



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM

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Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
June 18, 2020  
8:30am

ZOOM Meeting Information:

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2020
5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. PRESENTATION
  - a. Maher Duessel – 2019-2020 Audit Review: Jeff Kent, Nate McFadden
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Treasurer's Report
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  - c. Update from County Council
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10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 12, 2020 – Resolution to Fund Applicants Selected through the Immediate Human Relief Grant Program as part of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund
- b. Resolution Number 13, 2020 – Resolution to adopt the 2019-20 Annual Report

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2020  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting  
Location: ZOOM meeting – details to follow



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting  
May 21, 2020

This meeting is held via Zoom due to Governor Wolf's orders to stay at home during the time of this COVID-19 crisis.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on May 21, 2020 via Zoom with a link that was provided to all Board members by the Executive Director. An agenda containing the Zoom link to this meeting was posted on the ECGRA website. 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. Bagnoni, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, and Mr. Sample. Mr. Lee, Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2020**

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the minutes as to be amended. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 6-0.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mr. Cleaver:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a comment. First of all, I know last month I brought up the fact of Kate Philips. I talked with her at length and I approve of what she does for us now that I know what she does, but I would like something in writing about what she does and how much we

have agreed to pay her for her services. If maybe Perry you could get that information to me I would appreciate it.

Dr. Wood: I will do so.

Mr. Cleaver: The second thing I would like to bring up, is I would like to know the seven original Board Members and when the ECGRA organized; the year I think was 2009 or maybe 07 or 08. Whatever it was, I would like that information and I can talk to Perry on the phone or something so I can get that. That's about it. Thank you.

Mr. Sample: Whitey, I can send you the minutes from the original meeting. That was in 2008.

Mr. Cleaver: That would be great.

### COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris is not in attendance today and Mr. Bagnoni, as acting Chair, has no comments at this time.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

It is noted that Jeanne Miller from Girard Borough is on the call but when asked if she had any comments, she declined.

### PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Barney: Good morning everyone. Hopefully everyone has been staying safe. I will now present the Treasurer's Report. I apologize for that error last month (regarding Summer Jobs) and I'm glad you all approved the correction earlier in the meeting.  
We will start with the April Profit & Loss. I want to remind you that this is the first month of the fiscal year. You'll see the interest from Savings, the Progress Fund, and the EDF Restructured came in. You will also note that in the Income section there is now the Immediate Human Relief Fund and that is something new; that is from Erie County government for us to manage. Next you'll see the expenses and there is nothing out of the ordinary there. Other Income and Expenses you'll see the COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief Fund; so far, we have given out \$303,736 and then the Small Business is \$465,000 and that is to Bridgeway Capital.

The next page is the Balance sheet and there is nothing new to jump out at you. I would like to point out under Notes Receivable – NR BWC Small Business shows \$290,000, and then you have the NR BWC Nonprofit for \$100,000 – which is the amount we have distributed so far. Next is the Statement of Cash Flow, and as indicated on the other page you

see the \$290,000 and \$100,000, but under that you'll see the \$78,000; that is the 20% we put aside for the Reserve of those Notes.

Moving on to the Budget vs. Actual, you can see the Government Relations Services which is the Ridge Policy Group, that is our final payment. Professional Services is Parker Philips; Whitey, I am glad you had an opportunity to talk to the young lady. Legal services may look high, but that is two months' worth of payments since we didn't pay last month; well, we paid them but the next invoice came after our meeting, so it was two payments. We will run into that situation next month on Rent, because if you notice on this report under Rent, you see no payment. We hadn't received an invoice so we didn't pay them. So, next month the rent will look high because it will be a double payment. Going farther down you'll see nothing out of the ordinary; just postage, office supplies, subscriptions which is Times News. When you get down to where it says Bank Fees, keep in mind that \$30 of that is for the security token rental for electronic transfer and that will show every month for the rental to be able to provide the service of electronic transfers.

When you go down to the Other Types of Expenses, you'll see Outreach for \$801 but you may wonder how we did outreach with the Corona and everything, but we did have a function set up, which was the Metro 100 Corry, and we had already done invitations and things and so we just had to eat that expense, which is indicated there. The rest of the items like Phone/IT, Insurance, and Salaries are all standard. If at any time you have any questions, don't hesitate to stop me and let's address it.

The next page is the Schedule of Grant Reserve and you'll see at the top the Committed and Uncommitted Funds; we are working with the Uncommitted Funds. You'll see the disbursements for the first quarter and then the listing of organizations that indicate the things that were approved pertaining to the COVID-19. Are there any questions or is there anything that you see that you weren't aware of?

Mr. Cleaver: Dale, if I may, what's the total, Perry, for this virus that we have extended dollar-wise? Is it the bottom line of \$303,736?

Dr. Wood: That is for the month of April.

Mr. Barney: Were you asking for the overall total?

Mr. Cleaver: Yes, the full total.

Dr. Wood: We have set aside \$750,000; \$500,000 came from ECGRA and \$250,000 came from County Council.

Mr. Cleaver: Ok. Thank you.

Mr. Lee: Dale, before we proceed, I did have a question for Dr. Wood. Dr. Wood, in reference to the documentation that is being submitted to ECGRA for the drawdown for the Relief Fund, are you and your team pleased with the documentation and are we good on that?

Dr. Wood: I would say so far, yes. We are really only a couple months in so we don't have a lot. For example, close-out reports; we're not at that stage yet. Typically, we wait 12 months before we get close-out reports on grants. The exception might be for the larger grants like the Food Bank. Their first drawdown was \$84,000, so when they came in for the second

drawdown, we asked for a report on how the first \$84,000 was spent. We have been satisfied with the communication with the grantees thus far.

