share gaming revenue investments, extending the reach of these valuable economic development dollars to \$2.4 million revitalizing main streets across Erie County in the past six years.

The Mission Main Street Grant announced today will provide direct assistance to the business community through façade improvements, transformation of lighting and sidewalks, new banners for Erie and Meadville Streets, train and reinforce partners to leverage social media platforms to advance business and community goals.

#### **ABOUT MISSION MAIN STREET**

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.

Mission Main Street Grants were established in 2013 by the ECGRA board of directors to buttress any area recognized as a “main street” — a distinct geographic area host to small businesses, special events, historic structures, green spaces, and parks.

Mission Main Street grant guidelines, available at [www.ECGRA.org](http://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 can apply 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.

####



A grantmaking organization, the mission of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority is to empower the nonprofit sector toward economic and community development.

August 28, 2019

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**Perry N. Wood**  
Executive Director

Dear County Council candidate,

I would like to invite you to attend a briefing of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Bayfront Convention Center beginning at 4:30pm. This is an opportunity to help you become more familiar with the Authority and the efforts put forth to increase the economic and community development of Erie County.

As both the current Chairman and Board member of ECGRA for the past ten years, I have seen the impact that reinvesting our local share into this great community has made. I would encourage you to attend and hear about some of the programs that have brought about this change. Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director of ECGRA, will direct the conversation, culminating with a discussion on the GECAC Summer Jobs program and the effect that it has had for the underprivileged youth of this county.

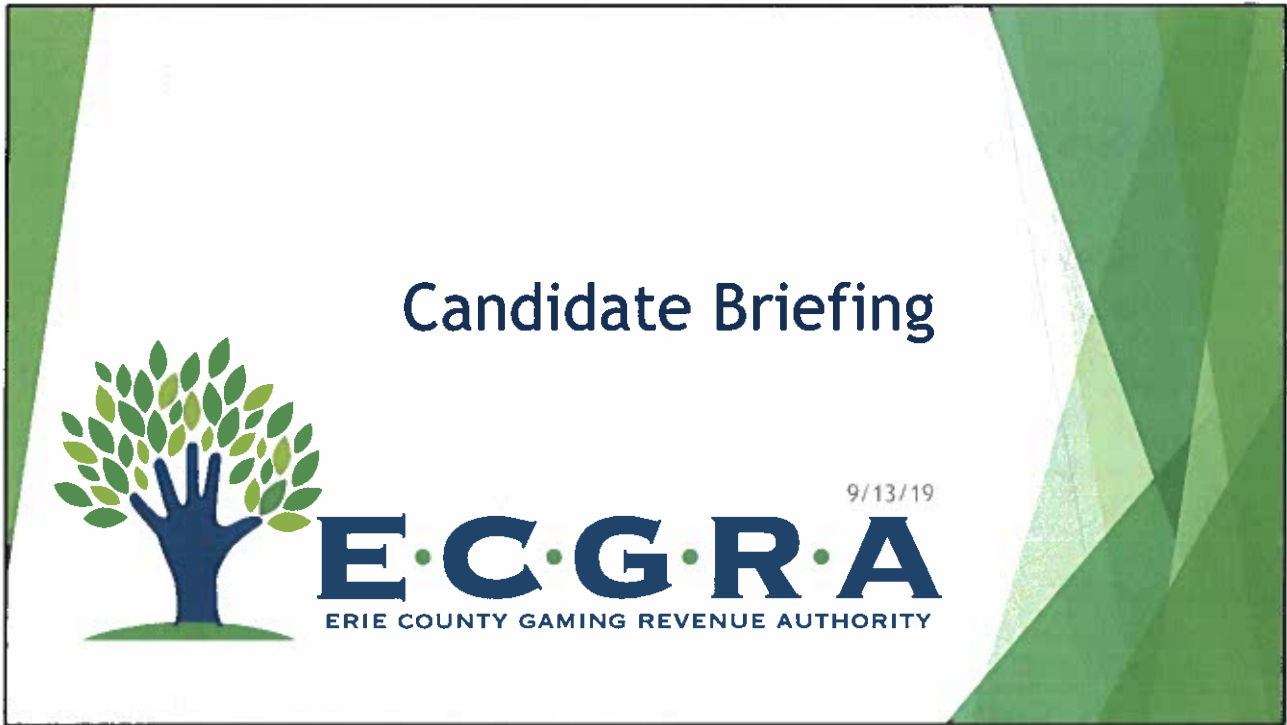
Immediately following this short briefing, GECAC is holding their Annual Dinner to discuss results of the 2018 Summer Jobs and More Program. You are invited to attend, along with a spouse or other guest. If you are interested in staying for this presentation, please contact Tammi Michali at 814-897-2690 or [tmichali@ecgra.org](mailto:tmichali@ecgra.org) with the name(s) and number of those attending.

I look forward to meeting you and feel positively that as we work together, we can continue the forward movement that is taking place in this wonderful place known as Erie!


