



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
December 12, 2019

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Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020

Time: **FINANCE 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
November 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on November 21, 2019 in the Jordan Room; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2019

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Barney seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. DiPaolo: I just want to bring something up. Naturally, these meetings are set aside every month, so we know when we have to be here. The Strategic Planning Committee meetings naturally vary. Unfortunately, the last few I couldn't make; I don't know whether or not I'm going to be able to make this one. Is there any way we could schedule these meetings right after our regular monthly meetings? That way, we have everybody here. If we run from 8:30 to 9:30 with our regular meeting and we run 9:30 to 10:30 with the Strategic meeting; that would give us an hour or so and at least we'd get everything accomplished in one day. That's just a suggestion. I think that in order to get a better attendance, and I don't know if everybody does make these meetings or not because I

unfortunately couldn't make a few of them, I just wanted to bring that up and maybe we could kick that around. I mean, we're here. Tammi has already sent out the notice for the next one, so she or you must be ready for it so there's no reason we couldn't have it at the end of this particular meeting. I just wanted to bring that up. If we're going to be here for an hour, we might as well be here for two hours and that way we take care of everything and that way everybody can participate.

Mr. Paris: I know that the staff is still reviewing the grants that we will be looking at.

Dr. Wood: That is true. I think if the Board wanted to do that, we could figure out the logistics behind it. We might have to make grants due at different times. For example, we have about 40 grant applications for Parks, Fields, Trails and Community Centers combined – that's the next round we're going to be reviewing. Those applications just came in on Friday at midnight, so we've only had three working days to review those. But, if the Board wanted to do that, we could figure out the logistics of it.

Mr. DiPaolo: Yeah, maybe you could change it a little bit as far as the time they're due so that way it would give you a little more time to put everything together.

Dr. Wood: We need at least an hour and a half to review.

Mr. Barney: On that note, Dom, I don't have a problem overall in general but there are a few of us that work, so if the meeting runs an hour and a half and on and then we've got that scheduled afterwards, I don't have three or four hours at one time to give to that. In general, if it's a regular go-through meeting and I know in advance I could accommodate the time, but just saying that I could do that all the time . . .

Mr. DiPaolo: Even if we had it once in a while that you can handle it.

Mr. Paris: I remember meetings when we were first starting out that would be four hours long and it was hard for me because it just took a lot out of the day and it just was like it shot the whole day for me.

Mr. DiPaolo: It was just a suggestion.

Mr. Paris: We even talked about cutting back our Board meetings a bit and not meet every month. I don't know if we could get away with that.

Mr. DiPaolo: Here we are in a situation today where we should breeze right through this so it shouldn't take us; the only time that we're really delayed is when we have speakers because that prolongs us. Other than that, we could be out of here in 45 minutes to an hour at tops and then start the other one and go through it. Thank you.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris: The only thing I have today is that I know Perry is going to present us with his evaluation in just a little bit so we'll handle that today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: Good morning. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to review the Treasurer's Report. There is nothing substantially out of the ordinary so it shouldn't take that long. The first page is the Profit & Loss where you'll notice that our income is the interest from our savings, the Progress Fund, and EDF Restructured. Under expenses, you'll see \$146,400 – it should be noted that the Community Assets were funded in full which you will notice in the other reports. Multi-Municipal Collaboration at \$21,500, that's the 2020 Census Outreach and Mission Main Street which is Girard, Corry, and Waterford, that's the first payment that they've drawn down. The Summer Jobs Program shows \$6,828.47; it's late in the year for the Summer Jobs Program, but they still have some administrative stuff that they still have to wrap up. Anchor Building shows \$20,000 to Grace Church.

The next page is the Balance Sheet, and everything is standard. Statement of Cash Flow shows a deficit because there was no substantial money coming in.

Dr. Wood: Just one note on that – gaming revenue did come in on October 31, so we will register that on the November financials; it's quarterly. You'll see the letter from the County Director of Finance as well as the Revenue Dashboard update in the Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Cleaver: We get that twice a year?

Dr. Wood: Four times a year; it's quarterly.

Mr. Barney: Budget vs. Actual for October shows \$4,000 for Ridge Policy Group, Professional Services is Parker Philips for \$2,490 and graphic design for \$300. Everything else is basic like legal fees and payroll. Going farther down you'll see Books, Subscriptions and Dues – that's Times News at \$35.97. Office Supplies and everything else is standard. Farther down you see Outreach at \$1,000 – we sponsored a diversity and inclusion session that was held, and Travel shows the quarterly amount for Board and staff.

Schedule of Grant Reserve – you can see the Community Assets checks that were made to the 15 organizations totaling the \$146,400 that I had mentioned and at the top you'll see the Committed Funds and Uncommitted Funds. The next thing you see is the \$21,500 for the Census Outreach and that it's the second payment to them. Grace Church payment for \$20,000 but it should be noted that the total amount for Grace Church is \$100,000 so they still have \$80,000 to draw down.

Dr. Wood: Just one reminder on the Grace Church application, that's not for a church; it's for a community center. It's preservation of a historic structure which is over on Sassafras Street

(the old Lake Erie Ballet building) that they're turning into a community center and leadership conference building for the community.

Mr. Barney: The reason the drawdown is late is because the title was just transferred over to them by Erie Insurance.

Dr. Wood: Erie Insurance donated it to them.

Mr. Cleaver: I'm just noticing under Municipalities and I know it's by law, but Summit ends up with \$189,000 plus the one million for their budget under the law?

Dr. Wood: You're referring to Summit Township?

Mr. Cleaver: Right.

Dr. Wood: Yes, Summit Township gets the \$1 million automatically.

Mr. Cleaver: I know they get the \$1 million, but . . .

Mr. Sample: . . . plus the 45% of the quarterly revenue.

Mr. Wachter: That was set forth in the 2010 Settlement Agreement from Judge Dunlavy.

Dr. Wood: In fact, Mike is signing the checks right here for the municipalities.

Mr. Cleaver: I understood the others, but I didn't realize Summit was included in there because they get the 1% of the budget on the other.

Mr. Wachter: They get a double hit.

Mr. Paris: It's a great place to live!

Mr. Barney: Moving along, you can also see under the Schedule of Grant Reserve the Summer Jobs payment of \$6,828.47. The Check Detail just shows where all the checks have been written. Next is the Visa statements and you'll see Perry's only has the Phone payment of \$356.86 and then you'll see Tammi's that just shows the Office Supplies and things of that nature. Are there any questions? If not, that concludes my report.

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

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Mr. Paris: The only thing to report is that we will be having a meeting December 4th – Wednesday.
- 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. I would like to give the Board an update as far as the community college. Some of you probably have read in

the paper what has been transpiring but let me just briefly give you an update on what happened last Wednesday and Thursday, November 13th and 14th down in Harrisburg. The Special Review Committee had their meeting on Wednesday the 13th at 11:00am; the County Executive and I traveled down there. We were not there in time for that meeting but the feedback from that meeting was that they had recommended that a public hearing be held in reference to the community college. We were hoping that they were going to vote on it, but they decided that they wanted to have another public hearing. When we arrived shortly after noon, the feedback we received from our constituents down there was that we could go home and there was no reason to stay for the 14th because this decision was a type of final deal. We didn't appreciate that simply we had just driven 4 ½ hours and we weren't just going to turn back around.

In addition to that, Empower Erie organized buses to go down. It was a great turn out with students, with community leaders, individuals from the community that are interested in the initiative and some of them had an opportunity to speak at that meeting on Wednesday. We ended up staying for the full Board hearing on the 14th and that's where we had already had our line up where the County Executive was going to speak. The Mayor, unfortunately, couldn't make it but Rene Lamis – his Chief of Staff – was going to read a letter of support. We had several others speak like James Grunke, Mike Batchelor, Joe Maloney, and myself; we had a star line-up of speakers in support of the community college.

There was a lot of confusion among the Board members, and Mr. Wachter – you would appreciate this, the Solicitor unfortunately was not prepared. He appeared to be new to that position. While the meeting was going on, he was checking things on his notebook as far as the process – “yes, I think we can do this. It is my understanding that we can do that” and it just wasn't good and there were people relying on this individual to give guidance and he just really wasn't prepared. I had never witnessed anything like that at the State level because typically, the State is a little more organized than that. So, that was very disappointing.

Dr. James Barker spoke very highly of the community college and he was very strong in his comments. There was a lady from Philadelphia, Sandra Dungee Glenn, who spoke very favorable of the community college. She was very supportive, she had her facts, and she really wanted to move to a vote for yes or no.

Let me back up. The County Executive, myself, Ron DiNicola, and Carl Anderson had an opportunity to meet with a representative from the Governor's Office the afternoon of the 13th just to try and get a better idea of where the Governor was on this and what he was prepared to do and not do. It was clear that the Governor has kind of taken a hands-off approach to this whole process. We are going to need him to get involved in this more; what that looks like, we don't know. I can share this; the feedback is that we need to engage the Governor more in this process to assist us because it is such a big deal. It was recommended that the Governor should consider reaching out to his appointees to share his views firsthand. So, hopefully that will transpire, but I can tell you right now that it is very important to engage the Governor into this process. I'm not saying that he's not engaged, it's just that we would like to see him become more engaged.

A vote was taken, and it was decided to have another public hearing; ideally within six months. The sooner the better because Senator Scarnati, and I'm not telling anyone any secrets, he is adamantly against the community college, he is extremely powerful, he has made that known in many cases, he did not even show up to the meeting. Now I'm saying this, he probably didn't feel he had to because he knew which way he was going to go.

Where we are currently, the Administration has offered the Hirt Auditorium, which is where the hearing was held before, we will clear the schedule for whenever they want to come up. The College Committee, consisting of the County Executive, myself, James Sparber, Joe

Maloney, Carl Anderson, Andre Horton, and Ron DiNicola, we are requesting that the full Board come up and be a part of this because it was the full Board that had some concerns. There was a disconnect with the Special Review Committee because they were tasked with reviewing the plan and coming up with a recommendation; there were three of them. We were told that two of them would support going to a vote but that wasn't the case. There was only one that said they were open to a vote and two of them said no and they were then able to persuade the one who initially said they would vote to side with them. It was just very interesting how the dynamics changed with that and it was just very political as far as those changes.

The Department of Education has come back and shared with the Special Review Committee that Erie County meets the three requirements, which are: 1) they have the population to support a community college, 2) they have the wealth financially to support a community college, and 3) these types of courses are not currently being offered in the landscape of the programs currently in Erie County. So, we met the criteria and it was the Department of Education who recommended that we proceed. The findings were positive that yes, we meet it, yes, there is a need for the community college. The Special Review Committee from the State Board of Education is the one who said we need to have a hearing.

Stay tuned. We've been told that the hearing will probably take place in March. That is not the best time because as you know, the Governor presents his budget in February. Could he put in a 15th community college? Sure, he can do whatever he likes but we don't know whether that will transpire since the State Board has not recommended that a community college be approved for Erie County. So, this may delay us by up to a year, maybe a year and a half. This is one of those situations where we have not given up.

My hat goes off to Empower Erie because they did a fantastic job with arranging for a bus with individuals from the community, County Council was on board as far as making sure they reach out to their constituents and others in the community, and the Administration was on board as far as making sure we submitted all the required information to the State Board of Education because they came back with another request and we got that in within a timely manner. We're optimistic, but we'll see what happens. Are there any questions?

Dr. Wood: You did mention that their Solicitor wasn't prepared. What was the main justification that the Committee gave for not holding the vote?

Mr. Lee: That's a good question, Dr. Wood. The main reason was that there was some confusion among the Board members as far as the information dealing with the plan. That's very interesting because the full Board was not voting on what they brought up; they were voting on whether or not we met the criteria. That's where Ms. Glenn was clarifying for them by saying that if there were some confusion and any questions, but they were diving into things that they probably shouldn't have been, and it should've been either a yes or no to that. That was the main reason.

It was also brought up that the full Board, that's where you have your vote and you can vote yes or no and of course there is discussion before the vote and that's where you bring that up. It was clear that one of the individuals from the Special Review Committee is working with Senator Scarnati and really brought up some doubt about what some of the points were and the feeling that there is a duplication. The individuals are entitled to their opinions, but they are not the official authority on the subject; that's the Department of Education and that's why we went through the process. She made the claim that she had been on the internet and scoured it with various courses in Erie County for eight hours and now that made her an authority as far as what's going to happen; it was quite comical. However, some of the Board

members bought into it and there is still some misunderstanding as to whether there is a duplication or not. Ms. Glenn brought them back to the report – this is the official report and we should be dealing with the official report and not so much with people's opinions.