Mr. Lee: Thank you, Dr. Wood.

Mr. Barney: Are there any other questions at this time? The next page shows the Bridgeway Capital drawdowns, the first, second, and third for a total of \$465,000. There is nothing to show for municipality settlements or other things because none of those have been active. The next page shows that for the month of April there has been no activity.

Dr. Wood: Dale, can I ask to pause here for one second. If the Board could take note at the bottom of this report under Pilot Programs, we only have one Pilot Program in process right now and that is the Partnership for Healthy Communities, which is Blue Zones Corry. You'll see there that we have expended \$50,000 for the Pilot and there is still another \$50,000 left on it. We are going to freeze that drawdown at this point in time and Tim is going to talk a little more about why during his report. The Blue Zones group was acquired by another entity, and the other entity is a faith-based entity, and that's fine; there's nothing wrong with that. But if they cross the line using Blue Zones as a platform for proselytizing, then they would be technically in violation of secular rules when it comes to government funding. Just take note of that - \$50,000 currently expended under the old group; \$50,000 frozen pending some type of legal review which Tim will talk about during his Solicitor's Report. Thank you, Dale.

Mr. Barney: Thank you, Perry. It should be noted that if you are looking for Blue Zones, that is the Partnership for Healthy Communities, \$50,000. The last page of the Schedule of Grant Reserve shows what has been drawn down in April, what amount is remaining, and what we originally approved. There are no problems there, so we will move onto the Check Detail Report. If everyone has had a chance to look this over, as I mentioned before, the Printing Concepts for the Metro 100 Corry is indicated and that was for invitations, the \$30 for Erie Bank is for the electronic transfer token and the \$6 for a regular bank fee. All the other things on this list are things like insurance, the COVID entries that we went over before are indicated on here, the Law Firm, Parker Philips – there is nothing out of the ordinary, unless someone sees something that they would like to question.

I think last month we spent enough time on the Treasurer's Report that we can expedite this and that is what I'm trying to do. But, if at any time I'm going too fast or there are any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Right now, we will wrap it up with Tammi's VISA. There were not a whole lot of transactions; we've got the internet, standard office supplies, postage, the IT, and other office supplies. A lot of the office supplies were things like hand sanitizer and wipes that needed increased to make sure they were adequately sanitized. If there are no other questions, 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. DiPaolo seconds the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: There was a Strategic Planning meeting and Dr. Wood will cover that in his Director's Report.
- c. Update from County Council: There is no representative to give a report.

- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I begin, I would like to thank everyone for the continued commitment that the Board is doing in this major time of crisis. Before I proceed, I see that Ms. Miller is on the call with us; Ms. Miller, if you could share with us who you are and what organization you are representing.

Ms. Miller: I am Jeanne Miller with Girard Borough.

Mr. Lee: Thank you. What I am going to spend some time discussing - and I'd be happy to take any questions - is the 2020 Summer JAM Program. There has been a lot of discussion in reference to this program and whether it was going to go on this year or whether it was not. I left that up to the employers and based on the demand of the employers would determine whether we would go forward. In prior years we have had on average between 55 and 60 employers participating and we're going into our seventh year with the program. Right now, we are scheduled to proceed with the program, but it will be modified. Currently, we have 22 employers that have expressed interest in participating in the program. In the past, we have had about 160 students on average participate in the program during the summer. That will not be the case this summer. We're looking at about 50-60 students.

It will be virtual as far as the orientation. We will make sure that all social distancing, universal masking, hand-sanitizer is utilized. We will be working with the employers to make sure that they are aware. We are planning a COVID-19 training session during the orientation which will be conducted by our Health Department.

Applications will be available on GECAC's website starting tomorrow, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Program is slated to start the last week of June. Again, it is subject to change. What I mean by that is that with this virus, anything can come up and can change the course. But as we speak right now, we are planning to proceed with the program. Our Solicitor for the County will be developing a form that will be essentially not holding the County or any of the funders, which would be ECGRA and the Erie Community Foundation, accountable if something should transpire; he's going to be working on that. I'll pause there to take any type of questions that you may have at this time.

Mr. Sample: Gary, does GECAC receive the same amount regardless of participation?

Mr. Lee: No. In their proposal there are administrative costs. That's a great question, Dave. The way it is based is most of the cost is driven to the student; it costs about \$2,200 per student. That's going to be reflective in the number of students that is being drawn down. And the overhead cost is a part of that ratio. Everything will essentially be prorated based on the current contract we have with them.

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question, Gary. Do we have a list of all the people that participate in this from last year and this year?

Mr. Lee: Of course, it hasn't opened up for this year, but we do have a listing of students that participated last year.

Mr. DiPaolo: Ok. How about, do we have a listing of all the businesses that participated?

Mr. Lee: Yes, we do.

Mr. DiPaolo: Could I possibly have a copy of that? If you could email that to me, I would appreciate it. Just to see what we're looking at; that's all.

Mr. Lee: Who is that speaking?

Mr. DiPaolo: Dominick. I'm sorry.

Mr. Lee: Dominick, if you could send to me because I want to make sure I get exactly what you're requesting, if you could send me an email, I'll make sure that GECAC gets that information to you.

Mr. DiPaolo: Very good. Thank you.

Mr. Barney: How are you going to go about soliciting applicants? You said it's going to be virtual in how they do it but how are they going to inform potential applicants?

Mr. Lee: We're getting the word out through social media, of course it's on GECAC's website, I will be speaking at a couple different events through the media, so we're going to promote it through the media. As far as selection of students, it's really going to be predicated on first-come-first-served to be reviewed. That is going to be very important on the selection of students.

Mr. Barney: That was one of my major concerns because you said we were going down to 50 which is understandable with the site decrease how that process was going to play out.