Sincerely,

Michael J. Paris, Chairman





Candidate Briefing



9/13/19  
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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY



Outline

- I. Gaming Legislation
- II. Mission
- III. ECGRA Annual Report & Process
- IV. Collaboration with Erie County

## Gaming Revenue Explained

- ▶ PA Race Horse Gaming Act of 2004
- ▶ Innovative Policy: Local Share Gaming Revenue
- ▶ ECGRA created by County Gov't 2008
- ▶ Report of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Committee (2008)
- ▶ ECGRA Strategic Plan (2010)

## By the Numbers

- ▶ Local Share is appx \$11 million annually
- ▶ The Land Bank \$1mm
- ▶ Erie County Gov't \$5.5mm
- ▶ ECGRA \$4.5mm
- ▶ ECGRA has invested \$55.8 million
- ▶ 990 grants
- ▶ 244 municipal governments, nonprofits, & economic development projects



## ECGRA's Mission

- ▶ An impact investor, ECGRA's mission is to elevate Erie County by empowering the nonprofit sector toward economic & community development
- ▶ This mission is captured in the ECGRA Annual Report

## Operational Terms

### Community Development

- Process of making the community a better place to live & work aka Quality of Place
- Occurs primarily in the public & civic sectors
- Strengthening the social fabric

### Economic Development

- Process for creating jobs, wealth, innovation & technological advances from which the community benefits
- Occurs primarily in the private sector
- Strengthening the economy

## Annual Report & Process



## Report Components

- ▶ P&L Statement
- ▶ ECGRA's board of directors & staff
- ▶ Narrative & Testimonials
- ▶ Grants Info:
  - ▶ Grantees
  - ▶ Grant Program
  - ▶ Date Awarded
  - ▶ Amount Awarded
- ▶ Impact Categories:
  - ▶ Small Business
  - ▶ Quality of Life
  - ▶ Local Gov't Development
  - ▶ Neighborhoods & Communities
  - ▶ Youth & Education



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SMALL  
BUSINESS



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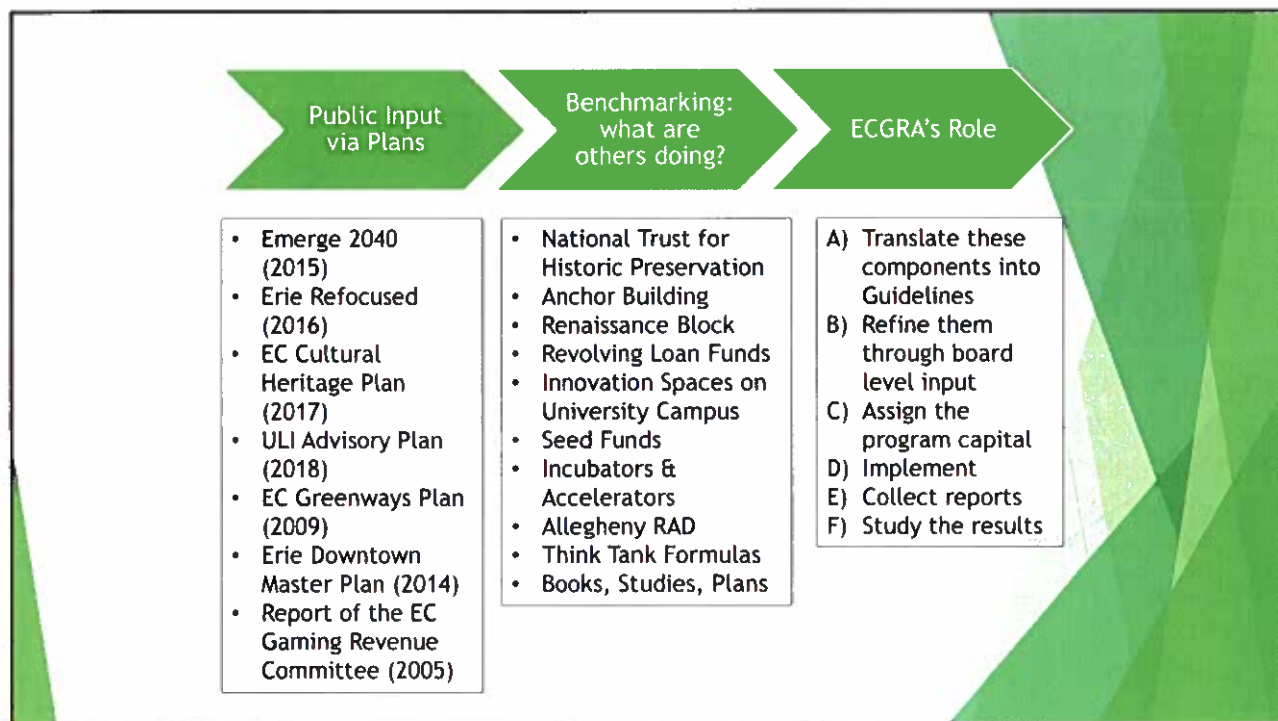
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NEIGHBORHOODS  
& COMMUNITIES



**IMPACT**  
MUNICIPALITIES



**IMPACT**  
QUALITY  
OF PLACE



## Collaboration with Erie County

## Choose Erie Web Portal Development



**IMPACT**  
SMALL  
BUSINESS

- ▶ Partners: Erie County, Chamber, ECGRA
- ▶ Goals: Erie County Web Portal for Site Selectors
- ▶ What? Asset inventory, current market profile, data for decision-makers

## The Ideation Beehive @Blasco Library



**IMPACT**  
SMALL  
BUSINESS

- ▶ Partners: Erie County, Erie Regional Library Foundation, Edinboro University, ECGRA
- ▶ Goals: build the Idea Lab's capacity to assist entrepreneurs
- ▶ What? Programming, develop partnerships with universities, staffing

## Blue Zones Corry Pilot Project



**IMPACT**  
QUALITY  
OF PLACE

Partners: Erie County Health Dept,  
Partnership for a Healthy  
Community (hospitals), Impact  
Corry, ECGRA

Goals: Improve the health of EC's  
workforce

What? Green space development,  
food policies, school district  
wellness policies, workplace  
culture around health, community  
engagement

## Erie County Summer Jobs & More Program



**IMPACT**  
YOUTH &  
EDUCATION

Partners: Erie County, GECAC,  
Young Entrepreneurs Society,  
ECGRA

Goals: help opportunity youth get  
their first job

What? Soft skills training,  
employee wages, employer  
training, matchmaking

## Councils of Government & EMAs Support



**IMPACT  
MUNICIPALITIES**

Partners: Erie County eCOG, & 13 municipalities, Tri-County COG

Project Examples:

- ▶ Foster municipal collaboration through technology adoption, parks/trails, purchasing, mapping software (stormwater), sewer & water, public safety equipment, joint recycling, civic leadership academy, 2020 census outreach

Thank you for your time





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The largest early-stage seed investor in our region, Ben Franklin Technology Partners/CNP is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and funded by the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority. The program provides investment capital, business support services, and TechCelerator startup boot camps to emerging tech-entrepreneurs and small manufacturers for the purpose of creating high-paying jobs and business growth opportunities in the Commonwealth.