It was clear that several of the individuals had been reached, more than likely by Senator Scarnati's office, and they were going to hold to the public hearing – and that was clear.

Mr. Wachter: If I could mention something. I was talking with Mr. Lee this morning and told him how I just returned from Harrisburg yesterday. I've been engaged by the Senate Republican Caucus which is run by Senator Scarnati and I wanted to clarify that none of it has anything to do with the community college. It is solely to advise on Opportunity Zones and Economic development issues, so I didn't want you to think that I was working against Erie County's interests or the interests of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. It is a very limited, specific engagement that has nothing to do with the community college.

Mr. Lee: Thank you for clarifying that.

Mr. Wachter: I just wanted it to be on the record.

Dr. Wood: We're going to try to get in the budget ASAP, I'm assuming. Why are we waiting until March to hold the public hearing?

Mr. Lee: The college committee has sent a letter to the State Board of Education requesting that the meeting be held in January. Some of the feedback we started receiving immediately was the logistics of trying to get up to 15 individuals up here in Erie. As you know, we clean roads very well and that wouldn't be an issue like it would be in Harrisburg. You've been to Harrisburg and you understand that in the winter, they don't do as well of a job as we do. The reason they're giving for that is logistically, it's going to take some time to pull it together but we're pushing for January. If we could get that in before the budget hearing, that could be more favorable for us.

It's clear that this is an issue that's not going away. Senator Scarnati is extremely powerful, extremely well-respected around the State, hence we have a lot of work to do.

Mr. Wachter: If I could just recommend, if the Governor's office is unsure of its ability to be highly engaged in this situation, you could possibly request for a deadline following the hearing upon which the decision would be made. If you're having a March hearing a June 30 budget deadline, it may be helpful to know that a decision will be issued up or down no later than insert date here for the purposes of allowing for that decision to impact his year's budget. Otherwise, you're going to be another fiscal year beyond.

Mr. Lee: Great advice, Mr. Wachter. I will definitely share that with the committee. Thank you.

Mr. Paris: Thank you, Gary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: There is a packet on your Board Effect here. The first document is a letter from Mr. Sparber; county gaming revenue did come in to ECGRA in the amount of \$1.39 million. If you take a look at the revenue dashboard in the report, that's in line with what we received last year for the third quarter, so revenue is stable at this point. The second report there is from Ridge Policy Group and the various grants we are exploring including the relationship with North East. We did have a special meeting with leaders of North East Borough, Representative Sonney, and Senator Laughlin. We were able to get North East Borough into the RACP budget in the most recent rounds and we're exploring some Appalachian Regional Commission funding as well as economic development administration funding. The next report is the cumulative report of Ridge Policy Group of \$4.2 million in grants that have come in since we've engaged them.

Next is the agenda and program highlights from Summer Jobs. Mr. Lee and I attended a debriefing with the implementers of the Summer Jobs Program and talked with employers and students as well as those who ran that program; you'll see results as to how that program is going. Next, you'll see a media advisory. We did hold a press conference with Mayor Schember to unveil the three Mission Main Street grants totaling \$750,000 that we did in the City of Erie. The County Executive was with us there as well to help us with that unveiling.

Next, you'll see that Strategic Planning was held. We reviewed the Lead Asset distribution formula, and I'll go into that in a moment, as well as the Anchor Building review. There is the recommendation coming from the Lead Asset committee that is in your packet as well as the entire Anchor Building summaries for reference when voting on today's resolutions.

You'll see the Economic Impact Study update, which I will go over briefly, a nice letter from the Borough of Union City, and then press clippings from the Corry Journal, the West County News, and the Erie Times News on subjects such as the rural Mission Main Street grants, the Beehive grants, some stuff in here on the community college and Blue Zones all of which ECGRA is participating in.

Setting that aside for a moment, if you would look at the Economic Impact Study update and follow along with me. You are getting a copy of this document in advance; it has not been made public yet. We are going to make it public on the ECGRA website as part of the rollout. We have met with the Erie Times News Editorial Board and gone over the Economic Impact Study with them; they're working on a story. Let me just hit some of the highlights if you want to follow along.

If you open up to the Executive Summary, I think it's important to mention that this data is from 2009 to 2018; it's ECGRA hitting the 10-year mark, surpassing the \$50 million of investing in the community. Now, if we have invested over \$50 million in the community, that means that because of our one-to-one match policy, a minimum of \$100 million has been invested, and of course Erie County has invested \$50 million into the community as well.

You will see two sets of data in this; one is ECGRA's economic impact and the second set of data is the combined economic impact. The combined is Erie County, Summit Township, and ECGRA all in one. In the left-hand column you'll see an economic impact of \$128.4 million; that's about \$56 million invested with an economic yield of \$128 million. You'll see in the right-hand column a combined total of \$258.3 million. Back to the left column, jobs supported and retained (that is how these things are measured), ECGRA funds – 838 jobs, combined total – 1,282 jobs. Out of that 1,282 jobs, just to clarify, ECGRA is 838. You'll see bigger economic impact numbers with all three combined, but you'll see that ECGRA has been significant on the job creation side.

State and Local Tax Revenue – something every elected official likes to see – ECGRA \$4.6 million, combined total about \$10 million in Erie County. Those are the highlights of the study; I'm not going to go over it word-for-word with you, but that Executive Summary is very helpful if someone wants to ask you a question about ECGRA's impact, you can give them these numbers. Not everyone is a numbers person, but certainly for those who care about the numbers, who want to see that we somehow quantified economic impact, it's right here.

The one last point that I want to leave you with is that this study is solely from an economic lens. It's not a social lens, it's not about the cultural lens of the community. There are some testimonials in here but that's not the point of it. The point is to look at the numbers, not necessarily to tell the qualitative story; this is a quantitative report with an economic lens. Does anyone have any questions about the study?

Mr. Cleaver: In reference to these jobs, does this include that Summer Program? Are these actually . . .

Dr. Wood: It does not.

Mr. Cleaver: So, are these labor? Do we have any idea what they are?

Dr. Wood: It's not based upon primary data. Primary data would say that we went out and interviewed every single group and quantified job numbers. We are not capable of doing that type of research, nor is the firm we hired. The economic impact study is based on IMPLAN, which is an economic modeling service used by governments, the State of Pennsylvania uses it, most agencies you run into use the IMPLAN model. The model basically says that if you invest X number of dollars into this type of activity, it will yield direct, indirect, and induced economic impact in the following areas, generating the following economic impact through stable tax revenue and jobs. It's based on a model. That's an important point.

Mr. Cleaver: Ok. Thank you.

Dr. Wood: Something else I wanted to go over with you is Lead Assets. Before we get to resolutions, we're going to be asking you to vote to release the funds from the Lead Asset Endowment. We did go over this at the Strategic Planning meeting, but we didn't have complete attendance so let me go over this with you one last time. We have a Memorandum of Understanding that Tim and I had negotiated and brought back to the Board for approval back in 2016. I won't bore you with all the details but I wanted to read you some of the clauses that are in here so you understand why we're doing what we're doing here today.

On page three of the Memo, in the Board's infinite wisdom, we asked the Lead Assets to create an Advisory Committee every year around this time of year. Let me read this to you: "The Lead Assets shall form the Erie County Lead Assets Advisory Committee which shall be comprised of two representatives from each entity identified as one of the Lead Assets with at least one representative from its current Board of Directors and current member of the Lead Assets Governing Board." So, there are two representatives from each entity; that's at least eighteen that come to this committee and at least one has to come from the Board of Directors which means they have legal and fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Next, "The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the ECGRA Board of Directors regarding distributions from the Endowment to the Lead Assets." We put that in there so we put some of the responsibility on their shoulders, so we weren't solely making the decision every year. They have the ability to advise us on the distribution from the endowment. Secondly, "Make recommendations to the ECGRA Board of Directors regarding proposed changes to the annual distribution formula described in Section 5 of this Memorandum of Agreement." In other words, they have a formula which they will recommend to us. I think it's worth noting that the formula that they are using and have used every year is a formula that we created. We created this formula, we gave it to them, they argued about it, but at the end of the day they realized it was the most equitable and they stuck with it.

Mr. Wachter: Can I just add, the reason we pursued this was the Lead Assets were entities that were guaranteed a certain percentage of distribution from the annual revenues pursuant to the 2010 Settlement. The Board created the Endowment recognizing the obligation to do that was

finite and expired in a particular year (I forget what year it was). So, they wanted to dump all that money into the Endowment to ensure that they would continuously be funded forever. That money can only be given to those entities that were named in the Settlement because of the way it was structured. Rather than this Board determining what entity got what percentage, it made more sense to have those entities who are receiving the money make that determination. It was theirs anyway, so it was just let them decide how to distribute it based on some nondiscretionary data. So, that's what we came up with. And it's worked. There have been no complaints, and nobody has sued us in 15 years.

Dr. Wood: A couple other things to point out from the Memorandum. There is a clause on Corpus Protection so at no point can they draw down more that could hurt the Corpus of the funds. Here's a quote, "No distribution from this shall be approved that will result in the lessening of the Corpus of the Endowment." So, there is protection clauses in this Agreement. It is also written that, "The ECGRA Board of Directors may, in their sole discretion, amend the formula used to calculate the available annual distribution amount. Any communication against such amendment shall be accompanied with a written justification from the amendment." So, you do have the sole capability to amend it, though I don't highly recommend it because we have a system in place that is running smooth.

The next section, Endowment Disbursements to Individual Lead Assets, "Erie County Lead Asset Advisory Committee shall no later than one week prior to the December ECGRA Board meeting of each year provide the Executive Director of ECGRA in writing with the amounts of distribution to each individual entity which comprise the Lead Assets." They have done that. So, we went to them and said, "The Erie Community Foundation has the following policy this year. This amount is available for distribution." They had their meeting and came back to us with that recommendation. "To facilitate this, ECGRA shall provide the Erie County Lead Asset Committee no later than the end of the first full week of November of each year the total annual distribution amount." That has been done and they have met. "In no event shall the total distribution exceed the annual distribution amount." Of course, they abided by that in their annual recommendation to us. Are there any questions about the Agreement that we have? That being said, there is a resolution on today's agenda that we will be asking you to vote for. If you to vote in favor of that, we'll contact the Erie Community Foundation, we'll release those funds in the amount that is voted. Thank you.

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 18, 2019 – Resolution to enter into agreement with the six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2019 Anchor Building Program.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Sample: I need to abstain from the vote on this because of Impact Corry and I sit on their Board.

Mr. Wachter: I have a Memo that is being delivered to the Secretary indicating as such.

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

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question before we move on. Can you give me the run down of who gets this again, Perry?

Dr. Wood: Absolutely. We had eight applications.

Mr. DiPaolo: Which didn't get it? That's what I want to know.

Dr. Wood: So, two did not get it; Borough of Union City – that was the ADA accessible program. It's a good program but we decided as a committee that they are not ready. They are not prepared with match. We're going to kick that to next year and we fully expect them to apply for funding then. The second group was the Knox Western Contemporary Arts Center. It's a very interesting project, basically like an art incubator, however it's a very expensive project; \$100,000 barely touches it and it's really not ready. They have lined up no other sources of funding, they don't really have a plan for the building or any anchor tenants, it's really in the planning phases at this point so it's not appropriate for us to invest.

Mr. DiPaolo: This Knox, isn't that the one that was behind on their taxes?

Dr. Wood: Thank you for pointing that out. That is another reason that we recommended against it and the committee discussed that they are behind on their 2018 taxes.

Mr. DiPaolo: Ok. Thank you.