Mr. Sample: Gary, could you make sure they reach out to Corry and Union City? I know the Corry newspaper covers Union City and Corry and they also have weekly papers that get to Fairview and Girard and Edinboro. The sooner they get this stuff out, the more successful it's going to be.

Mr. Lee: Sure, Dave.

Mr. Bagnoni: Are there any other questions?

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: The first thing you'll see in your Executive Director's Report is the summary of the Renaissance Block grant applicants. On today's agenda you will see Resolution 10, 2020 to adopt those applications. These summaries were prepared for your convenience and it was reviewed in a committee meeting process. So, the recommendation from the committee is captured in Resolution 10. You will also see an email from James Sparber, director of Finance for Erie County, officially announcing the first quarter 2020 gaming revenue – the local share assessment. They are in line with what we received last year; the revenue is healthy and it is flowing.

At this point the Zoom Meeting is disabled. The meeting resumes after approximately three minutes after reestablishing the connection.

Dr. Wood: The next thing you see in the report is a potential conflict of interest memo for Mr. DiPaolo when voting for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry; Tim gave the opinion that there is no conflict of



interest. Next is a conflict of interest memo for Ms. Hess when voting for the Harbor Creek High School Ear Savers grant; it has been determined that there is a conflict of interest there.

Next is a memo from Tim about the Blue Zones project; I will let him go into more detail on that during his report. He also included a memo that I had him do back in 2011 on grants to faith-based organizations; he can summarize that as well because it is all relevant. The next part of my report is a letter from Mr. Paris to Kim Clear, who is the Finance Chair on County Council. I know many of you have been asking me questions about reimbursements; this letter is in the report so each of you will have a copy and it details the investments that we have made from a programmatic standpoint and asks the Finance Chair to consider us for reimbursement in the future.

The next item is a press release from the Erie County Redevelopment Authority; as you know we have partnered with them before in the past. What we have done with COVID is we said we would work with Bridgeway Capital in helping micro-businesses which is businesses with less than 25 employees, and they will work with businesses more in the mid-size range. The press release here shows that they have put money into 28 local businesses through their funds. That is in there for your information.

Next, there is an announcement from Bridgeway Capital naming the new Erie Office Director; her name is Cathryn Easterling. She comes to us from the healthcare industry; she also has some banking experience. Bridgeway was in the process of training her right when the COVID started so she is being announced right now and we have been able to send several inquiries her way already. She is up and running on behalf of the Erie Office.

The next item is you will see that we were featured in the Nonprofit Partnership newsletter for Project Face Shield, that was a key method to get out to the Human Services and public safety community that these face shields were available. We have distributed, to date, over 2,000 face shields. We voted electronically and today I will need you to retroactively approve the ability for me as the Director and the staff to expend up to \$20,000 on these face shields. We will talk about that under new business.

Then you will see letters of appreciation from many of the organizations that have received funds from us and then my report is rounded out by media clippings recognizing ECGRA for the great work that we are doing in the region. Are there any questions for the Director?

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has not yet rejoined the meeting to give his report. Dr. Wood steps in.

Dr. Wood: Let me be real brief and give you the layman's perspective after talking to Tim about Blue Zones Corry. In essence what happened is, Tim is Solicitor for the Corry School District – and Gary you can chime in too if you are aware of this discussion – but the Corry School District reached out and said that Blue Zones had been acquired and since we are a partner in the Blue Zones process, with the new group that was coming in there was concern of a lot of proselytizing going on in their process. That is not definitive yet; it is still being looked into. I know the Health Department is looking into it as well because it is a really important initiative; the wellness portion of it is amazing. We just have to tread lightly so I asked Tim to put together the memo that is in your packet because we need to show that 1) we recognize that this is a potential problem and 2) we need to do our due diligence to make sure that we are in accordance with that aspect of secular behavior, if you will.

The whole purpose of the faith-based initiative memo is to remind us that there is nothing wrong with giving a government grant to a church or any kind of religiously affiliated entity; in fact, they are some of our most amazing partners in this community. What is wrong is when they use our money to proselytize; that is a federal law that would be violated there. We are aware of it, I want to make sure the Board knows that we are aware of it, we are going to continue to monitor it, and I will be working with Tim to come up with some type of legal decision here.

## OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to report on.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 10, 2020 – Resolution to enter into agreements with seven (7) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2020 Renaissance Block Program

Dr. Wood Reads the resolution.

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question. Unfortunately I couldn't make the meeting but I had reached out to Tom Maggio and the question that I have is that the Girard grant was \$51,250 and that was okayed and the Corry was \$100,000 and that was okayed at \$100,000, the North East and Union City asked for \$100,000 and they're only getting \$60,000 – is there a reason why Corry gets the full \$100,000 where the other ones don't?

Dr. Wood: Mr. DiPaolo, both the Borough of North East and Union City Borough, that is their second Renaissance Block application and both of those groups have multiple grants with us in process as we are awarding these, including Mission Main Street grants. They are doing a great job, by the way. But they have a lot on their plate. Impact Corry – that is their very first Renaissance Block grant; most of these Renaissance Block grants when they started out received higher amounts. Corry asked for \$100,000 and we did recommend it for a number of reasons: 1) it was their first application, 2) it is probably the most organized application that I have seen in the entire Renaissance Block Program. The amount of pre-planning that went into it was incredible; they did extensive surveying and we have those documents as well as the media that they did on it, and finally 3) the City of Corry is much larger than these Boroughs; it has a higher level of density; it's got a more sophisticated footprint.

Mr. DiPaolo: I just needed an explanation on that because it was just kind of funny that everybody else was getting \$60,000 and they were getting \$100,000. That was my question. Thank you.