[www.cnp.benfranklin.org](http://www.cnp.benfranklin.org)

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**Karen Rzepecki**  
Founder and CEO  
MakerPlace Inc.



**Jim Noland**  
Founder and Exited  
Conduit Technology

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## Order of Presentations

1. **Blue Serenity** - Rachel Miller
2. **HPG Industries** - Michael Paul, Ryan Hutchinson, and Michael Gibilterra
3. **FishGods** - Hunter Klobucar and Tyler Waltenbaugh
4. **HIPPOH** - Nate Carlin and Matthew Gawlik
5. **Efficient Nomad** - Joel Marz





September 3, 2019

Mr. Perry Wood  
Executive Director  
Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Road, Ste. 201  
Erie, PA 16510-4672

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for sending your generous gift of \$2,500 to sponsor our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner.

You will have two reserved tables at the event. If your guests are unable to attend, please let us know.

I look forward to seeing you on September 13<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny J. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Danny J. Jones  
Chief Executive Officer

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GECAC is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. For federal income tax purposes, you can deduct as a charitable contribution the price of this sponsorship less its fair market value. We estimate the fair market value of this sponsorship to be \$1,000, so **your charitable contribution is \$1,500.**

The official registration and financial information of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



## 2nd public meeting slated for Union City Historic Preservation Plan

From staff reports

**UNION CITY** — The borough of Union City is hosting a second public meeting to present a draft of the Historic Preservation Plan being developed for the borough's commercial historic district.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. inside the American Legion, 9225 Route 6, Union City. Everyone with interest in preserving and improving the commercial historic district is invited to attend.

The Historic Preservation Plan's consultants began work in May by studying the conditions of Union City's commercial historic district, a .2-mile portion of Main Street, and in June feedback was gathered from community members, elected officials and business and property owners.

The initial draft of the Historic Preservation Plan is now ready for review.

The plan details improvements to public spaces in downtown and provides recommendations for building maintenance, signage, lighting and streetscape improvements.

Facade improvement plans have been developed for multiple historic buildings. The facade improvement plans provide property owners with a history of each site, detailed suggestions for improvements, ideal phasing for the improvements and cost estimates.

A few non-historic buildings also received facade improvement plans in order to better integrate them with the surrounding historic buildings. Following the second public meeting, and after incorporating public feedback, the Historic Preservation Plan will be finalized and presented at a public hearing in the fall.

The meeting on Aug. 29 invites the public to provide the consultant team with feedback on the Historic Preservation Plan. Anyone planning to attend should RSVP via email to secretary@ucborough.us or call 814-438-2331 by Friday, Aug. 23.

During the first public meeting in June, the consultant team gathered general feedback about the commercial district and presented the historic preservation planning process. When the plan is complete, it will include strategies for public space and the Union City streetscape as well as proposed improvements for each facade reviewed in the study.

◀ See Meeting, P.2

## Meeting

(Continued from front page)

The plan's goal is to provide design and development guidance for the borough and its stakeholders for distribution of grant funding and assistance, especially for commercial district property owners interested in making building repairs and improving their building facades.

The borough has hired a consultant team — citySTUDIO, T&B Planning and Milton Ogot Architect. The team has combined experience in preservation planning, as well as historic building preservation and rehabilitation.

Partial funding for the Union City Historic Preservation Plan is supported by a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), a state agency funded by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Additional funding was provided by Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), the Union City Community Foundation and the borough of Union City.

For more information about Union City's Historic Preservation Plan, call UC Borough Secretary Cindy Wells at 814-438-2331.

## OUR VIEW

# Erie should fight for right college

The issue: NPRC ends negotiations  
Our view: Erie County's needs unique

**T**he objections of the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College and a powerful backer, GOP state Sen. Joe Scarnati, to Erie County's community college application always rested on a false premise: The bricks-and-mortar community college model sought by Erie County represents a duplication of the NPRC's distance-learning services.

In truth, Erie County's community college application encompasses a broader mission, informed by distinct needs and history. The region enjoys a strengthening manufacturing, high-tech and meds-and-edcs economy in need of nimble workforce development, but also features, thanks to malignant historical practices, an intolerable percentage of citizens languishing in racially disparate poverty.

Their representatives and experts tell us that population needs hands-on, remedial resources tailored to power their emancipation. If those are not forthcoming, when employability demands ever-greater skills, the divide promises to grow.

That the NPRC on Sunday abruptly broke off talks to create a hybrid model to meet Erie County's needs does not surprise. The fact that it spurned negotiations just two days after more than 20 Erie African-American leaders published a letter explaining their support for a stand-alone college only underscores the NPRC's myopia.

Also dooming these deliberations was the backroom, anti-democratic deal-making that spawned them. Erie Republican state Sen. Dan Laughlin announced in December that he would seek compromise over Erie County's stalled community college application by asking Scarnati to allow a physical NPRC facility here. The administration of Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, a Democrat, began meeting privately with the NPRC. Only shortly before they reached a tentative deal — which would require Erie County to withdraw its publicly vetted college application for only vague assurances in return — did she alert the public.