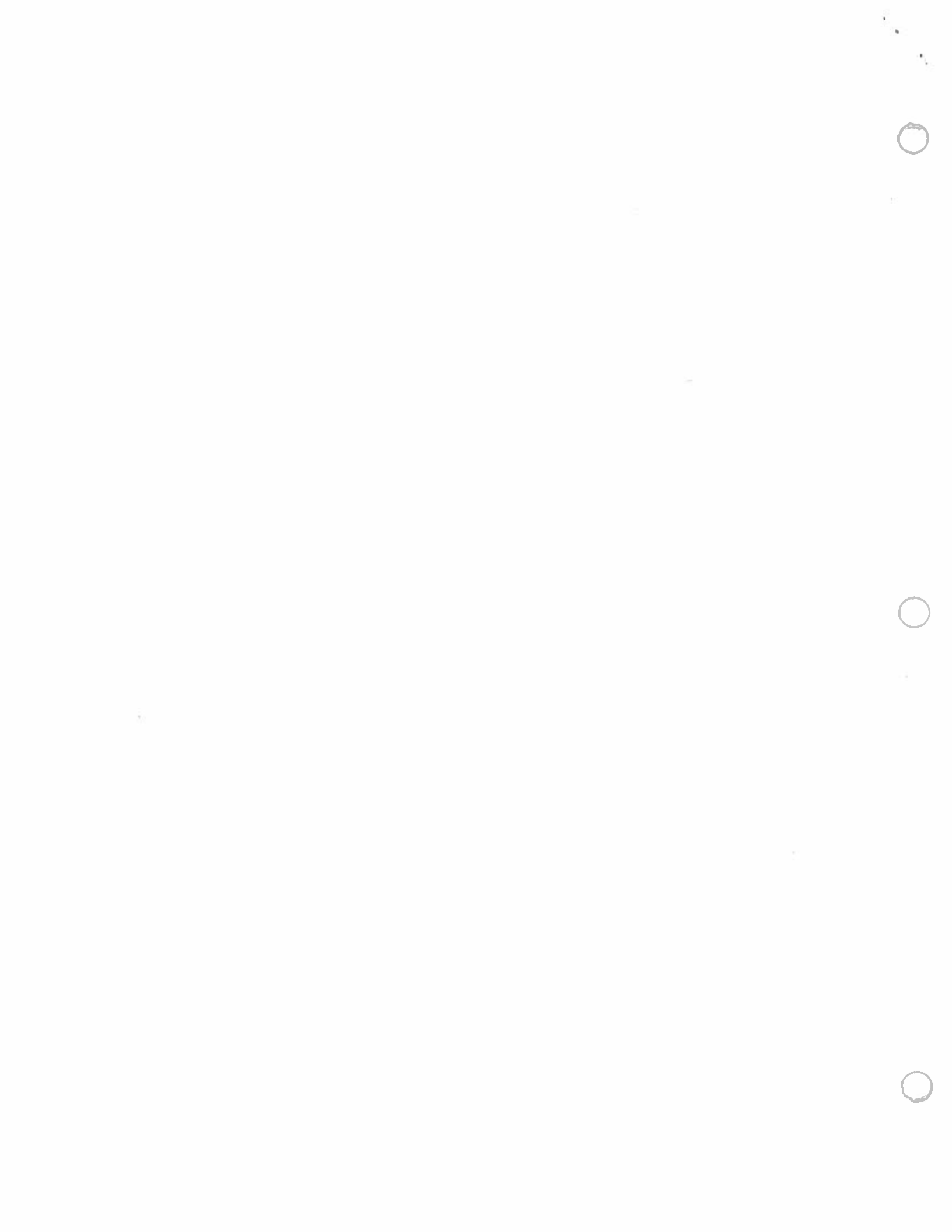
There is no further discussion. Motion carries 4-1-1, with Mr. DiPaolo voting in the negative and Mr. Sample abstaining.

- b. Resolution Number 19, 2019 – Resolution to direct the Erie Community Foundation to release \$468,895 to the Erie County Lead Assets.

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.

The Board of Directors goes into Executive Session for personnel purposes at 9:20am.



MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: David Sample
ECGRA Board Director

DATE: November 21, 2019

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure

On this date, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was presented with Resolution Number 18, 2019, which pertains to the granting of funds to six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2019 Anchor Building Grant Program. One such entity is Impact Corry.

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 November 21, 2019 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.

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

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	1,391,141.81	3,078,614.53		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	11,609.84	92,998.52		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		15,250.00		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		15,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		9,755.42		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive		12,708.33		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		2,227.14		
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue				
Total Income	<u>1,402,751.65</u>	<u>3,226,553.94</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	7,824.55	78,348.85	97,336.00	146,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,906.61	10,222.16	15,336.00	23,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	424.71	9,672.35	17,760.00	26,650.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,178.64	35,315.33	40,568.00	60,850.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	22,653.63	144,003.21	151,500.00	227,250.00
Total Expense	<u>35,988.14</u>	<u>277,561.90</u>	<u>322,500.00</u>	<u>483,750.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,366,763.51	2,948,992.04		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements				
70030 · Community Assets		146,400.00		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	347,785.45	769,653.63		
70070 · Special Events		175,515.39		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		295,655.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street		683,840.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program	-6,828.47	132,626.96		
70130 · Small Business Financing		0.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects	5,000.00	55,000.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow		0.00		
70170 · Renaissance Block		93,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		84,276.20		
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>345,956.98</u>	<u>2,435,967.18</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(345,956.98)</u>	<u>(2,435,967.18)</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>1,020,806.53</u></u>	<u><u>513,024.86</u></u>		



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2019

	November
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	-3,420.18
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,975,702.61
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,330,527.95
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	2,981,600.20
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	10,287,830.76
Total Checking/Savings	10,284,410.58
Other Current Assets	
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)
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	5,258,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	780.49
Total Other Current Assets	5,259,626.74
Total Current Assets	15,544,037.32
TOTAL ASSETS	15,544,037.32
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,103,948.28
Net Income	513,024.86
Total Equity	15,544,037.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	15,544,037.32



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Statement of Cash Flows
November 2019

	<u>November</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	1,020,806.53
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	797.92
20000 · Accounts Payable	<u>-6,828.47</u>
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>1,014,775.98</u>
Net cash increase for period	1,014,775.98
Cash at beginning of period	<u>9,269,634.60</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>10,284,410.58</u></u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
November 2019

Expense	November	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	11,240.32	11,500.00	(259.68)	97.74%
62120 · Government Relations Services	4,672.20	29,631.55	58,000.00	(28,368.45)	51.09%
62130 · Professional Services	2,490.00	28,320.00	36,000.00	(7,680.00)	78.67%
62140 · Legal Services	542.50	7,252.00	35,000.00	(27,748.00)	20.72%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	1,182.43	4,000.00	(2,817.57)	29.56%
62150 · Payroll Services	119.85	722.55	1,500.00	(777.45)	48.17%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	7,824.55	78,348.85	146,000.00	(67,651.15)	53.66%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	1.99	55.99	5,000.00	(4,944.01)	1.12%
62890 · Rent	2,904.62	10,166.17	18,000.00	(7,833.83)	56.48%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,906.61	10,222.16	23,000.00	(12,777.84)	44.44%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	109.87	2,316.04	3,500.00	(1,183.96)	66.17%
65020 · Postage	19.07	296.40	500.00	(203.60)	59.28%
65030 · Printing	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00%
65040 · Office Supplies	46.35	1,022.01	2,800.00	(1,777.99)	36.50%
65050 · Cell Phone	105.00	816.23	2,200.00	(1,383.77)	37.10%
65060 · Copier Lease	0.00	2,421.65	4,200.00	(1,778.35)	57.66%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	432.67	2,000.00	(1,567.33)	21.63%
65080 · Bank Fees	0.00	130.00	200.00	(70.00)	65.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	1,001.00	5,000.00	(3,999.00)	20.02%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	144.42	1,236.35	5,000.00	(3,763.65)	24.73%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	424.71	9,672.35	26,650.00	(16,977.65)	36.29%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	4,596.50	12,000.00	(7,403.50)	38.30%
65110 · Advertising	76.70	4,306.80	12,000.00	(7,693.20)	35.89%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,111.48	12,834.09	18,000.00	(5,165.91)	71.30%
65120 · Insurance	797.92	6,383.36	9,850.00	(3,466.64)	64.81%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	0.00	100.00%
65150 · Travel	192.54	2,294.58	9,000.00	(6,705.42)	25.50%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,178.64	35,315.33	65,750.00	(30,434.67)	53.71%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	20,111.01	128,376.08	201,000.00	(72,623.92)	63.87%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,567.62	10,015.55	15,100.00	(5,084.45)	66.33%
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	975.00	5,512.54	9,000.00	(3,487.46)	61.25%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	22,653.63	144,003.21	227,250.00	(83,246.79)	63.37%
Total Expense	35,988.14	277,561.90	488,650.00	(211,088.10)	56.80%



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of November 30, 2019

	November	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
Uncommitted Funds	2,981,600.20		
Committed Funds	3,975,702.61		

2019 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)

First Quarter Gaming Revenue		279,989.73	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		985,614.81	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue	1,391,141.81	1,391,141.81	
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			2,656,746.35

FY Disbursements:

First Quarter Disbursements		880,820.03	
Second Quarter Disbursements		742,426.43	
Third Quarter Disbursements	345,956.98	819,485.45	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			2,442,731.91

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements

	November	YTD	Subtotal
Community Assets			
Community Access Television		7,000.00	
Edinboro Highland Games		8,000.00	
Erie Yesterday		12,250.00	
Film Society of Northwestern PA		15,000.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		10,000.00	
Greater Erie Alliance for Equality		7,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		10,000.00	
League of Women Voters Erie Co. Chapter		15,000.00	
North East Community Fair Association		3,150.00	
Presque Isle Chapter, NSDAR		15,000.00	
WQLN Public Media		6,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		10,000.00	
AmeriMasala		8,000.00	
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest		10,000.00	
Corry Community Development Corp.		10,000.00	
			146,400.00

Special Events

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

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of November 30, 2019

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
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	
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>505.80</u>	<u>175,515.39</u>
Municipalities			
Summit Township	156,503.45	346,344.13	
Greene Township	38,256.40	84,661.90	
McKean Township	38,256.40	84,661.90	
Millcreek Township	38,256.40	84,661.90	
Waterford Township	38,256.40	84,661.90	
Erie County	<u>38,256.40</u>	<u>84,661.90</u>	<u>769,653.63</u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of November 30, 2019

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
1 Erie Area Council of Governments			
return of unspent funds - 2018 MMC		-30,000.00	
Census 2020 Outreach - 2nd payment		50,000.00	
JES - Civic Leadership Academy		100,000.00	
		<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>120,000.00</u>
2 Borough of North East		82,000.00	
Girard Township		17,000.00	
West County Paramedic Association		70,000.00	
West Erie County EMA		6,655.00	
		<u>6,655.00</u>	<u>175,655.00</u>
Neighborhoods & Communities			
Renaissance Block			
Borough of Union City		25,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		40,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		28,000.00	
		<u>28,000.00</u>	<u>93,000.00</u>
Anchor Building			
Grace Church 2018		20,000.00	
Performing Artisitcs Collective Alliance 2018		69,501.20	
City of Corry - return of unspent funds 2018		-5,225.00	
		<u>-5,225.00</u>	<u>84,276.20</u>
Mission Main Street - Round 2A			
Borough of Edinboro		95,350.00	
Borough of Union City		75,000.00	
		<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>170,350.00</u>
Mission Main Street - Round 2B			
Our West Bayfront		116,190.00	
Preservation Erie		28,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		90,500.00	
		<u>90,500.00</u>	<u>234,690.00</u>
Mission Main Street - Round 3			
Borough of Girard		80,000.00	
Impact Corry		115,200.00	
Waterford Borough		83,600.00	
		<u>83,600.00</u>	<u>278,800.00</u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of November 30, 2019

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Small Business Financing			
Youth & Education			
Summer Jobs & More			
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	(6,828.47)	128,993.89	128,993.89
Pilot Programs			
Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	
JES - Building an Iconic Connection	5,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00
<hr/> Total Funds Disbursements	345,956.98	2,432,334.11	2,432,334.11