Mr. Bagnoni: I see that Tim is back in the meeting. Tim, would you like to go ahead and give your report?

Mr. Wachter: Thank you. It took me a minute to get back into the system. There are two different things: we supplied a conflict of interest letter for Mr. DiPaolo indicating that he does not have a conflict of interest in relation to an award made to Sacred Heart Food Pantry. We provided a conflict of interest memo for Ms. Hess stating that she does have a conflict of interest with respect to the approval of a resolution today regarding the award for the ear savers that Mr. Sample had shown earlier in the meeting.

Additionally, on the issue of the Blue Zones, Perry explained it fairly well. They were purchased in April by a group called the Seventh Day Adventist Health System, which is a faith-based health system. It appears from the press related to the purchase that one of the reasons that they bought it is that a large portion of their membership is in a community in California and that is the central core of Blue Zones called Loma Linda, California so it meets within their mission. The concern is not that it is a faith-based organization; the concern is that the

establishment clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution and a related provision within the Pennsylvania Constitution, prohibits our spending money in a way that would advance a religion which would endorse (inaudible). The materials that are put out by this organization, this health program, do have a high level of proselytizing in them and their very mission is related to health through God and things of that nature.

We do not have the luxury of inserting our personal opinions regarding that in this particular matter and what I have suggested is that prior to continuing to fund this that we take a look to see if the program is now to be delivered still in a fully secular model or if it's going to have a religious tenance to it or proselytizing to it. If it does, then we need to figure out how we're going to deal with that. But we're not in a position where we're going to be able to fund proselytizing, we can only fund those secular acts.

I did provide a memo to that regard that also relied upon a memo that we provided to the Authority in 2011 that dictates how it is that we are to fund faith-based organizations and not run afoul of the establishment clause, and so this advice has been consistent over the years and it's worked. We have been able to figure out a way t make it happen when appropriate and we will need to do an appropriate level of due diligence before I make a recommendation.

Mr. Bagnoni: Thank you, Tim. Are there any questions?

Mr. DiPaolo: Tim, I just wanted to thank you for the opinion.

Dr. Wood: We will go back to the Resolution Number 10.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There is no further discussion. Motion carries 5-0-1, with Mr. Sample abstaining.

- b. Resolution Number 11, 2020 – Resolution to fund applicants selected through the Immediate Human Relief Grant Program as part of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0-1, with Ms. Hess abstaining.

- c. Motion to retroactively allow the Project Face shield Account in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of face shields to distribute to local nonprofits and small businesses.

Mr. Sample approves this motion. Mr. seconds the motion. There is no further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.

Mr. Sample: Can I just make a comment to Mr. Cleaver? I have emailed you a copy of the minutes from May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. DiPaolo moves to adjourn.



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## Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Year Ended March 31, 2020

**Audit Presentation**

## Reports Issued

- Financial Statements
- Communication to Those Charged with Governance Letter

## Communication to Those Charged with Governance

- Our Responsibility under GAAS
- Significant Accounting Policies
- Sensitive Accounting Estimates
  - Allowance for Uncollectible Notes Receivable
- Significant Disclosures
  - Irrevocable Gifts to Erie Community Foundation
  - Notes Receivable
  - COVID-19

## Communication to Those Charged with Governance

- Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit (None)
- Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements (No material misstatements)
- Disagreements with Management (None)
- Management Representations
- Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants
- Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors



## Summary of Results

- Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements

**Unmodified Opinion**

# Summary Financial Statements

## Summary Statement of Net Position

2020

2019

Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 10,620,644	\$ 9,765,003
Prepaid expenses	359	7,164
Noncurrent assets:		
Notes receivable, net	<u>5,258,846</u>	<u>5,258,846</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,879,849</u>	<u>\$ 15,031,013</u>
Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Position - Restricted	<u>\$ 15,879,849</u>	<u>\$ 15,031,013</u>

# Summary Financial Statements

	2020	2019
<b>Summary Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position</b>		
Operating revenues:		
Gaming	\$ 4,438,817	\$ 4,450,567
Interest - notes receivable	93,600	67,756
Total operating revenue	<u>4,532,417</u>	<u>4,518,323</u>
Operating expenses:		
Grants awarded	3,410,277	6,130,627
Other	413,241	943,174
Total operating expenses	<u>3,823,518</u>	<u>7,073,801</u>
Nonoperating revenues - interest	<u>139,937</u>	<u>102,514</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 848,836</u>	<u>\$ (2,452,964)</u>

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**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Profit & Loss  
May 2020**

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	345,218.83	345,218.83		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	6,760.47	13,890.46		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth				
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		5,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		3,252.71		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive				
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway				
46440 · Immediate Human Relief Fund		250,000.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>351,979.30</u>	<u>617,362.00</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	12,771.90	25,709.63	15,084.00	90,500.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,904.62	2,904.62	3,166.00	19,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	524.31	1,133.57	3,808.00	22,850.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,343.60	4,950.99	9,126.00	54,750.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	22,446.75	44,947.36	44,742.00	268,452.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>40,991.18</u>	<u>79,646.17</u>	<u>75,926.00</u>	<u>455,552.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	310,988.12	537,715.83		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets				
70050 · Municipal Settlements	76,811.19	76,811.19		
70070 · Special Events				
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration	(82,000.00)	(82,000.00)		
70100 · Mission Main Street				
70120 · Summer Jobs Program				
70130 · Small Business Financing				
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block				
70180 · Anchor Building				
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief	154,775.00	458,511.00		
70195 · Response Fund - Small Business	70,000.00	535,000.00		
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>219,586.19</u>	<u>988,322.19</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(219,586.19)</u>	<u>(988,322.19)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>91,401.93</u>	<u>(450,606.36)</u>		