When Erie County Council and its task force sought to conduct deliberations in public view and seek concrete commitments, the NPRC balked. It met once with the task force — in Warren.

NPRC Chairwoman Kate Brock on Monday suggested the debate wasted "time and energy." "Just one of many counties," Brock said of Erie County.

This county comprises about half of the NPRC's population base. And the debate over the future of community college-style learning here comes at a crucial tipping point for Erie County.

The NPRC says it will now proceed with its existing model in Erie County with input from "community stakeholders." Erie County should proceed with its original application.

In the meantime, the public has a right to know whom the NPRC taps for input, what they decide and why; and also the outcomes of NPRC education, something we are seeking via an extensive Right-to-Know request.

The outcome of this mangled process could shape lives for generations. There's no shirking that. That includes Erie's state delegation and Gov. Tom Wolf, who, as far as anyone knows, have done just that.



# Girard Borough gets ECGRA grant

By Sandy Rhodes  
Editor, FLAG area

GIRARD — At least \$170,000 will be invested in downtown Girard over the next three years thanks to an Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority grant.

Girard Borough and the Girard Downtown Improvement Group were awarded the grant, which will be used to fund a myriad of projects.

According to Preservation Erie President Melinda Meyer, \$10,000 of the grant is already earmarked for a master plan. Meyer, who wrote the grant on behalf of the downtown group,

See Grant P.2

## Grant

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said the group has \$30,000 in its coffers to fund the master plan. The other \$20,000 is coming from Girard Borough and the Keystone Historic Preservation Planning Grant. Both Girard Borough Council's commitment and the grant is for \$10,000 each.

"The goal is to build a thriving downtown," Meyer said of the master plan.

Generally, a master plan includes several components. Meyer said the downtown group will ultimately decide what to include in the plan.

This may include plans for streetscape and green space projects as well as for sprucing up some of the buildings themselves.

"We want to build an environment that will also look at business development and retention as well as promotion and marketing of downtown Girard," Meyer said. "I think the committee will help form what the plan will focus on. The plan can look at everything from parks to sidewalks to lamp poles in addition to building up businesses."

The master plan is just one of the facets that will be funded through the ECGRA grant. A good portion of the money will go toward facade improvement as well as promotion and marketing.

The three-year grant breaks down to \$80,000 for the first year and \$45,000 for 2020 and 2021 each.

The facade portion of the grant will be a 50-50 match and will help building owners and business owners improve their storefronts.

"These facade grant pro-

grams are helpful because small businesses don't have extra cash lying around," Meyer said. "If we can cut the cost in half, that is helpful."

Last year, several businesses benefited from the facade grant program, which resulted in the formation of the Girard Downtown Improvement Group. The group oversaw the grant process and ultimately decided what businesses received the funding.

"We are happy to support Girard," Meyer said. "I was happy with the funding we received for Girard. This means that there will be funding available for businesses and property owners to continue working on their buildings and keep downtown looking fantastic."

Another portion of the funding will go toward marketing and promotion, which includes the borough's website, which is like a calling card for the borough.

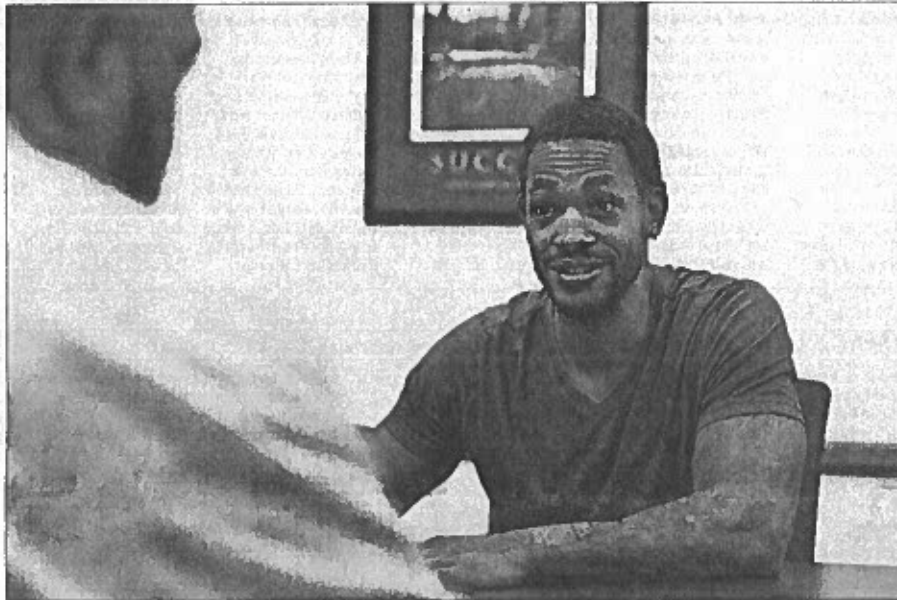
"The first thing people go to for information is a website," Meyer said of the importance of keeping a website up to date and active.

Girard Borough Manager Rob Stubenbort said the extra money will go to good use and it will reinforce the direction the borough wants to go.

"I think it's significant that organizations like ECGRA are noticing the effort being put in the business district of Girard Borough," Stubenbort said. "Businesses that have taken part in the money we have received so far have certainly made improvements to the business district and for that I thank the downtown group, Council and Melinda Meyer."



## Looking for a lifeline



Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance counselor Jessie Tate, left, listens as Lavonne Beardsley, 40, describes his current neighborhood during a meeting in Erie on Wednesday. The Unified Erie re-entry and call-in programs are expected to run out of money and cease operations in late October. The agency's goal is to provide support and services to individuals released from federal, state or county prison re-entering Erie County. (GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

### Unified Erie re-entry, call-in programs could end if new funding source not found

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Lavonne Beardsley knew he couldn't do it alone.