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
As of November 30, 2019

	<u>November</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Committed Funds:			
Renaissance Block			
1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
Borough of North East		0.00	50,000.00
Borough of Union City		0.00	50,000.00
Our West Bayfront		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		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
Anchor Building			
Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	100,000.00
Grace Church		80,000.00	100,000.00
Our West Bayfront		80,000.00	100,000.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.00	93,126.50
Mission Main Street			
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
3 Borough of Girard		90,000.00	170,000.00
Impact Corry		87,200.00	202,400.00
Waterford Borough		166,200.00	249,800.00
Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
Erie Area Council of Governments		0.00	50,000.00
GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2019	(6,828.47)	21,006.11	150,000.00
PennVenture Partners		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Shaping Tomorrow			
Empower Erie - Community College		370,000.00	400,000.00
Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	200,000.00
Beehive Network			
Edinboro University Foundation		143,000.00	200,000.00
Erie Regional Library Foundation		115,000.00	200,000.00
Gannon University		175,000.00	200,000.00
Mercyhurst University		102,500.00	200,000.00
Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00
Pilot Program			
Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
Total Committed Funds	(6,828.47)	3,975,702.61	6,260,666.50

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Check Detail Report
 November 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/01/2019	EFT	VISA	October 2019 Statement - Central	-779.00
11/01/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	10/12/19 to 10/25/19 Payroll	-8,776.94
11/01/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	10/12/19 to 10/25/19 Retirement	-521.80
11/04/2019	2827	Parker Phillips	2019 October Professional Services	-2,490.00
11/04/2019	2828	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2019 October/November Rent	-2,904.62
11/04/2019	2829	Velocity Network, Inc.	Phone/IT/Fax	-791.89
11/05/2019	2830	Times Publishing Company	Strategic Planning meeting	-76.70
11/13/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	10/26/19 to 11/8/19 Payroll	-6,834.74
11/13/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	10/26/19 to 11/8/19 Retirement	-523.41
11/13/2019	2831	Erie County	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-38,256.40
11/13/2019	2832	Greene Township	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-38,256.40
11/13/2019	2833	McKean Township	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-38,256.40
11/13/2019	2834	Milkcreek Township	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-38,256.40
11/13/2019	2835	Summit Township	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-156,503.45
11/13/2019	2836	Waterford Township	2019 3rd Qtr Settlement	-38,256.40
11/13/2019	2837	Knox McLaughlin Gomall & Sennett	2019 October Legal	-542.50
11/13/2019	2838	Ridge Policy Group	2019 November Government Relations	-4,672.20
11/13/2019	2822	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2019 Summer Jobs	-6,828.47
11/14/2019	2839	Jefferson Educational Society of Erie	2019 Pilot - Project Gateway	-5,000.00
11/19/2019	2840	Tom M. Maggio	2nd Qtr Travel/Phone	-159.83
11/27/2019	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	11/9/19 to 11/22/19 Payroll	-7,592.46
11/27/2019	EFT	Fidelity Investments	11/9/19 to 11/22/19 Retirement	-524.13

ERIEBANK

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING
Account Number: ####-####-####-8643
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SCORECARD CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/16/2020

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		10/10/2019
Days In Billing Cycle		31
Previous Balance		\$707.23
Purchases	+	\$1,212.59
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$27.60
Payments	-	\$707.23
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
NEW BALANCE		\$1,184.99

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$38,815.01
Available Cash	\$38,815.01
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

Account Inquiries

- Call us at: (866) 317-0355
Lost or Stolen Card: (866) 317-0355
- Go to WWW.MyCardStatement.com
- Write us at PO BOX 30495, TAMPA, FL 33630-3495

Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$1,184.99
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$1,184.99
PAYMENT DUE DATE	11/04/2019

NOTE: Grace period to avoid a finance charge on purchases, pay entire new balance by payment due date. Finance charge accrues on cash advances until paid and will be billed on your next statement.

Corporate Activity

				TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY	\$707.23-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount	
10/03	10/03	1581191856	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$707.23-	

PLEASE DETACH COUPON AND RETURN PAYMENT USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE - ALLOW UP TO 7 DAYS FOR RECEIPT

ERIEBANK
PO BOX 42
CLEARFIELD PA 16830-0042

Account Number
####-####-####-8643

Check box to indicate name/address change on back of this coupon

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
10/10/19	\$1,184.99	\$1,184.99	11/04/19

\$

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING
5340 FRYLING ROAD
SUITE 201
ERIE PA 16510-4672

e-Statement

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

VISA
PO BOX 4517
CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517

17 4335 2636 1000 8643 00118499 00118499 3

Cardholder Account Summary				
TAMMI MICHALI #### #### #### 8023	Payments & Other Credits \$27.60-	Purchases & Other Charges \$1,212.59	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$1,184.99

Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
09/13	09/16	PBUS01	24789309258274503969687	ERIE TIMES NEWS CIRCULATI 814-8701600 PA	\$35.97 <i>Subscr.</i>
09/16	09/18	PBUS01	24137469260001239749415	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.59 <i>O.S.</i>
09/17	09/18	PBUS01	74430999261400817017613	CREDIT VOUCHER	\$27.60- <i>phone/IT</i>
09/18	09/19	PBUS01	24137469262001266286438	MICROSOFT*OFFICE 365 MSBILL.INFO WA	\$38.43 <i>mtg - Bored</i>
09/21	09/22	PBUS01	24692169264100569849713	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$19.07 <i>postage</i>
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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 10/09/2019

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2020

Finance Charge Summary / Plan Level Information

Plan Name	Plan Description	FCM ¹	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
Purchases									
PBUS01	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.72916%(M)	8.7500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$1,184.99
001									
Cash									
CBUS01	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.72916%(M)	8.7500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00
001									

* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily
 ** Includes cash advance and foreign currency fees
¹ FCM = Finance Charge Method
 (V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.
 Days In Billing Cycle: 31
 APR = Annual Percentage Rate



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

2020 Grant Schedule

PROGRAM	OPEN	DUE	AWARD	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Special Events Grant	1/3/2020	2/28/2020	3/19/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Feb 28, due date on Feb 28, review period from Feb 28 to Mar 19, and award on Mar 19]					
Renaissance Block Program	12/15/2019	3/31/2020	4/16/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Dec 15, 2019, to Mar 31, 2020, due date on Mar 31, review period from Mar 31 to Apr 16, and award on Apr 16]					
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #1	1/3/2020	4/30/2020	5/21/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Apr 30, due date on Apr 30, review period from Apr 30 to May 21, and award on May 21]					
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #2	1/3/2020	9/30/2020	10/15/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Sep 30]					
Community Assets - Parks Field Trails 2021				[Gantt chart showing no activity]					
Community Assets - Arts Culture Heritage	4/15/2020	8/31/2020	9/17/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Apr 15 to Aug 31]					
Anchor Building	2/1/2020	5/30/2020	6/18/2020	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Feb 1 to May 30, due date on May 30, review period from May 30 to Jun 18, and award on Jun 18]					
Community Assets - Community Centers 2021				[Gantt chart showing no activity]					

- Grant application process open
- Due date
- Staff and Board review period
- Board meeting and grant award



2020 Grant Schedule

PROGRAM	OPEN	DUE	AWARD	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Special Events Grant	1/3/2020	2/28/2020	3/19/2020						
Renaissance Block Program	12/15/2019	3/31/2020	4/16/2020						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #1	1/3/2020	4/30/2020	5/21/2020						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #2	1/3/2020	9/30/2020	10/15/2020						
Community Assets - Parks Field Trails 2021									
Community Assets - Arts Culture Heritage	4/15/2020	8/31/2020	9/17/2020						
Anchor Building	2/1/2020	5/30/2020	6/18/2020						
Community Assets - Community Centers 2021									

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2021 Grant Schedule

PROGRAM	OPEN	DUE	AWARD	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	
Special Events Grant										
	1/3/2021	2/28/2021	3/18/2021	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Feb 28, due date on Feb 28, review period from Feb 28 to Mar 18, and award on Mar 18]						
Renaissance Block Program										
	1/3/2021	3/31/2021	4/20/2021	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Mar 31, due date on Mar 31, review period from Mar 31 to Apr 20, and award on Apr 20]						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #1										
	1/3/2021	4/30/2021	5/20/2021	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Apr 30, due date on Apr 30, review period from Apr 30 to May 20, and award on May 20]						
Multi-Municipal Collaboration Round #2										
	1/3/2021	9/30/2021	10/21/2021	[Gantt chart showing application process open from Jan 3 to Sep 30]						
Community Assets - Parks Field Trails										
	2/1/2021	5/15/2021	6/17/2021		[Gantt chart showing application process open from Feb 1 to May 15, due date on May 15, review period from May 15 to Jun 17, and award on Jun 17]					
Community Assets - Arts Culture Heritage										
	3/1/2021	7/30/2021	8/19/2021		[Gantt chart showing application process open from Mar 1 to Jul 30]					
Anchor Building										
	4/1/2021	8/30/2021	9/16/2021			[Gantt chart showing application process open from Apr 1 to Aug 30]				
Community Assets - Community Centers										
	2/1/2021	6/30/2021	7/15/2021		[Gantt chart showing application process open from Feb 1 to Jun 30]					

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Ridge Policy Group Activity ECGRA Nov 15 – Dec 6 Report

(NOTE: Given the early board meeting,
this does not include activity for any entire 30 days but only through Dec. 6)

Relevant Activity

- RPG has been working directly with the North East Borough to identify funding opportunities for their Sustain NE concept. This has included:
 - Having bi-weekly calls set up to help support their activities
 - Reviewing and sending information on funding available to support them (outlined in the grant opportunities below)
 - Offer to coordinate a visit from EDA to better understand their activities
- Mark Holman and Mark Campbell have had informal calls/ emails with Perry throughout the month to discuss other priorities.

Grant Opportunities

North East Commission

After reviewing their proposal, we do think that there is opportunity for funding under EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program. One example of funding they use in their description is "EDA might provide funding to a city to support the construction of a publicly-owned multi-tenant business and industrial facility to house early-stage businesses," though it would not need to be used for that directly.

A couple of other things to note:

- The project must be in line with EDA's investment priorities, found here. As we understand your project, there could be implications on both the Critical Infrastructure and Workforce Development priorities.
- The average size of an EAA investment has been approximately \$650,000 and investments generally range from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000. Historically, EDA has awarded funds for between 70 and 140 EAA projects a year.
- Generally, the amount of an EDA award may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project. The other funding can come from local or state funding sources.



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

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
11:30am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

- I. Parks, Fields, & Trails Review
- II. Community Centers Review

PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

2019 COMMUNITY ASSETS GRANT PROGRAM:

PARKS, FIELDS, & TRAILS

13 PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

\$198,839.60 REQUESTED

\$150,000 AVAILABLE

1. Asbury Woods – Meadow Trail Restoration

Amount of Request - \$14,918.23

Project Total - \$ 29,836.46

Previous Grants - \$46,492.80 (\$35,838 Community Assets & \$10,654.80 Special Events)

Project Summary

Asbury Woods proposes to upgrade a parking lot adjacent to its meadow trail, a former baseball field, to encourage greater awareness and use. Project includes signage, trailhead kiosk, and a new asphalt surface.

Match will be Asbury Woods' cash.

2. Bayfront Eastside Task Force - The Three Forts of Presque Isle and Interpretive Center Masterplan

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$75,000

Previous Grants - \$49,592 (\$25,000 Renaissance Block; Human Services, Pilot Project)

Project Summary

The Bayfront Eastside Task Force (BEST) will hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and create a management and site plan to build three replica forts in the East Bayfront neighborhood where they originally stood in the 1700s. The study will gauge the economic impact of the project and prepare an analysis of the new attraction along with proposed exhibits and cost estimates for the complex.

Erie Community Foundation has awarded \$20,000 for the project.

3. Borough of Edinboro – Thompson Park Renewal

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$149,000

Previous Grants - \$110,350 (Mission Main Street)

Project Summary

The Borough of Edinboro will upgrade playground equipment in conjunction with a basketball court improvement project in Thompson Park, which is in the heart of the borough. The park is located in an area of low to moderate income families.

The previous playground equipment had to be removed due to safety concerns. The new playground will be ADA compliant and be lighted to extend the use of the park and enhance security. The park project has public support and the support of borough council.

The project match is CDBG funds devoted to the park and is scheduled for May 2020 construction.

4. City of Erie – Tree Planting

Amount of Request - \$10,500

Project Total - \$21,000

Previous Grants - \$303,000 (\$250,000 Mission Main Street, \$50,000 Parks, Fields Trails)

Project Summary

The city of Erie proposes to plant 60 trees in city parks.

The match is cash.