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 31, 2020

	<b>May</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	141,409.30
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	5,440,144.50
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,308,036.96
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	1,176,336.87
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	<b>9,924,518.33</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	10,065,927.63
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · Note Receivable - CIBA	18,846.25
12004 · Note Receivable - BWC - Erie Growth	1,000,000.00
12005 · Note Receivable - Progress	1,000,000.00
12010 · Note Receivable - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · Note Receivable - EDF Restruct	1,300,000.00
12060 · Notes Receivable - BWC - Inclu	2,500,000.00
12070 · Note Receivable - Blue Highway	250,000.00
12080 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Sm Bus	290,000.00
12085 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Nnprofit	100,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,402,000.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	<b>5,556,846.25</b>
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	(1,198.52)
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>5,555,647.73</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>15,621,575.36</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>15,621,575.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	3,317,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,870,783.75
Net Income	(566,272.57)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>15,621,575.36</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>15,621,575.36</b>





**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
May 2020

	<u>May</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	77,401.93
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	14,000.00
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	778.75
20000 · Accounts Payable	<u>-82,000.00</u>
Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>10,180.68</u>
Net cash increase for period	10,180.68
Cash at beginning of period	<u>10,079,413.16</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>10,089,593.84</u></u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
 May 2020

Expense	May	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	8,500.00	8,500.00	15,000.00	(6,500.00)	56.67%
62120 · Government Relations Services	0.00	3,189.38	3,189.38	0.00	100.00%
62130 · Professional Services	2,490.00	6,105.00	36,000.00	(29,895.00)	16.96%
62140 · Legal Services	1,702.00	7,714.50	35,000.00	(27,285.50)	22.04%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	79.90	200.75	1,500.00	(1,299.25)	13.38%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<u>12,771.90</u>	<u>25,709.63</u>	<u>93,689.38</u>	<u>(67,979.75)</u>	<u>27.44%</u>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00%
62890 · Rent	2,904.62	2,904.62	18,000.00	(15,095.38)	16.14%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<u>2,904.62</u>	<u>2,904.62</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>(16,095.38)</u>	<u>15.29%</u>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	100.79	143.69	3,500.00	(3,356.31)	4.11%
65020 · Postage	34.07	53.14	500.00	(446.86)	10.63%
65040 · Office Supplies	13.50	106.67	2,000.00	(1,893.33)	5.33%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	(2,200.00)	0.00%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	691.90	4,200.00	(3,508.10)	16.47%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	72.17	2,000.00	(1,927.83)	3.61%
65080 · Bank Fees	30.00	66.00	200.00	(134.00)	33.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<u>524.31</u>	<u>1,133.57</u>	<u>22,850.00</u>	<u>(21,716.43)</u>	<u>4.96%</u>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	87.66	889.21	8,000.00	(7,110.79)	11.12%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,477.19	2,504.28	18,000.00	(15,495.72)	13.91%
65120 · Insurance	778.75	1,557.50	9,850.00	(8,292.50)	15.81%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	4,900.00	(4,900.00)	0.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>2,343.60</u>	<u>4,950.99</u>	<u>54,750.00</u>	<u>(49,799.01)</u>	<u>9.04%</u>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	20,456.60	40,234.84	233,000.00	(192,765.16)	17.27%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,315.15	3,126.78	17,302.00	(14,175.22)	18.07%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	35.74	2,000.00	(1,964.26)	1.79%
66500 · Retirement	675.00	1,550.00	9,000.00	(7,450.00)	17.22%
66700 · PMRS	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>22,446.75</u>	<u>44,947.36</u>	<u>268,452.00</u>	<u>(223,504.64)</u>	<u>16.74%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>40,991.18</u>	<u>79,646.17</u>	<u>458,741.38</u>	<u>(379,095.21)</u>	<u>17.36%</u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
**As of May 31, 2020**

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,308,036.96		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	5,440,144.50		
<b>2020 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)</b>			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue	345,218.83	345,218.83	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<b>345,218.83</b>
<b>FY Disbursements:</b>			
First Quarter Disbursements	219,586.19	988,322.19	
Second Quarter Disbursements			
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<b>988,322.19</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements**

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>IMMEDIATE HUMAN RELIEF FUND (COVID-19)</b>			
St. Patrick's Haven Inc.		2,500.00	
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College		6,700.00	
Community Shelter Services		16,000.00	
Safe Journey		9,000.00	
Erie DAWN		10,000.00	
Erie City Mission		16,000.00	
St. Martin Center		7,300.00	
Erie United Methodist Alliance		2,365.00	
Sarah A Reed Children's Center		11,000.00	
Gannon University		16,000.00	
HVA Senior Living Alliance		6,800.00	
Bethany Outreach Center		7,600.00	
MECA, Inc.		3,850.00	
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College		46,500.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		16,000.00	
Millcreek Counseling & Mental Health		2,500.00	
Project Face Shield		4,000.00	
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA		84,000.00	
Urban Erie Community Development Corp		16,000.00	
Salvation Army, Corry		9,500.00	
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College		10,121.00	
Community Shelter Services	14,750.00	14,750.00	
Erie City Mission	23,085.00	23,085.00	
Union City Family Support Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Waterford Food Pantry	5,000.00	5,000.00	
	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Project Face Shield	4,000.00	4,000.00	

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County of Erie MH/ID	12,500.00	12,500.00	
Ella Cochran Food Pantry	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Northwestern Food Pantry	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Christian Cupboard	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Erie Family Center	13,000.00	13,000.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie	16,000.00	16,000.00	
Harbor Creek High School	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Project Face Shield	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Elmwood Food Pantry	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Edinboro Community & Eco. Devel. Corp.	9,370.00	9,370.00	
ServErie	8,710.00	8,710.00	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	13,960.00	13,960.00	
Gannon University	7,000.00	7,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network	9,400.00	9,400.00	
Sacred Heart Church	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			<b>458,511.00</b>