Beardsley, 40, was released from the State Correctional Institution at Albion in late 2016 after serving an 18-month sentence for violating parole related to an earlier conviction for cocaine possession.

When he returned to Erie, he sought help from the Erie County Re-entry Services and Support Alliance, an agency that provides support and services to people returning from prison and trying to break free of criminal behavior.

"They came to a re-entry fair while I was at Albion and had representatives talk to a couple of us about what they do," said

*"During our planning process, we learned that 1,250 people returned to Erie County (from prison) every year. This is not something we can just kind of go, 'Well, it's not worth the investment.' It's happening."*

Sheila Silman, program manager,  
Erie County Re-entry Services and  
Support Alliance

Beardsley, who remains under state parole supervision. "I know I was personally thinking about how, in the past, I didn't take into account that everything isn't going to be easy street.... I didn't know before that day that kind of help was available. And sometimes we need people in our lives that are going to help us take different paths.

"I didn't know I could have the kinds of things, by working, that I strived for selling drugs," Beardsley said. "I know now that I can."

ECRSSA is part of Unified Erie, an anti-crime initiative focusing on re-entry, getting violent offenders off the streets and crime prevention.

The re-entry program helped Beardsley, a father of two children, find three jobs since his release, including his current position as a welder with a local manufacturer.

Beardsley, who said his desire to change is largely about "wanting my kids to see a different side of me," hopes that others continue to get the same chances via ECRSSA.

But the agency's future is in jeopardy.

Without a new funding source, ECRSSA's programs will end on Oct. 25.

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The loss of the local re-entry program would eliminate a foundational pillar of Unified Erie's three-pronged approach to reducing crime, and would undermine the success of the program's prevention and enforcement strategies, Erie County District Attorney Jack Daneri said.

Losing one of the prongs could threaten the future of the entire Unified Erie initiative, he said. Daneri also mentioned that ECRSSA has been a success story in terms of reducing recidivism, or the likelihood that ex-offenders will return to crime.

"If there is recidivism, if that population is back doing what they might tend to do in our community, then it's going to affect how we're going to enforce," Daneri said. "Our prevention piece — what are going to be your tailored efforts at prevention if we have a recidivism problem and we have a new crime problem?"

"I don't think we ever envisioned that one would continue, or two would continue, without the other," he said.

Daneri said the re-entry program plays a critical role in building trust between law enforcement and community members by offering more than just a crackdown on crime.

"All of the hope is in the re-entry portion," Daneri said. "I think it does do a lot of good service to try and bridge that divide."

Beardsley said he has a message for elected officials and others who have the power to keep ECRSSA afloat.

"If they're serious about strengthening the communities that I come from, they would fund this," Beardsley said. "If they care about advancing broken minds and broken spirits, they need to keep this open."

### Funding crisis

Sheila Silman, ECRSSA's program manager, said the program will need about \$450,000 annually to survive and continue offering services at the current rate. She estimated that the program has served more than 400 ex-inmates since it began in October 2016.

The re-entry program has seen success with the funds from its initial three-year grant of \$1.2 million from the Erie Community Foundation and the United Way of Erie County. That grant was intended to help the re-entry program, and Unified Erie's call-ins aimed at curbing gun violence, get off the ground and to give Unified Erie time to find a sustainable funding source.

Among 152 clients who completed ECRSSA's intensive case management program between 2016 and 2018, 7 percent received new charges that resulted in a conviction and incarceration, according to program statistics.

By comparison, Erie County's average recidivism rate for ex-inmates — those who are reconvicted and reincarcerated within three years of their release from prison — is 41 percent. That's according to a data summary prepared by the Mercyhurst University Civic Institute, which provides research and data analysis for Unified Erie.

The re-entry program offers ex-inmates two levels of services: long-term intensive case management and resource coordination, which offers a short-term assistance connecting with resources for those who aren't eligible for intensive case management.

Clients in the program



Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance counselor Jessie Tate, left, and ECRSSA program manager Sheila Silman stand near Lavonne Beardsley at the ECRSSA office in Erie. The Unified Erie re-entry and call-in programs are expected to run out of money and cease operations in late October. The agency's goal is to provide support and services to individuals, like Beardsley, released from federal, state or county prison re-entering Erie County. (PHOTOS BY GREG WOLF FOR THE TIMES NEWS)



Lavonne Beardsley, left, jokes with daughter Avonna, 7, at his sister's house in Erie on Thursday. When not working, Beardsley likes to spend time with his large extended family.

get help putting their lives back together after their return from prison. Some need basic assistance, like help getting a bus pass. Others need help finding a job, mental health or drug counseling or educational opportunities.

By guiding ex-inmates through the re-entry process, officials said, ECRSSA helps them avoid committing new crimes out of desperation or hopelessness.

"During our planning process, we learned that 1,250 people returned to Erie County (from prison) every year," Silman said. "This is not something we can just kind of go, 'Well, it's not worth the investment.' It's happening."

Among ECRSSA clients who identified employment as one of their goals, 73 percent have been able to find work, the statistics show. More than 80 percent of clients who identified finding mental health treatment, drug treatment, medical care, shelter or clothing as goals have been successful in accessing those resources.

The loss of the re-entry services would undercut those advances, Unified Erie officials said.

On a broader level, the end of the program could also hamper Erie's revitalization efforts if it were followed by an upswing in crime, Daneri said.

"People who are looking toward Erie, I would think they wouldn't look so favorably if ... we had a rate of recidivism, if we had crime rates, if we had homicide rates, shots fired that just kept on rising," he said.