5. Edinboro University Foundation – Youth Therapeutic Recreation (skiing)

Amount of Request - \$3,500

Project Total – \$7,000

Previous Grants - \$100,434 (\$57,000 – Beehive Grant; Community Assets, Special Events)

Project Summary

Edinboro University Foundation will provide ten high school aged clients at Hermitage House with an opportunity to learn skiing for the purpose of building self-confidence and positive interaction with people. Students at Hermitage House are from Erie County and have a variety of emotional and behavioral problems.

Students will use the facilities at Mt. Pleasant, which is located in Erie County.

Faculty will measure outcomes using a Response to Street Questionnaire - Outdoor Adventure Version. Outdoor adventure programs are becoming increasingly common as intervention and treatment tools for adolescents (Bandoroff & Scherer, 1994; Russell & Hendee, 2000). The benefits touted by these programs include increased self-sufficiency, cooperation with others, responsibility, and community involvement and reductions in substance abuse, court adjudication, and various delinquent behaviors (Gass, 1993; Outward Bound USA,).

Match is EU Foundation cash.

6. Erie County Conservation District - Headwaters Park Nature Play Area

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$50,000

Previous Grants - \$26,751 – Parks, Fields, & Trails, 2018

Project Summary

The Erie County Conservation District will construct a “nature play” playground and community garden at Headwaters Park. The improvements are part of a masterplan created with public input in 2015.

The playground encourages physical activity and incorporates educational displays as well. The playground and gardens will be ADA accessible and build on the investment made by ECGRA in 2018 which enhanced trails on the property.

The match has been secured through a DCNR grant and can begin in spring of 2020.

7. Humane Society – Walking Trails and Dog Park Enhancement

Amount of Request - \$25,000

Project Total - \$50,000

Previous Grants – \$8,077.10

Project Summary

The Humane Society proposes to add walking trails, fencing, and lighting to its property on Zimmerly Road in Millcreek Township for use by the general public. The trails and the adjacent dog park will be open to the public from dawn to dusk without charge.

Match will be financed by the Humane Society.

8. Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park (LEAF) – Pathways Project

Amount of Request - \$14,712.37

Project Total - \$29,424.75

Previous Grants – \$17,585.41 (\$6,200 Community Assets/\$11,385.41 Special Events)

Project Summary

LEAF proposes to reconstruct existing trails and add new trails within the city of Erie's Frontier Park. The trails will use crushed limestone and be ADA accessible.

Plans call for 462 linear feet of new trail and 3,500 linear feet of existing trails which are both 12' wide.

Cash match is in hand and project can begin in spring 2020.

9. Lake Erie Region Conservancy (LERC) - West Road Access Area Trail Improvement -

Amount of Request - \$12,459

Project Total - \$25,000

Previous Grants – \$11,400

Project Summary

The project is located on 46.6 acres in McKean Township that was permanently conserved by LERC in 2008. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) holds a 4,900 ft. fishing easement on this property which follows along Elk Creek. LERC would like to improve 1) the trail to the creek, 2) access from West Road into the property, 3) parking, & 4) signage.

The property is owned by the Lake Erie Region Conservancy, Inc. which purchased it on 12-09-2018. The property is permanently conserved and is available for public passive recreational use, e.g. fishing, hiking, hunting, trapping, etc. The property contains 4,900 feet of frontage on Elk Creek. The PFBC holds a fishing easement which runs the length of the creek on this parcel and which extends from the creek to 35 feet from top of each stream bank. Improvements will extend to the fishing easement area.

LERC has a grant from the PA Fish and Boat Commission for the required match and can begin in spring 2020.

10. Platea Borough – Borough Park Improvement

Amount of Request - \$2,500

Project Total - \$5,000

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Borough of Platea proposes to install two new playground equipment pieces for toddlers and install 80 yards of engineered wood fiber surface at the playground. Installation to be completed by volunteers. The park hosts a number of activities during the year including visits by the county library's bookmobile and family gatherings.

Match has been committed by the borough from its general fund.

2019 Community Assets Grant Program Summaries – Parks, Fields, & Trails

11. ServErie – Harry T. Burleigh Performance & Visual Garden

Amount of Request - \$20,000

Project Total - \$53,530

Previous Grants – \$65,399 (\$58,000 Renaissance Block; Special Events, Pilot Project)

Project Summary

ServErie proposes to develop a performance and visual arts garden on a vacant lot located at 623 East 8th Street. The garden will include a performance space, seating and landscaping. It will have access to electricity and eventually water so the space can be used for picnics and family reunions.

ServErie purchased the property measuring 35 feet wide by 70 feet long from Erie County's repository for \$250. A small home was located on the lot at the time of purchase. Originally, ServErie planned to rehabilitate the home for use as an office and community meeting space. After further inspection, the building was judged unsalvageable and removed.

\$11,424 of the match is secured.

12. Springfield Township – Bicentennial Park Improvements

Amount of Request - \$3,750

Project Total - \$7,500

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The township proposes to plant 11 maple trees to define boundary on Sanford Rd. and provide shade for people walking in the park; 6 Flowering crab apples will be planted in a radius to form a focal point and define an additional pedestrian entrance in the northeast corner where Main St. and Sanford Rd. come together; and with park boundaries, plant 16 flowering trees bordering Main St. to improve beautification and add color for people driving on the main thoroughfare and using the park. All trees planted will be excavated to a 5' radius, mulched, and protected to encourage root growth and prevent damage from lawn equipment.

A custom-made sign to mark the northeast pedestrian entrance will be installed.

A youth soccer field will be created including grading the site, adding topsoil and grass seed, and placing the goal posts. A community member has offered to fabricate the soccer goals.

Match has been committed by the township and community members.

13. Washington Township – Inspiration Park Trail Project

Amount of Request - \$16,500

Project Total - \$33,000

Previous Grants – \$41,000 – Multi-Municipal Collaboration

Project Summary

Property for Inspiration Park was acquired by Washington Township in 2018. The township plans to use the 70 acre site for a public, year-round recreational facility. They propose walking/cross country ski trails, picnic areas, and pavilions as the starting point for this multi-year project.

Match will be included in the township's 2020 budget.

Proposal Summaries

2019 Community Assets Grant Program Community Centers

16 Proposals Submitted

\$185,769 Requested

\$150,000 Available

1. Academy Neighborhood Association – Tool Lending Library

Amount of Request - \$3,000

Project Total - \$ 6,000

Previous Grants - \$11,250 Renaissance Block Program

Project Summary

The Academy Neighborhood Association will purchase two shipping containers to expand its free tool lending library. The library has been open for two years and continues to grow.

Match has been secured.

2. Booker T. Washington Center (BTW) – The Big Assist Program

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$35,000

Previous Grants - \$34,000

Project Summary

The staff at the BTW Center will provide tutoring and mentoring to area high school students including six field trips for career exploration. Program is needed to increase high school graduation rate and acquaint students with various career possibilities they may otherwise not be familiar with.

The Erie Community Foundation has committed \$20,000 towards the project.

3. Borough of Girard – Girard Borough Social Hall

Amount of Request - \$5,000

Project Total - \$10,080

Previous Grants - \$185,000 (Mission Main Street)

Project Summary

The Borough of Girard proposes to replace three entry doors on its borough social hall built in 1940. The Borough has made recent capital improvements including a new roof. The hall is used as a voting location and used by many civic organizations.

The borough will include the match costs in its 2020 borough budget.

4. North East Borough - North East Senior Center

Amount of Request - \$10,300

Project Total - \$20,600

Previous Grants - \$291,540.80 (\$140,000 Mission Main Street, \$100,000 Multi-Municipal Collaboration, \$50,000 Renaissance Block)

Project Summary

The North East Borough Senior Center provides services for approximately 4,000 senior citizens in the North East community. On average 100 seniors are served. North East contracts with GECAC to provide programming. Project will replace flooring, kitchen storage, and entry doors.

Match will be included in the 2020 Borough budget.

5. Community Health Net – Advanced Eye Examination Equipment

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total – \$155,000

Previous Grants - \$10,000

Project Summary

This project will replace equipment - in use since the initiation of eye care in 1986 - with up to date equipment for general eye care and new advanced equipment to improve care and compliance with accessible local appointments instead of out of town referrals.

Local eye care for diabetes and glaucoma is not well served for low income and uninsured patients in Erie. Due to lack of advanced equipment at CHN and lack of local providers willing to accept uninsured and low-income patients, many patients are referred 100 miles away to Pittsburgh, where it can be difficult to make and keep appointments. CHN serves over 13,000 patients with medical, dental, and vision care. Local primary eye and vision examinations will improve the overall quality of life for this patient population, which has been shown to be generally less aware of the importance of comprehensive eye exams throughout all stages of life in delaying, reducing, or preventing vision loss. The new equipment in this project will expand the number of vision exams and the types of exams and care available locally.

Match has been secured from a number of sources including the Erie Community Foundation.

6. Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation – Eagle's Nest After School Program

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$62,935.00

Previous Grants – \$50,000

Project Summary

The Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation partnered with the Erie School District to establish the Eagle's Nest School of Academic Distinction - a public school for 5th and 6th graders. In addition to traditional learning, they offer an after-school program for students challenged in reading and math.

One guaranteed method of enhancing the quality of one's life and thereby their community is education. Studies show that students who participate in a tutoring program benefit both academically and socially. Tutoring programs such as that offered by the Eagle's Nest assists struggling students not only with the necessary requirements for graduation but also helps improve study skills, organization skills, motivation, and classroom participation. Students will receive individualized learning which progresses them step-by-step from where they are academically in a way that they may not be able to receive in a classroom setting.

The after-school program will use the Read 180 and System 44 technology. This combined model uses a multi-tiered, adaptive approach for students in both general and special education. It provides digital tools, real-time data, progress monitoring, professional learning, and personalized and engaging material that helps students become proficient in reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking no matter their level of ability.

The expectation is to be able to continue to help all Scholars (students) progress in their reading and math while accelerating those who are struggling to grade-level proficiency (or at least show substantial growth).

Match will be sponsor cash and the Erie School District.

7. Edinboro Legion Pool Inc. – Edinboro Legion Pool Improvements

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$38,890.60

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc., which is owned by the American Legion, provides recreational activities to the public each summer. The primary focus is to provide affordable, healthy recreational activities to local citizens. The pool is a valuable resource to local groups such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Edinboro University soccer camps, and the County YMCA Blue Dolphin Swim Team. The pool is a welcoming, safe environment for children and adults with special needs, local foster parents, and senior citizens who participate in water aerobics classes and Silver Sneakers programs. Replacing aging equipment and renovating the women's restroom will enable them to provide a safer, healthier environment for their customers. Equipment requested includes a new pool pump, new bathroom stalls and new clothes-changing stalls, a refrigerated sandwich and salad preparation table, a stainless-steel fryer, and 18 new chairs. They plan to purchase the requested equipment in March 2020 and complete the ladies room renovation in April-May 2020 so that it will be ready for a June 4th, 2020 opening.

A grant from DCNR will serve as the match.

8. John F. Kennedy Center – Floor Care Equipment

Amount of Request - \$2,954

Project Total - \$5,908

Previous Grants – \$23,796

Project Summary

This project will provide three major pieces of floor equipment to replace one 45-year old scrubber/polisher unit that can no longer be repaired. This floor care equipment is needed to care for 13,335 square feet of tiled floor space within the John F. Kennedy Center's facility.

The John F. Kennedy Center has 13,335 square feet of tiled floor to keep clean and maintained. Areas include a regulation-size gymnasium, two kitchens, a clinic, one youth dining room, one computer lab, an adult/youth education room, and a youth homework assistance/tutoring area.

Every day, an average number of 175 individuals receive services at the John F. Kennedy Center. These clients include 40 seniors, 70 children, 45 women/infants/children, 10 sickle cell patients, and 10 tax payers.

A new 20" walk-behind scrubber is needed to scrub the gymnasium floor. The scrubber puts the cleaner down, scrubs the floor, and sucks up the water/detergent. It will take about 45 minutes to scrub the entire gym with the new unit. It currently takes about two hours for one staff member to mop down the gym. A new high speed 20" burnisher is needed to finish the tile floors throughout JFK and to keep an excellent gloss on them. A 17" combination scrubber/polisher is needed for the two kitchens. A separate unit is needed for the kitchens in order to get into the smaller spaces around the ovens, grills, freezers, refrigerators, sinks, and steel tables.

Match is secured.