**RESPONSE FUND - SMALL BUSINESS & NONPROFITS**

Bridgeway Capital - 1st Draw		125,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 2nd Draw		80,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 3rd Draw		260,000.00	
Bridgeway Capital - 4th Draw	70,000.00	70,000.00	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			<b>535,000.00</b>

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**Settlements**

Summit Township	38,837.11	38,837.11	
Greene Township			
McKean Township	9,493.52	9,493.52	
Millcreek Township	9,493.52	9,493.52	
Waterford Township	9,493.52	9,493.52	
Erie County	9,493.52	9,493.52	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			<b>76,811.19</b>

**Multi-Municipal Collaboration**

Borough of North East - 2019	(82,000.00)	(82,000.00)	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
			<b>(82,000.00)</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
As of May 31, 2020

	May	YTD	Subtotal
<b>QUALITY OF PLACE</b>			
Community Assets			
Special Events			
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS &amp; COMMUNITIES</b>			
Anchor Building			
Mission Main Street			
Renaissance Block			
<b>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
Summer Jobs & More			
<b>PILOT PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	219,586.19	988,322.19	988,322.19

	May	Amount Remaining	Original Commitment
<b>Committed Funds:</b>			
<b>N&amp;C</b>			
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
Our West Bayfront		10,000.00	100,000.00
SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
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	2	Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
		ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
		<b>Anchor Building</b>			
	18	Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	100,000.00
		Grace Church		80,000.00	100,000.00
		Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.00	93,126.50
	19	Erie Center for Arts & Technology		60,000.00	75,000.00
		Erie Masonic Temple Preservation Foundation		56,000.00	70,000.00
		Housing & Neighborhood Development Services		40,000.00	50,000.00
		Impact Corry		60,000.00	75,000.00
		Mercy Center for Women		20,000.00	100,000.00
		<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
	1	Borough of North East		110,000.00	250,000.00
		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
<b>MUN</b>		<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
		2019 Borough of North East	(82,000.00)	82,000.00	82,000.00
<b>Y&amp;E</b>		<b>GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2020</b>		150,000.00	150,000.00
		<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
		Empower Erie - Community College		370,000.00	400,000.00
		Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	200,000.00
<b>SB</b>		<b>PennVenture Partners</b>		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
		<b>Beehive Network</b>			
		Edinboro University Foundation		143,000.00	200,000.00
		Erie Regional Library Foundation		115,000.00	200,000.00
		Gannon University		175,000.00	200,000.00
		Mercyhurst University		102,500.00	200,000.00
		Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00
		<b>Pilot Program</b>			
		Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00

**Committed Funds (cont):**

	<u>May</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Immediate Human Relief Fund (COVID)</b>			
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA		0.00	168,000.00
Community Shelter Services	14,750.00	0.00	30,750.00
Erie City Mission	23,085.00	0.00	39,085.00



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
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Gannon University	7,000.00	0.00	23,000.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	9,400.00	0.00	25,400.00
UECDC		40,408.00	56,408.00
Project Face Shield	2,000.00	12,000.00	20,000.00
YMCA of Greater Erie	16,000.00	6,960.00	22,960.00
<b>Response Fund (COVID)</b>			
Small Business	70,000.00	765,000.00	1,200,000.00
Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>	<u>60,235.00</u>	<u>5,440,144.50</u>	<u>8,353,429.50</u>



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Check Detail Report**  
**May 2020**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/01/2020	EFT	Community Shelter Services	COVID Grant 10, Final Draw	-14,750.00
05/01/2020	EFT	Erie City Mission	COVID Grant 12, Final Draw	-23,085.00
05/01/2020	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	4/11/20 to 4/24/20 Payroll	-3,439.20
05/04/2020	EFT	VISA	4/9/2020 Statement	-921.32
05/04/2020	EFT	Union City Family Support Center	COVID Grant 31	-2,000.00
05/04/2020	EFT	Waterford Food Pantry	COVID Grant 32	-5,000.00
05/04/2020	EFT	Parker Philips	2020 May Invoice	-2,490.00
05/04/2020	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2020 June Phone/IT/Fax	-791.89
05/05/2020	EFT	Bliley Technologies	Project Face Shield Draw 3	-4,000.00
05/05/2020	EFT	County of Erie MH/ID	COVID Grant 2	-12,500.00
05/05/2020	EFT	Ella Cochran Food Pantry	COVID Grant 29	-1,000.00
05/05/2020	EFT	Northwestern Food Pantry	COVID Grant 30	-5,000.00
05/05/2020	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2020 May Copier Lease	-345.95
05/05/2020	EFT	MaherDuessel, CPA	2019-2020 Audit	-5,500.00
05/05/2020	EFT	Christian Cupboard	COVID Grant 28	-3,000.00
05/06/2020	EFT	Erie Family Center	COVID Grant 36	-13,000.00
05/06/2020	EFT	YMCA of Greater Erie	COVID Grant 37	-16,000.00
05/08/2020	EFT	Harbor Creek High School	COVID Grant 33	-1,000.00
05/08/2020	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2020 April Legal	-1,702.00
05/08/2020	EFT	Bliley Technologies	Project Face Shield Draw 4	-2,000.00
05/11/2020	EFT	Elmwood Food Pantry	COVID Grant 34	-2,000.00
05/11/2020	EFT	Edinboro Community & Eco. Devel. Corp.	COVID Grant 35	-9,370.00
05/12/2020	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	04/25 to 05/08/20 Payroll	-8,674.23
05/12/2020	EFT	Fidelity Investments	4/25/20 to 5/8/20 Retirement	-600.37
05/15/2020	EFT	ServErie	COVID Grant 39	-8,710.00
05/15/2020	EFT	Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	COVID Grant 40	-13,960.00
05/15/2020	EFT	Gannon University	COVID Grant 15 - Final Draw	-7,000.00
05/15/2020	EFT	SSJ Neighborhood Network	COVID Grant 23 - Final Draw	-9,400.00
05/18/2020	EFT	Sacred Heart Church	COVID Grant 38	-2,000.00
05/18/2020	EFT	Bridgeway Capital	COVID Response Fund Draw 4	-70,000.00
05/20/2020	EFT	MaherDuessel, CPA	2nd & 3rd Quarter Review	-3,000.00
05/21/2020	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2020 April & May Rent	-2,904.62
05/27/2020	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	5/9/20 to 5/22/20 Payroll	-9,237.48
05/27/2020	EFT	Fidelity Investments	5/9/20 to 5/22/20 Retirement	-575.37
05/27/2020	EFT	Summit Township	2020 1st Qtr Settlement Payment	-38,837.11
05/27/2020	EFT	Erie County	2020 1st Qtr Settlement Payment	-9,493.52
05/27/2020	EFT	McKean Township	2020 1st Qtr Settlement Payment	-9,493.52
05/27/2020	EFT	Millcreek Township	2020 1st Qtr Settlement Payment	-9,493.52
05/27/2020	EFT	Waterford Township	2020 1st Qtr Settlement Payment	-9,493.52
05/29/2020			Service Charge	-30.00