### Call-ins

The same is true, officials said, of Unified Erie's call-in program, also known as group violence reduction strategy. The program saw immediate success in

reducing the number of gang-related homicides to zero after the first call-in was held on April 26, 2017.

And, officials announced in August 2018, the gangs appeared to be disbanding after the first few events. The focus of the events then shifted to gun violence instead of group-related or gang violence, Silman said.

The data-driven strategy honed in on community members who had connections to criminal networks but might walk away from crime if given an opportunity. Erie's call-ins were based on a similar strategy in Kansas City, Missouri, which members of Unified Erie visited and studied while creating their program.

Unified Erie's five call-in events presented the participants with the chance to give up crime and get help accessing resources from an ECRSSA case manager.

If they continued committing crimes or became involved in violence, law enforcement would be quick to respond. The call-ins highlighted data and surveillance that showed law enforcement had detailed knowledge of Erie's criminal networks.

"Actually seeing that, it's a different story," said Jessie Tate, a case manager with ECRSSA. "It has more of an impact on individuals."

Mayor Joe Schember, who has participated in the call-ins, agreed. "It's very important that we continue this program. It really has made a difference and has basically eliminated gangs," Schember said. "It's also helped keep people who might be leaning toward a life of crime from going in that direction. I've seen the information from these call-ins touch them. And I've seen the call-ins give people the opportunity for help."

Daneri said a large part of a call-in's effects happened

after the event, when participants went back to their groups and spread the message about law enforcement's reach.

"The whole plan is to help the individuals in the church pews, but also, if they don't want help, they sure as heck are going back to their group and saying something," Daneri said.

That would end if the call-ins were forced to stop due to lack of funding, he said.

The next call-in is being planned for November, Silman said, but it likely would not happen if ECRSSA runs out of money. The program's case managers would not be available to offer follow-up and help with services to the call-in participants who accepted help, she said.

"We're the worker bees, so to speak," Silman said. "We are the ones that they come to."

### Initial funding

In July 2016, Unified Erie celebrated its largest-ever financial commitment at an event in Perry Square.

The Erie Community Foundation and the United Way of Erie County had agreed to split a \$1.2 million grant to support call-ins and the re-entry program.

The money went to the Greater Erie Community Action Committee, which administered the grant and offered a home to ECRSSA at its office near West Ninth and Peach streets.

The joint grant was a response to urgent community concerns about escalating gun violence and the young age of the people involved in the crimes.

It was not intended to become a long-term funding source for ECRSSA. Bill Jackson, the president and CEO of the United Way of Erie County, said his organization pulled money from a reserve fund to help pay for the program.

"The group-related violence was a concern in Erie," he said. "It was a big deal. People were dying and people were afraid to go out."

Because the money came from a contingency fund, the United Way can't contribute to the ECRSSA on an ongoing basis, Jackson said.

"Everyone knew on the front end that this was just a three-year grant and it would end," he said. "We think it's a great program, and I wish we did have more funding availability."

Mike Batchelor, the president of the Erie Community Foundation, said the grant was offered on the understanding that ECRSSA would work to find a different,

sustainable funding source.

The grant "wasn't part of our planned expenditures," Batchelor said. "We were impressed with the energy, but we were not expecting to sustain this program."

Jackson and Batchelor said they are open to the possibility of offering the program bridge funding if there is a strong possibility that a new funding source is going to come through.

"We're very excited with the results and we want to do everything we can to help them stay operational," Jackson said.

### Continued efforts

If ECRSSA is going to survive, where should the funding come from?

The Unified Erie team has some ideas. They have applied for grants and appealed to legislators. They are willing to piece the funding together from a variety of sources, Silman said.

Ideally, said GECAC CEO Danny Jones, the funds would come from state and county government, which are benefiting from the savings of a lower recidivism rate.

ECRSSA's services cost \$12 per client per day, while it costs \$74 per day to house an inmate in the Erie County Prison, \$117 per day to house an inmate in a state prison and \$95 per day to house an inmate in federal prison, according to ECRSSA statistics.

"Shouldn't some of that money that's being saved come back into the program?" Jones asked. "Not 100 percent, but some of that should come back in as a show of faith that you're doing something to save the state money or the county money."

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper said she has had only a preliminary discussion about the possibility of county funding with the ECRSSA organizers. She said she'd like to see data about savings to the county included in any formal proposal for funding the group submits.

"I'd love to be able to find a way to make sure that this program is funded in the future," she said. "How that's done, we have yet to determine."

State Sen. Dan Laughlin, of Millcreek Township, R-49th Dist., said he has asked his staff to work on finding funding for ECRSSA at the state level. He's also reached out to the U.S. Department of Justice, which he said is considering making ECRSSA a national model for re-entry, for help with funding the program.

"It is working so well it seems it would be a real shame to just let it run out of funding," Laughlin said. "I'm doing literally everything that I can to find funding for it."

State Rep. Pat Harkins, of Erie, D-1st Dist., has met with Daneri, GECAC officials and others about ECRSSA in recent months.

Harkins said he is also talking with other legislators in Harrisburg about the program.

"It's a good program and something we can't afford to lose," Harkins said. "But right now, I don't know what the (funding) answer is. I would like to see a dedicated funding stream from the state at some point."

"It cuts down on incarceration," Harkins said. "And it makes our streets safer."

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# SOAR

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their parents, attended Saturday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, which featured tours of the facility, a neighborhood cookout and children's activities.

"I just recently found out about this program and once I realized what it was about, the Afrocentric part of it captured my attention," said Erie resident Tiffany Jackson, 31, whose daughter, D'Miyah, 10, will enter the fifth grade on Tuesday at the new school.