9. MLK Center – Workforce Development and Self-Sustainability

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$111,026

Previous Grants – \$48,969

Project Summary

This project is part of phase 2 of an overall transformation of the technology capabilities of the community center to increase effective and efficient service delivery. Phase 1 was a grant from the ECF to purchase and setup the computers for public use for afterschool work and workforce training. Through its active partnership between the community centers, they are going to facilitate the gathering and screening of 50 low-income adults to funnel down to 20 recruits that are ready and willing to be trained in progressing careers that provide family sustaining wages. If any of the first 20 chosen recruits are already employed, they are going to improve their soft skills to gain better employment. Key activities are mandatory modules that outline workforce development, education, and financial literacy. The outcomes will be to help 20 low-income adults obtain a job or find a better job.

Erie Community Foundation (ECF) has provided \$10,513 as match. MLK has applied for an additional \$50,000 from ECF.

10. Mercy Center for Women – Parking Lot Repaving

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$100,000 Anchor Building Grant - 2019

Project Summary

Mercy Center for Women (MCW) will hire McCormick Construction to repair and resurface a portion of the parking lot that serves MCW and the future Holy Rosary building that will be converted to apartments.

11. Northwest Community Center – Equipment Upgrade

Amount of Request - \$3,000

Project Total - \$6,000

Previous Grants - None

Project Summary

The project is intended to replace and expand available equipment for youth recreation within the Northwestern Community Youth Center. The goal of the project is to appeal a larger interest base of youth, increasing attendance.

The Northwestern Community Youth Center has been serving the students of Northwestern School District since 2007. Its mission is to provide programs and activities that encourage a positive lifestyle for youth in a safe and well supervised environment. The youth center is a free drop-in center where they welcome Northwestern School District students from 6th grade to 12th afterschool. Various activities are provided including a pool table, table games, air hockey, foosball, crafts, video games, computer lab, and a gym. It facilitates a variety of clubs and programs depending on the students' interests.

The project is intended to replace and expand available equipment for youth recreation within the Northwestern Community Youth Center. New equipment would include a pool table, updated video game consoles, couches, bike rack, gym equipment, TV, and piano tuning. The goal of the project is to attract a larger interest base of youth, increasing attendance. The current equipment is in disrepair, which is not appealing to many students.

The focus is to encourage a positive lifestyle, social interaction, and recreational opportunities for area youth. They would like to improve the resources available for everyday use. Enhancing the youth center equipment will increase the aesthetic and appeal of the facility, increasing average daily attendance.

Organization is in the process of raising matching funds.

12. Stairways Behavioral Health – Bloom Collaborative Erie's Healing Center

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$43,338

Project Summary

Stairways Behavioral Health and its community healing arts center, Bloom Collaborative, request funding to continue support for the growing demand for quality arts programming and hands-on creative experiences in one of the most underserved areas of the city of Erie.

Programming on the 4-acre Bloom campus – consisting of ceramics, sculpture, fused and cast glass, and most major studio arts – is offered in two spacious art production studios: The Carriage House Studio, which is located in a renovated carriage house and accommodates up to 60 people; and Blossom's Clay Studio, equipped with pottery wheels and kilns, and also accommodates up to 60 people.

Bloom integrates the arts and mental wellness through programs that enhance art experiences, especially for the most disadvantaged who are underserved by arts programming. Bloom increases access to arts by providing high-quality, multidisciplinary, collaborative programming that has a major impact on reducing the stigma of mental illness and focuses on the mental and physical health benefits that it can deliver.

The match has been secured through the GE Employee Community Service Fund.

13. Urban Erie Community Development Corporation (UECDC) – Housing Assistance Program and Technology Upgrade

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$30,000

Previous Grants – \$92,865

Project Summary

1.) UECDC will establish a housing assistance fund for families at risk of losing housing due to delinquent rent or losing housing they are approved to move into due to lack of funds to pay first month's rent/security deposit. 2.) UECDC will also replace outdated equipment for staff and classrooms.

UECDC will establish a fund to assist families at risk of losing current or approved housing. Applicants will be approved based the following:

*Preference will be given to Housing Authority residents who are New Americans who have at least one minor child in the household. *Special consideration will be given to families who are participating in the HACE/UECDC Family Self Sufficiency Program

UECDC will create a basic application process, which will be simple enough to address quickly in emergency situations. It is expected that the UECDC Board will create a subcommittee tasked with program funding approvals.

They expect to assist 10-20 families meet their housing obligations, assuming needs of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per family. This assistance will support maintaining family and neighborhood stability. They expect 100% of the families we assist to demonstrate that the funds provided by UECDC have allowed them to reach the goal of their application: maintain current housing they are at risk of losing due to delinquent rent, or move into more appropriate housing they are approved for but are at risk of losing because they are unable to cover security deposit or first month's rent fees.

Complimentary to the center's programming, UECDC seeks funds to replace outdated staff computers and damaged whiteboards.

Match has been requested from the Erie Community Foundation and Erie County.

14. YMCA of Corry – Capital Improvements

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$554,000

Previous Grants – None

Project Summary

The Raise the Roof campaign will build upon the work done in previous campaigns. This campaign, totaling \$550,000 in scope, will work to:

- Provide for scholarship / subsidizing activities
- Large capital project: Roof replacement
- Maintenance projects and fitness center equipment
- Grow endowment

ECGRA funds would be used to replace aging HVAC units at the fitness center.

The YMCA has pledged its own funds to match an ECGRA grant.

15. Erie YMCA – Community Learning Center Teaching Kitchenette

Amount of Request - \$11,515

Project Total - \$23,030

Previous Grants – \$42,334

Project Summary

The downtown YMCA proposes to install a functional kitchen including island, stove, kitchen hood, dishwasher, storage, serving space, etc. needed to implement a culinary arts program for low-income youth that participate in the Y's Teen Center (located in the Community Learning Center).

The project's goals are to provide youth-centered, hands-on food literacy education that highlights general nutrition, food safety, selection, preparation, and cooking skills. Effort will be taken to build upon existing skills each week in order to improve skills while empowering the youth by building upon their food-related self-esteem and self-efficacy. A pre/post cooking skills assessment questionnaire will be used to monitor participants' progress and allow for a baseline comparison. Teen Center programming is open to youth 12-18 years of age. Currently, Erie's Public Schools do not offer food literacy education in the middle schools - culinary arts is offered at Erie High only.

Match will come from YMCA capital reserves.

16. Erie Downtown Partnership (EDP) – Community Wellness Programming

Amount of Request - \$15,000

Project Total - \$60,000

Previous Grants – \$368,554

Project Summary

In 2020 the Erie Downtown Partnership will expand upon the success of its 2019 pilot programming to bring more free programming to the public centered on health, wellness, and children's activities through yoga, meditation, story times and STEM activities, as well as a Day of Play.

Match is committed by the EDP and Erie Insurance.



Bank Barn preservation project continues

Siding replaced on southern elevation



Thanks to the generosity of donors, like you, Goodell Gardens & Homestead was able to replace the siding on the southern elevation of their historic circa 1885 this year!

The barn, which was originally put on its current foundation by George Goodell in 1885, was once home to the dairy cattle and horses on the Goodell family farm. Today it's used for storage of equipment for events and gardening. Once the multi-year restoration project is complete, the building will be used for programmatic and events space.

This fall marks the second year the siding project has taken place. The western elevation on the barn was re-sided during the fall of 2018 and now the two most public-facing elevations have been completed. Other renovation work to date includes replacing the roof with a metal standing-seam-style roof in 2013, funded in part by Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority; foundation re-pointing and re-setting over several years, funded in part by Erie Community Foundation an anonymous donor and donors like you; and the addition of a modern electrical service entrance just outside of the barn with temporary lights and power to the barn also funded in part by the Erie Community Foundation & donors like you.

The current slate of work for 2020 will address the northern elevation of the building and will include updating and repairing the doors and the ramp leading to them.

Thank you so much to our generous donors and granting agencies whose incredible generosity makes this project possible.

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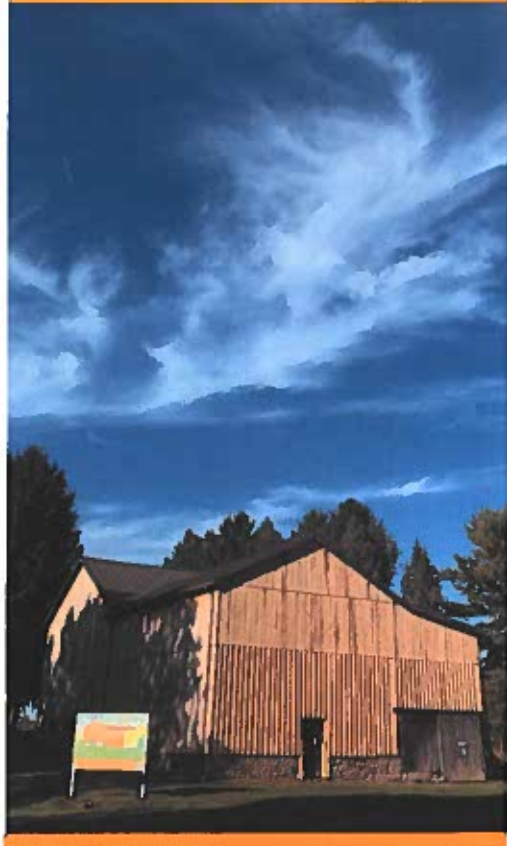
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Interior before photo



Interior after photo



Loucks Donor Legacy Tree dedicated

Friends of Barbara J. Loucks joined members of Goodell Gardens Board, staff, volunteers, and donors to dedicate the Loucks Donor Legacy Tree on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Loucks, a charter member, longtime supporter, volunteer, and friend of the Gardens passed away Feb. 27, 2017, leaving her estate to Edinboro-area nonprofit organizations, including nearly \$55,000 to Goodell Gardens & Homestead. This was the largest single donation from an individual since the original bequest from Carrie & Margaret Goodell who left their estate to form the organization.

The tree, installed in late April, is located between the two barns at Goodell Gardens & Homestead, alongside the main pathway. Throughout the summer, donors have purchased leaves to add to the tree, which were installed in batches throughout the season.

Due to inclement weather, the dedication ceremony was held inside the Events Barn, which felt fitting, as Miss Barb was the first client to rent the barn – even before the roof was installed!

During the ceremony, we dedicated the Loucks Donor Legacy Tree to our good friend Barbara J. Thompson Loucks. May it serve as a longstanding reminder of what generosity can do for a community. A portion of Miss Barb's gift allowed us to plant the seed for future giving at Goodell Gardens, and we are so honored to be a home to her legacy and the legacy of others.

Please join us in thanking Miss Barb and our others who have contributed by purchasing a leaf on the tree. If you'd like to leaf your legacy at Goodell Gardens, please visit goodellgardens.org/louckslegacytree.



Erie Gives Record Set!

WOW! Together our donors, like you, gave more than \$9,000 to Goodell Gardens on Erie Gives Day! Together we raised \$9,142.48 toward the purchase of new tractor! Please join us in thanking the following donors & sponsors for their generosity:

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Goodell Gardens Board Member
 Linda Cook (far left), Board
 President Kirk Johnson (left), and
 Executive Director Amber
 Wellington (far right) accept the
 2019 Erie Gives check from Erie
 Community Foundation
 President Michael Batchelor.



Goodell Gardens receives ECGRA Grant to fund tractor purchase!

Please join us in thanking the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for their continued support, as they recently approved a \$10,000 grant toward the purchase of a new tractor! The purchase will be made in the spring, and will help improve the efficiency of our staff. Thank you so much, ECGRA!



ECGRA WORKS at Goodell Gardens!

2019 Member & Supporter Directory

Our members show their support to Goodell Gardens through an annual financial gift, and for them we are forever grateful.

We've made every effort to ensure all of our donors & volunteers are acknowledged in this report. Please let us know if we've made an error.

We appreciate your support and understanding.

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Hosted by Talk Minority Action Group (TMAG)

November 13, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Wood:

Supporting our work as a Sponsor of the TMAG Erie Conference on Diversity & Inclusion on October 26, 2019 was invaluable and we want to Thank you.

Our outreach across Pennsylvania grows each year empowering under-represented citizens breaking the cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

TMAG's focus remains strengthening and elevating the conversation on improving affordable housing availability, educating communities on the importance of civic engagement, promoting healthy lifestyles and improving equity for minority businesses.