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

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
JUNE  
2020**



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Erie County Council

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Kim Clear, Chairman  
Scott Rastetter, Vice-Chairman  
Carl Anderson, III  
André R. Horton  
Mary Rennie  
Ellen Schauerman  
Brian Shank

4:00 PM

May 21, 2020

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**FINANCE AGENDA**

1. Presentation by Cory Johnson, CPA, Partner, and Daniel Sefick, CPA-Manager at Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC of the Comprehensive Single Audit for Erie County and Related Funds. Audit is for the year ending December 31, 2019.
2. Update on Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority COVID 19 Related Assistance Programming (Perry Wood, Executive Director).
3. Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, "\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$24,334 for Insurance Coverage Change in Office of Controller"  
**When the 2020 budget was passed in November 2019, two positions in the Office of the Controller received single insurance coverage. New employees in those positions have dependent coverage rather than single. There are not sufficient funds in other lines to cover the cost increase, so an appropriation is needed.**  
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4. Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, "\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,500 and Creation of Line Item for Protection from Abuse Fees"  
**A new revenue line is needed for fees associated with Protection from Abuse Orders sought by claimants in Erie County. The funds in the line represent an estimate of what may be collected in 2020. Page 6**
5. Ordinance Number \_\_\_\_, 2020 " Amending Ordinance Number 26, 2018, for the Temporary Waiver of County Health Department Annual Licensing and Late Fees for







## **Business Recovery Grant**

**Application Deadline: June 19, 2020**

The Girard Borough continues to invest in the business community through the availability of façade improvement reimbursement grants, and now the new Business Recovery Grant.

Girard Borough is using a portion of the Mission Main Street funds provided by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, with their permission, to meet the immediate and short-term needs of the downtown business community to remain viable and thrive through the COVID-19 pandemic and the new challenges that come with it.

This grant is specifically for businesses located within the designated downtown boundary, which is Main Street from the east borough line (just west of Westgate Drive) to Old Ridge Road, and Rice Avenue from Main Street to Vine Street.

Girard Borough has allocated \$10,000.00 for the Business Recovery Grant Program.

Grant funds may be used for the items detailed below and may be applied to eligible and approved costs incurred no earlier than March 6, 2020, the date of the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

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## **Grant Approval and Notification**

You will be notified of grant approval by Tuesday, June 23, 2020, just four days after the application due date, which is Friday, June 19, 2020. If funds remain after this date, applications will be received and accepted on a rolling basis until all the Business Recovery Grant funding is awarded.

If you are approved for a grant, the Girard Borough will make payment directly to your vendor or consultant if the approval is for a service to be provided or for a service that has been provided and not yet paid in full, or as a reimbursement to you if you can submit proof of payment.

## **Submission Requirements**

Completed applications may be mailed or delivered to the Borough Office during regular business hours, or emailed to Rob Stubenbort, Borough Manager at [robs@girardborough.com](mailto:robs@girardborough.com). The deadline to apply is June 19, 2020.

Grants are available to eligible businesses in amounts up to \$1,000 or half of the total project cost, whichever is less. A 50/50 financial match is required. The applicant must provide a quote or estimate

from a legitimate professional and/or vendor to show proof of project costs. Proof of completion and payment must be submitted to Girard Borough upon completion of the project.

Grant funding is to be used to offset unanticipated technical assistance costs caused by the COVID-10 Emergency Declaration. Funding may be used for any of the following, alone or in combination:

- Development of an e-commerce or online selling platform
- Development of gift cards for your business
- Development of a business contingency plan
- Hiring a professional to help you manage your expenses and revenues, and related contracts, which were negatively affected by the impact of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
- Hiring a professional to help you communicate with your customers online
- Hiring a professional to help you research, review, and apply for grant and loan opportunities
- Hiring a professional to help you understand, plan for, and react to employment issues
- Hiring a professional to help you create and/or implement employee and/or customer safety protocols required by applicable Department of Health Orders, and/or CDC or other applicable governmental guidelines to enable you to resume business
- Purchasing safety equipment/supplies
- Implementing customer capacity management and fulfillment logistics to include business floor plan layout, signage, contactless transactions

### **If you have questions about this grant and your eligibility:**

If you have questions regarding the completion of this application or the eligibility of your project, contact Borough Manager Rob Stubenbort at (814) 774-9683 x 203 (Office), (814) 392-4169 (Cell), or [robs@girardborough.com](mailto:robs@girardborough.com).