"My daughter has always been a good student," Jackson said. "I feel that with the curriculum, it's good for the students to be held to a higher standard. My daughter doesn't know how to feel yet about being here, but I think she'll be more excited once she starts because it's a big change for her. It's really exciting for the children to be able to shine and feel good about themselves. I feel it's going to be a huge confidence-booster to kids and just to help them realize that they can do whatever they want to do, especially with the mentorship. They'll get to see different people doing different things and know that they can do it, too."

The program is open at grade level and find a



Bishop Dwane Brock speaks during an open house event at the Eagle's Nest Program of Academic Distinction in Erie. The school, which opens Sept. 3, is a partnership between the Erie School District and Brock's Eagle's Nest initiatives for at-risk youth. JACK HANAHAN/ERIC TIMES NEWS

way for them to succeed and move forward." Polito said the Eagle's Nest program would cost the district about an additional \$120,000 a year in rent and to help pay office staff.

"This is one of the first programs we've added since coming out of that financial crisis," Polito said. "It marks a shift for the district to more of a growth mode than a cutting mode."

Polito said the new program is targeting fifth- and sixth-grade students because it was an area the district didn't have programs for.

"We did have credit recovery programs and cyber programs, which went from seventh grade through 12th grade, so this will start to reach some kids at the younger grade levels, especially those students who are

transitioning from the elementary to the middle schools," Polito said.

Each grade will have two classrooms, which are located on the second floor, along with a principal's office, two restrooms and an elevator. A cafeteria is located on the lower floor.

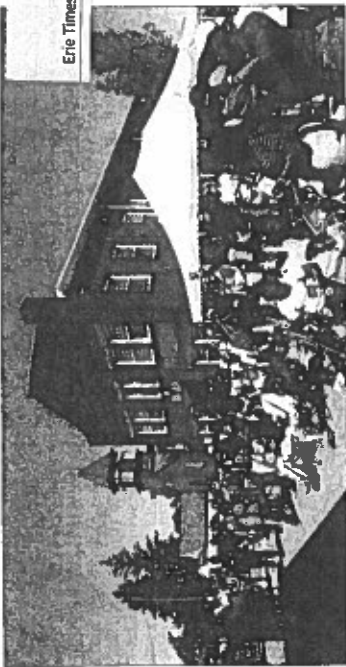
Brock said the building underwent nearly \$200,000 in renovation work. The project, which began in the spring, was funded mostly through private and corporate donations.

"We've had to put a \$42,000 elevator in, a \$27,000 sprinkler system in and a \$16,000 modified heating and air conditioning system," Brock said.

Brock said plans are to add fourth-grade and seventh-grade programs to the school for the 2020-2021 school year.

"I have to build more classrooms on this campus," Brock said. "We have white, black and Hispanic students. Give me six months to a year and this school will intellectually challenge about that? I'm making a challenge to the other schools that if you give me six months to a year with these young scholars, they'll be on top."

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An open house event was held Saturday at the Eagle's Nest Program of Academic Distinction in Erie. The school, which opens Sept. 3, is affiliated with the Erie School District. JACK HANAHAN/ERIC TIMES NEWS

# New Eagle's Nest school set to soar

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Sixty-four students are preparing to launch on Tuesday a new one-of-a-kind Erie School District program for a select group of fifth- and sixth-graders.

The Eagle's Nest Program of Academic Distinction is a partnership between the Erie School District and Bishop Dwane Brock's Eagle's Nest Leadership Corp.

An open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony were held on Saturday afternoon outside the Eagle's Nest school, 1133 Pennsylvania Ave., at Brock's Eagle's Nest and Victory Christian Center campus.

Classes start on Tuesday, the first day of school in the Erie School District

honor, respect, good behavior and the "dynamics of self-responsibility."