We appreciate your generous support of our work; it is vital, and we look forward to working together in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Luther J. Sewell, Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Luther J. Sewell, Jr.
Erie Conference Convener

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Roxanne N. Sewell'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Roxanne N. Sewell
Erie Conference Convener





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November 15, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Wood:

I write to send my most sincere thanks for your recent gift. Edinboro University thrives today because of the support of its alumni and friends. Looking ahead, we have much to achieve in the coming years, and I am confident that we will approach each new challenge with our tradition of recilency and perserverance.

We are fortunate to have your loyalty and trust. Thank you for making our students a philanthropic priority. Every student's story is different, but each one has been impacted because of donors like you. In that spirit, I greatly appreciate your thoughtful generosity.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make the university a place of opportunity and excellence for our students. Together, your gifts help to ensure that we remain an innovative leader in higher education, and I am grateful that you share our dedication to that goal.

Sincerely,

Marilyn K. Goellner, '01 '17, CFRE
Vice President

Thank you for the Board's generosity!

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September 30, 2019

Dear Friends,

First let me start with a sincere **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to our 2019 German Heritage Festival Sponsorship & Program Book campaign! We were very happy to have received such great corporate support from so many businesses and advertisers.

In this day when many companies are dropping aid for such programs as ours, it is indeed gratifying to know that **YOU** value what we do and have continued to support us! **On behalf of the entire committee, we are enclosing a copy of your ad and we hope you are pleased with it.**

This year's Festival was held on the Labor Day weekend and even though the weather didn't always co-operate, it still drew very nice crowds. We know in all that 4,000 or so attendees really enjoyed the great family fun in the old world German tradition that our Fest has become noted for.

We hope you are pleased with our progress and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call us! Again we value your support and we hope you plan on staying with us as we move into next year and our 24th Annual German Heritage Festival!

Sincerely,

The German Heritage Festival Committee





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November 26, 2019

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

Dear Perry:

I'm so glad you were able to join us for our Old Main and Universitas Society induction ceremony. It is nice to say "thank you" in a letter, but much sweeter to extend a hand of thanks in person.

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authorities' support reaches far into the lives of our students and the neighborhood we live in. We so appreciate your partnership with us in serving Erie through the Beehive Innovation space, GO College, and Our West Bayfront.

Again, welcome to the Old Main Society. Your organization is part of the backbone of Gannon and is foundational to our success.

Sincerely,

Keith Taylor, Ph.D.
President





Renaissance grant open to select Corry neighborhoods

BY SARA JUKES
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Residents in homes and apartments within Corry's center may have found an informational flier on their front door, Thursday telling them about a Renaissance Block Matching Grant Program, and Impact Corry wants everyone to know this is a real offer.

The flier was delivered to inform residents of an informational meeting on Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Corry Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 264, 1151 Mead Ave.

Impact Corry Community Development Director Chuck Gray said that volunteers are canvassing neighborhoods from Washington Street, north to Bond Street, west to Mead Avenue and east to Wayne Street to let residents know of a new opportunity.

Renaissance Block Matching Grant Program is a grant program offered by Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority that is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant home beautification program.

This is a recurring grant program in which \$150,000 can be awarded every year to beautify a neighborhood.

Each homeowner will be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per family home or multifamily structure.

"It's a neighborhood building initiative that lets neighbors collaborate to save money and gives them a one-to-one match to improve their properties," Gray said.

This meeting is to encourage residents to apply for this grant, provide details of the requirements and to gauge interest. Attendees will learn how the program works.

Gray explained that ECGRA expressed the importance of improving areas one neighborhood at a time, so part of the meeting will be to find out how many groups of neighbors, within targeted neighborhoods, are willing to participate in a matching grant program that can help fund home and land improvements.

"We were encouraged to look at it as neighborhood clusters and we were encouraged to think about it as coming back to them again and again," Gray said. "Start with one neighborhood, move to the next neighborhood and keep going throughout Corry."

To reserve a seat, call Shelby Scouten at 814-664-3884, ext. 7.

UC's Historic Preservation Plan unveiled to public

BY ALEX TOPOR
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UNION CITY
— Members of the Union City community attended a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, to learn more about the borough's Historic Preservation Plan.

It was the third such public meeting with the first two happening in June and August. All three meetings were hosted at the American Legion LeBaron Post 237, 9225 Route 6, Union City.

The plan began in May by examining the conditions of Union City's commercial historic district,

which is defined as a 0.2-mile portion of Main Street. The first two public meetings allowed the planning team to gather feedback from local property owners, community members and elected officials.

The plan's overall goal is to provide design and development guidance for the borough, specifically commercial property owners interested in making building repairs and improving their building facades. It aims to prevent the decline of the downtown and transition the town away from a manufacturing community.

To orchestrate the plan, the borough hired a consultant team of consisting of citySTUDIO, T&B Planning and Milton Ogot Architect. The team has combined experience in preservation planning, historic building preservation and rehabilitation.

"There has been a lot of time put into the development of the plan and I think it will be very helpful to us in the future as we continue to see improvements and change here in town," Cindy Wells, Union City Borough secretary said.

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Partial funding for the plan was provided by a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Additional funding was provided by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, the Union City Community Foundation and the Borough of Union City.

A draft of the full plan is available at the Union City Borough Hall, 13 S. Main St., and the Union City Public Library, 2 Stranahan St. A copy is also available online at unioncitypa.us.

The plan includes a history of Union City's downtown commercial district, an overall description of the plan and details recommendations for improvements in public spaces, signage, lighting and buildings.

"The historic district is just the commercial area, none of the residential areas," said Nicole Kubas, a representative from citySTUDIO. "There are four overall open spaces downtown we have recommended for improvements."

The plan aims to create more green space and parking in the historic area. Signage would be installed to guide visitors to the new and existing parking lot while a large sign would be built in a new green space at the corner of Market and Main streets.

The plan also talks

about pedestrian improvements like sidewalks, street crossings and lighting," Kubas said. "Then it goes on about amenities for cyclists that would promote them coming through Union City."

The biggest part of the plan explains architecture and upgrades to businesses in the downtown. There is a detailed explanation of improvements for several different properties on North Main Street.

"The plan talks about the specific architecture such as roofs, windows, doors, structural upgrades and a similar color palette," Kubas said.

Ryan England, also a representative from citySTUDIO, talked about the plan creating an identity for the downtown.

"If everyone buys into the color schemes it will create a strong neighborhood identity for the downtown area. We want to be very present for the property owners so we will be here throughout the winter and the spring," England said. "As far as the actual plan goes, we wanted to make it very accessible to the public. It spells out in detail and plain language exactly what steps would enliven the historic details of the buildings of the downtown."

"We encourage everyone to look through the plan and contact us if you have any questions."

A far as actually completing the plans, property

owners are encouraged to seek funding opportunities through a Mission Main Street grant funded by ECGRA. ECGRA awarded the borough \$200,000 to be used to improve the downtown area from 2019-2021.

"We were able to provide up to \$10,000 for projects on Main Street for a business owner and \$30,000 was used in 2019 from the grant. All of that has been used or will be spent on Main Street," Wells said. "In 2020, there will be \$42,500 available just for facade improvements. The maximum amount for a business owner would be \$12,000, which would require matching funds."

Applications for the grant are due Jan. 31, 2020. Grant applications are available at the Union City Borough office.

Additional funding will be available to help with the structure of properties. The funds are also from the \$200,000 from ECGRA and part of the Mission Main Street grant. The application period for grants related to structure will begin in March or April, Wells said.

All grant project requests must be related to the Historic Preservation Plan to be accepted.

Those with any questions about the Union City Historic Preservation Plan or interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to call Wells at 814-438-2331 or email her at secretary@ucborough.us.



Alex Topor/The Corry Journal
From left, Union City Borough Secretary Cindy Wells and Union City Community Foundation Vice Chairman Kyle Blakeslee stand in front of several examples from the Union City Historic Preservation Plan. The plan was presented to members of the Union City community at a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the American Legion LeBaron Post 237, 9225 Route 6, Union City.



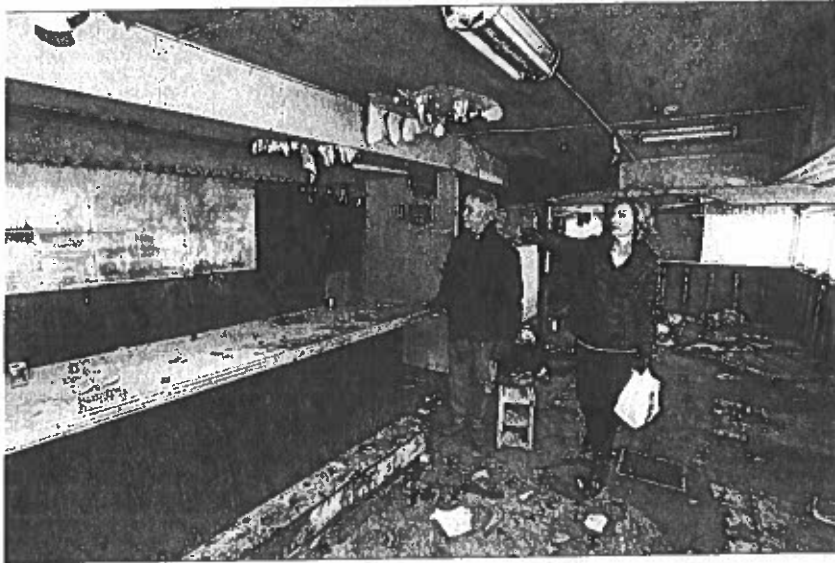
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United for Union City



Steve Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation, and Cindy Wells, Union City Borough secretary/treasurer, are shown Wednesday at the former Union City Diner. The town has received grant funding for major improvements to the downtown. (JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

Local leaders, funding agencies collaborate to revitalize the town

By Valerie Myers
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UNION CITY — Erie isn't the only local community working to reverse decline. After decades of plant closings, eroding population and bruised community self-esteem, Union City officials have

plans to reverse the town's fortunes — and have a small fortune in grant money to do it.

Union City Borough and Union City Pride, a non-profit created to support and promote the community, together have almost \$625,000 to spend to improve Union City's downtown and parks.

The money includes \$258,000 from the Erie Community Foundation,

More online

See photos from Union City. Local officials are looking to make downtown improvements after receiving grants: www.GoErie.com/photos

\$250,000 from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, \$30,000 from the Union City Community Foundation and \$1,500 from Union City Borough.

ECGRA's Mission Main Street program really got the ball rolling, said Union City Borough Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Wells.

The program provided \$15,000 grants that communities could use to match investments in building facade improvements, as Union City did, and for smaller improvements.

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"The game-changer was when ECGRA made Mission Main Street grants of up to \$250,000 available, and by happenstance almost, the Erie Community Foundation started its Shaping Tomorrow program," said Steve Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation.

"They essentially said to us, 'Give us your big ideas,'" Bishop said.

Union City Borough, Union City Community Foundation and Union City Pride officials pitched projects to improve the community and attract new residents and businesses. "We gave them our big ideas and even had to scale them back a bit. But there still are a lot of meaningful things we can do," Bishop said.

Chief among them will be dressing up the northern gateway to the town, at Main and High streets.

Union City Pride bought the former Union City Diner and an adjacent brick building at the intersection for \$62,532 this fall and is seeking architectural proposals for how they might figure into an improved gateway.

"People here have a lot of memories of the diner. It's pretty iconic in town," Bishop said. "We're looking for conceptual drawings of the gateway — from the diner and Ohm building to borough green space across High Street, and to the southeast corner, where the Ace Hardware building is — to tie all the elements together."

The diner has been closed for decades and is in rough shape.

"We're asking architects to tell us if it can be saved, and if it can be saved, for what kind of uses," Bishop said. "And if it has to be removed, how we can pay homage to it, retain some elements of it and retain that history."

The deadline for gateway proposals is Dec. 13. Community officials expect to hire an architect for the project in mid-January.

Additional plans for the downtown include the construction of a public parking lot on South Main Street and structural assessments of individual buildings.

The parking lot will be built next year on vacant

Public Library. The lots are owned by the library board and Union City Pride.

The off-street parking will help attract customers downtown, Wells said.

Architects previously hired to prepare a Historic Preservation Plan for the downtown will do structural assessments of most downtown buildings. The \$76,000 project will provide the assessments' building owners at no charge as early as this coming spring. Work to improve structural issues identified in the assessments will be eligible for up to \$85,000 in matching funds from Union City Borough funded by the ECGRA grant.

The assessment will include suggestions on how mostly vacant upper floors each building might be used in their heyday, the commercial buildings general housed stores or services on the ground floor and livable space or offices upstairs.

"That downtown business model is broken," Bishop said. "It worked basically from the 1880s until the 1980s, and then shopping malls and later the internet drew customers away."

Big-box stores and chain retailers further drain away downtown customers, said Steve Jones, chairman of the Union City Community Foundation.

The structural assessment will build on the facade improvement program already underway in the borough. The storefront improvements are funded by local match money and smaller ECGRA Mission Main Street grants.

A final draft of the Historic Preservation Plan was presented to the public Thursday and will be an unofficial blueprint of downtown improvement Wells said.

The plan includes suggestions to improve building facades and tie them together in a common downtown theme. It also recommends improving green spaces downtown, planting, plantings and other street-scapes improvements.

The plan was funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Foundation and matching funds from ECGRA, Union City Borough and Union City Community Foundation.

Park improvements will



Union City has received grant funding for major improvements to attract major businesses and visitors. The intersection of High and Main streets in Union City Borough. (JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

VIEWPOINT

OUR VIEW

Union City poised for great change

The issue: Localism stirs in Union City
Our view: Historic gem tees up renewal

Union City, like so many communities here, telegraphs its life story — both the triumphs and trauma — in its streetscapes. The borough straddles French Creek and is crossed by rail lines — both of which helped give rise to the community and its proud chair manufacturing heritage. The streets are packed with historic structures that testify to this past prosperity, but also in their sad, blighted condition, the crippling loss of jobs and people wrought by globalization.

Erie, with similar problems, in recent years gave up awaiting relief from afar. Leaders stepped from silos and looked to capitalize together on native assets, capital, and grit to deliberately chart a new course forward for the downtown, neighborhoods and the economy, informed by careful planning.

As reporter Valerie Myers detailed, that same spirit and will now powers efforts to restore Union City. When the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority through its Mission Main Street program and the Erie Community Foundation via Shaping Tomorrow grants put money on the table in transformative sums and called on communities here to think big, Union City did. Now with nearly \$625,000 in grant funding, Union City Borough, Union City Pride and the Union City Community Foundation are moving forward to take their ongoing revitalization work to new heights.

The iconic, long-shuttered Union City Dinor in some fashion will play a role in a new community gateway at Main and High streets, Steven Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation said. Buildings will be structurally assessed and money made available for needed improvements.

The ultimate vision, laid out in the just-completed Union City Historic Preservation Plan, is stirring. It features coordinated paint schemes for buildings, new green spaces with views on French Creek, outdoor areas for gathering and new parking areas for those who want to visit.

Looking at the plans, one can picture a charming downtown with power to draw small niche businesses, expanding local businesses, cyclists, outdoor enthusiasts and people who crave authentic small town life — either for a day or a lifetime.

Union City Community Foundation Board Chairman Steve Jones said in a release that the ambitious Union City plans spring from residents' love of their hometown — a potent resource more in this region should look to leverage.

For so many communities here, viability is no longer a given, but a hard choice — languish in the status quo to await certain ruin or imagine and will something new.

Kudos to the Union City residents rising to secure a bright future for their hometown and to ECGRA and the Erie Community Foundation, for helping to identify and make this game-changing survival strategy possible for the entire region.



Blue Zones

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Blue Zones gains more funding, well-being index

BY SARA JUKES

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Corry Blue Zones Project has had several recent developments: The gain of two new funding partners and the reveal of a Blue Zones blueprint for the Corry community.

Blue Zones Project is a community initiative that is designed to help improve the well-being of the residents so they can live longer, healthier lives.

At a press conference Monday, Erie County Executive Kathy Dalhkemper announced donations from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and National Fuel.

Perry Wood, executive director of ECGRA, said its \$100,000 donation is an experiment for ECGRA, who has never donated to a healthy initiative before.

"This is an experiment for ECGRA," Wood said. "The idea of health care being significant to economic development. We all believe it, we all know it to be true, but we haven't ventured out on that branch yet."

Vice President of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation and member of the National Fuel Gas Co. Foundation board Michael D. Colpoys said the \$30,000 from National Fuel was given with pride.

"Our foundation is a fund made up of shareholder dollars that contributes more than a million dollars annually to nonprofits throughout our service territory," Colpoys said.

Initiative started by Corry Blue Zones for the community include formation of social groups, developing an active transportation plan and working with local organizations and businesses on healthy initiatives to name a few.

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Some of the local organizations currently working with Blue Zones to improve the well-being of their employees are Corry Counseling Services, Corry Area School District, Corry YMCA, D and E Machining Ltd. and Corry Memorial Hospital, an affiliate of LECOM Health.

Results from a well-being index survey that was mailed to everyone in the 16407 ZIP code in mid May were revealed Tuesday.

The results create a baseline for Blue Zones to use to measure the improvements in Corry going forward.

As plans for healthy community improvements are carried out, another survey will be sent out to collect new results to compare with the baseline created from these 2019 results.

It is estimated that there are 11,000 people living in the 16407 ZIP code, which is bigger than just the city of Corry. The last census count, taken in 2010, had a population count of 6,605.

There were 888 responses to the mailing of the well-being index survey out of 4,477 surveys mailed, which factors as a 19.8 percent response rate. A 20 percent response rate is expected from any surveyed community, so 19.8 percent is on target, according to Jenn Furler, vice president center of excellence Blue Zones Project.

Furler spoke via phone call to a room of community representatives to give the results of the well-being survey. Part of the survey collected income and found that 24.2 percent of respondents have an income below \$24,000, 26.4 percent have an income between \$24,000 and \$47,999, 31.3 percent

have an income between \$48,000 and \$89,999 and 18.2 percent have an income above \$90,000.

There are 20 categories that will be asked again to measure improvement rates in the future.

"There are metrics we have to meet to become a Blue Zones community," Corry Blue Zones Project community program manager Jennifer Eberlein said. "We have to improve so many of those at the end."

The metrics are based on survey questions that include people, places and policy. The data has been compared to responses from Pennsylvania state residents and national residents.

Response averages are broken down into categories including the feeling of thriving in life, feeling like goals have been reached, the ability to use strengths daily and feeling like friends and family give positive energy daily.

In all categories, Corry residents scored at least two percent lower than Pennsylvania and nationally surveyed residents.



Improved Corry website to include all community assets

BY SARA JUKES
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A website is being developed by Impact Corry that will represent all things Corry with promotions, events and even Google Earth.

Impact Corry Community Development Director Chuck Gray has been working on gathering data for website development as part of a Mission Main Street grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

A Mission Main Street grant is currently funding a number of project throughout the city including a facade project, a renaissance project and the development of a logo, among others.

The website will use background software called Trumba. Trumba is event management software.

It can provide calendars, provide event listings and give promotional opportunities.

Google Earth is integrated as a wayfinder for users.

Area locations and events are sorted by categorical options of interest, date, keyword and location.

"The software helps you locate events by calendar, location and category," Gray said.

It will enable all businesses, organizations, churches and locations of interest in Corry to have events, sales and other things listed in conjunction with each other, all on one website.

Gray said Trumba is powerful and needs input of huge amounts of data to be an effective tool for the community.

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Website

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"The data points we are going to collect include: photos; videos; GIS (Global Information System Mapping Data); asset names; hours; details; philosophies; contact information; narratives; website links; events; categories of offerings; keywords; and as many pages of organizational, asset or event information as we are able to collect," Gray said. "As we get going, we will even be able to host event registration online."

The collection of data has already started, but it will take some time.

Data collection is done through one on one interviews, outings and documentation by photographers, videographers and writers.

"We hope to develop information about every opportunity to explore, stay, play, learn, dine, shop, participate in events, and live in Corry," Gray said.

The website is estimated to go live in the next year and a half, according to Gray.

"The thing is, this software, the start up costs are decently high because it is so powerful," Gray said.

Examples of websites that use Trumba are the Smithsonian website, www.si.edu and Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau's website, www.tourchautauqua.com.

While Gray said she intends to continue to conduct door to door meetings with organizations, business and building owners, Mission Main Street informational fliers are available at The Painted Finch Gallery, 32 N. Center St., and the Corry Area Chamber of Commerce, 221 N. Center St.

Impact Corry and Corry Community Foundation are inviting the public to an open house of their new offices at 4 S. Center St., on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 to 10 p.m.



RESOLUTION NUMBER 20, 2019

**Resolution to enter into agreements with ten (10)
Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged
in Parks, Fields, & Trails as part of the Community Assets**

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 thirteen (13) applicants for Community Assets funding and the Board of Directors affirms that ten (10) 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 \$149,839.60 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 ten (10) 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 12th day of December 2019 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
December 12, 2019

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



2019 Community Assets Grants Recipients

PARKS, FIELDS, & TRAILS			
Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Asbury Woods	Meadow Trail Restoration	\$14,918.23	\$14,918.23
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	The Three Forts of Presque Isle and Interpretive Center	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Thompson Park Renewal	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
City of Erie	City of Erie Tree Project 2020	\$24,500.00	\$0.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Edinboro University GOATI (Go Outside and Try It) Ski Club	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Headwaters NRC Trust	Headwaters Park Nature Play Area	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Humane Society of NWPA	Erie Humane Society's "Bark Park & Wagging Trails" Project	\$25,000.00	\$15,000.00
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier	2020 LEAF Pathways Project	\$14,712.37	\$14,712.37
Lake Erie Region Conservancy	West Road Access Area Trail Improvement	\$12,459.00	\$12,459.00
Platea Borough	Platea Borough Park Improvement Project	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
ServErie	Harry T. Burleigh Performance and Visual Arts Garden	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Springfield Township	Bicentennial Park Improvements	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Washington Township	Inspiration Park Trail Project	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
TOTAL Requested		\$212,839.60	\$149,839.60

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21, 2019

**Resolution to enter into agreements with thirteen (13)
Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged
in Community Centers as part of the Community Assets**

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 sixteen (16) applicants for Community Assets funding and the Board of Directors affirms that thirteen (13) 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 \$137,469 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 thirteen (13) 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 12th day of December 2019 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
December 12, 2019

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA





2019 Community Assets Grants

COMMUNITY CENTERS			
Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Academy Neighborhood Association	Academy Neighborhood: Tool Lending Library	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Booker T. Washington Center	The Big Assist Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Borough of Girard	Girard Borough Social Hall	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Borough of North East	North East Senior Center 2020	\$10,300.00	\$10,000.00
Community Health Net	Vision for 30 More Years	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation	Eagle's Nest After-School Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc.	Edinboro Legion Pool Improvement Project - A Community Asset	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	2020 Downtown Community Wellness + Togetherness Impact Programming	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
John F. Kennedy Center	JFK Floor Care	\$2,954.00	\$2,954.00
Martin Luther King Center	Family Matter - Workforce Development and self-sustainability	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mercy Center for Women	Mercy Center for Women Parking Lot Repaving	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Northwestern Community Youth Center	Equipment Upgrade	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Stairways Behavioral Health	Bloom Collaborative Erie's Healing Arts Center	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Urban Erie Community Development Corporation	UECDC Housing Assistance Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
YMCA of Corry	Raise the Roof Campaign	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
YMCA of Greater Erie	YMCA Community Learning Center Teaching Kitchenette	\$11,515.00	\$11,515.00
TOTAL Requested		\$185,769.00	\$137,469.00



2020 Meeting Schedule

Board of Directors' Meetings

Meetings are held in the Jordan Room, 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510 unless an alternate location is listed below. Board meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month, except for the months with quarterly finance meetings. In those instances, the board meeting will begin at the conclusion of the finance meeting.

Finance Committee Meetings

Meetings are held in the Jordan Room, 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510. Finance Committee Meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each quarter.

Finance Committee Meetings	Board of Directors' Meetings
January 16 th	January 16 th
	February 20 th
	March 19 th
April 16 th	April 16 th – Annual Meeting <i>change to 23rd</i>
	May 21 st
	June 18 th
July 16 th	July 16 th
	August 20 th
	September 17 th
October 15 th	October 15 th
	November 19 th
(second Thursday)	December 10 th – Board Room

Contact Tammi Michali to clarify any scheduling issues:

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