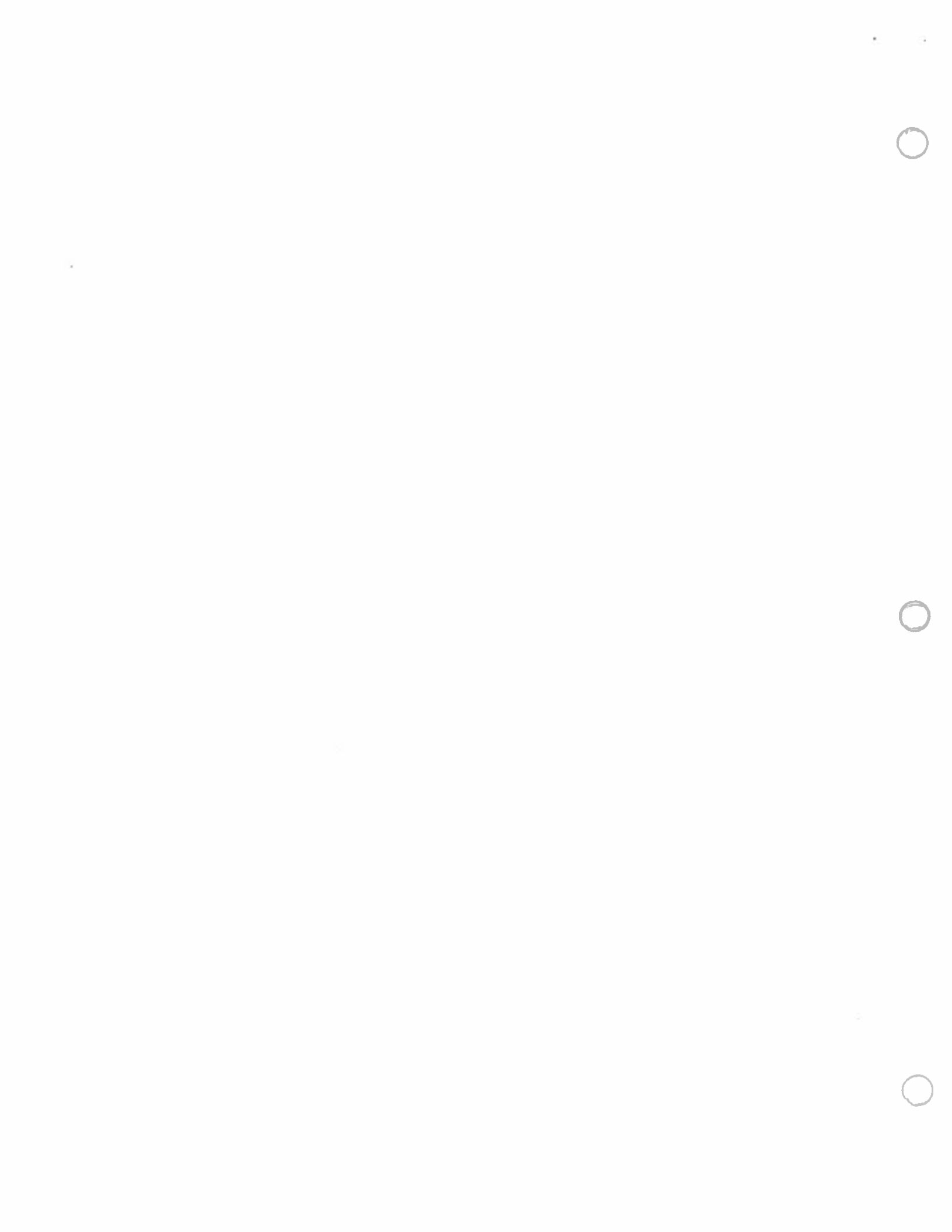
"We expect them to really excel, and the teachers are all on fire and they're going to raise the bar of education with these children," Brock said.

The program will present an Afrocentric curriculum focusing on the African-American experience and will include core subjects such as math, science and the arts.

Brock's Eagle's Nest Leadership Corp. for at-risk youth is a work-readiness program that has helped many young people earn positions at UPMC Hamot and at Erie Homes for Children and Adults.

More than 200 people, including many students and

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# Edinboro receives revitalization grants

Times-News staff

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority on Wednesday presented several grant awards in support of ongoing reinvestment in the Edinboro community, including a \$250,000 Mission Main Street grant.

With Mission Main Street Grants, launched in 2013, ECGRA targets revitalization along countywide commercial corridors that are home to small business, historic structures and special events.

Erie County Councilman Scott Rastetter, Edinboro

University President Dr. Guiyou Huang, and local borough and economic development officials attended Wednesday morning's grant announcement at Edinboro's Goodell Gardens, 221 Waterford St.

ECGRA officials said this latest investment is part of an ECGRA strategy to invest in and reinvigorate towns and cities across Erie County through the local share of gaming revenue. ECGRA has invested \$693,000 in the Edinboro community since 2013.

Municipalities and

nonprofits with plans to renew historic commercial corridors can apply for Mission Main Street Grants. A 1-to-1 cash match is required for all applicants. Projects may include overhauled streetscapes, revamped landscapes and restored facades.

Mission Main Street grantees are required to match ECGRA's \$1.2 million of local share gaming revenue investments, extending the reach of these economic development dollars to \$2.4 million revitalizing main streets across Erie County in the past six years.



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14, 2019**

**Resolution to enter into agreements with fifteen (15)  
Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged  
in Arts, Culture, and Heritage**

Whereas, the Strategic Planning Committee reviewed funding proposals and made funding recommendations to support community assets as they relate to ECGRA's Strategic Plan and community goals;

Whereas, there were nineteen (19) applicants for Community Assets funding and the Board of Directors affirms that fifteen (15) applicants have met the threshold for funding including being in good standing with taxing bodies and other reporting requirements;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$146,400 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 fifteen (15) Erie County Community Assets 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
September 19, 2019

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA







# 2019 Community Assets Grants Recipients

ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE			
Organization	Project	Representative	Amount Awarded
AmeriMasala	AmeriMasala Movement	Lynn Johnson	\$8,000.00
Community Access Media	CAM Content Delivery Server Replacement	Jacob Bartko	\$7,000.00
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival	Fred Parker	\$10,000.00
Edinboro Highland Games	Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival	Tim Thompson	\$8,000.00
Erie Yesterday	Heritage Organizations Collaborative Application	Melinda Meyer	\$12,250.00
Film Society of Northwestern PA	Greater Erie Film Office Web Resources Expansion	Erika Berlin	\$15,000.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Goodell Gardens Tractor Purchase	Amber Wellington	\$10,000.00
Greater Erie Alliance for Equity	LGBTQ Educational Programming	Margo Wolfe	\$7,000.00
Impact Corry	Corry RAILS Committee Project "A" - Purchase and Restoration of Climax A-313	Charles Gray	\$10,000.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	37th Season of Drum Corps Activities in the Erie Area	Raymond Luniewski	\$10,000.00
League of Women Voters Erie County Chapter	"Votes for Women", the 19th Amendment 100th Anniversary	Lorraine Dolan	\$15,000.00
North East Community Fair Association	New Laptops & Fair Program Updates	Derik Widomski	\$3,150.00
Presque Isle Chapter, NSDAR	Erie County World War I Centennial Project	MaryJane Koenig	\$15,000.00
WQLN Public Media	Our Town 2019-2020: Stories from Fairview and McKean	Halle Kostansek	\$6,000.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	YADO's 15th Season	Jessie Collura	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$146,400.00</b>