With your application, please make sure you complete and include the following:

- Grant Request Application
- Signed Agreement
- Reinvestment Forecast *(Help us understand your business, its needs, what steps you've taken to thrive, and how this grant will sustain your business.)*

### **Grant Approval and Distribution of Funds**

You will be notified within four business days of the application deadline, which is June 19, 2020. If you are approved for a grant, the Girard Borough will make payment directly to your vendor or consultant if the approval is for a service to be provided or for a service that has been provided and not yet paid in full, or as a reimbursement to you if you can submit proof of payment.

## GRANT APPLICATION

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the amount in grant funding you are requesting: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount must be half of your total project cost up to \$1,000)

Please confirm that you have a 50/50 match contribution toward this project: *Commitment letter(s) from matching sources such as banks or other granting sources should be included with your application.*

- Yes
- No

Please indicate for what you will use the grant (check all that apply):

- Development of an e-commerce or online selling platform
- Development of gift cards for your business
- Development of a business contingency plan
- Hiring a professional to help you manage your expenses and revenues, and related contracts, which were negatively affected by the impact of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
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## AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the terms of Girard Borough's Business Recovery Grant Program, and I am prepared to meet the specified terms if this application is approved.

I confirm that I have no delinquencies with any municipal payments (may be subject to verification).

I understand that this project is approved for grant payment in accordance with approved application that is attached to, and incorporated in, this agreement.

I understand any grant money awarded cannot be applied to any other uses not outlined and approved prior to grant payment.

I understand that all work must be completed, and the grant must be closed out, within 60 days of the approval date of this application, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, any portion of an award not utilized within the 60-day period shall be considered to be forfeited by the applicant.

I understand that any change to the project must be first approved by Girard Borough.

I understand that I am required to complete the Business Recovery Grant reporting upon completion of my project.

I understand that failure to comply with this agreement may jeopardize receipt of grant funds or the request for funds to be returned to Girard Borough.

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Business Owner

Date

## REINVESTMENT FORECAST

Please share with us how this grant benefits your business.

### ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

How many years have you been located in downtown Girard? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own the building from which you operate?

- Yes
- No

Will your project help retain current employees?

- Yes
- No

How many people do you currently employ? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people did you employ prior to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration? \_\_\_\_\_

### COVID-19 IMPACT

Your operation status is?

- Open regular hours
- Open limited/reduced hours
- Not open at all

**If you are currently open**, how long do you estimate your business can survive in its current state before having to close permanently? \_\_\_\_\_ (weeks/months)

**If you are NOT currently open**, will these grant funds help you reopen at some capacity?

- Yes (If yes, please indicate targeted reopen date: \_\_\_\_\_)
- No

How confident are you in your business's ability to reopen at full capacity after restrictions are lifted?

- Very confident
- Somewhat confident

Not confident at all

Have you applied for business assistance loans as a result of COVID-19?

Yes

No

If **yes**, please list which loans, the amount of the application and whether you have been approved? (Examples: PPP, EIDL, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for other business assistance grants in the last sixty (60) days?

Yes

No

If **yes**, please list which grants? \_\_\_\_\_

How much in financial assistance have you applied for from other sources?: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much in financial assistance have you received to date from other sources?: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Business Contingency Plan to help your business through the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes (If yes, please attach your plan or an outline of steps taken)

No

**TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR NEEDS**

You may attach separate sheets for your answers.

Please **describe the challenges you have faced as a business** during the COVID-19 pandemic and your greatest needs as a result:

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Please **describe your timeline** in implementing your project for this grant so that you can reopen at full capacity when restrictions are lifted:

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**ERIE COUNTY  
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Covid-19

**Immediate  
Human Relief  
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Erie County Non-profits  
Supporting Vulnerable Populations

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## **Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund Provides Face Shields to Erie County Public School Teachers, Administrators, Staff**

*Five new grants awarded to support Erie County*

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215.850.4647 | mobile

**Erie, PA (June 5, 2020)** – The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) has authorized the purchase and supply of 5,530 face shields for employees of the 13 public school districts, of Erie County.

“Thanks to the ECGRA Board for being proactive for the safety and security of our students and teachers in Erie County,” said State Senator Dan Laughlin. “Getting schools prepared to reopen will be a daunting task. ECGRA’s investment in over 5,000 face shields will give them one less thing to worry about.”

“On behalf of the parents and teachers across northwest Pennsylvania, I am extremely happy to see our community come together to protect both young and old from the spread of COVID-19,” said State Representative Ryan Bizzaro. “Our children need a safe and secure opportunity to learn and grow, and this effort by ECGRA to supply face shields for school employees in our region will make a noticeable impact on our battle against the pandemic.”

“As 2020-21 school year reopening plans are drafted, the teachers, administrators, and staff in schools across Erie County will be equipped with face shields to help reduce the spread of COVID-19,” said Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA. “This provides equal access to PPE equipment across Erie County and allows administrators to focus on planning to help students return to school and succeed.”

**The 13 public school districts of Erie County supplied ECGRA with the following face shield requests:**

District	Face Shields
Corry	380
City of Erie	1,200
Fairview	375
Ft. LeBoeuf	400
Girard	265
General McLane	275
Harbor Creek	375
Iroquois	350
Millcreek	831
North East	329
Northwestern	300
Union City	200
Wattsburg	250
Total	5830

Non-profit organizations can still request free face shields through Project Face Shield here:  
<https://www.ccgpa.org/covid-19-face-shield-form>

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) has awarded five additional grants through the **Erie County COVID-19 Human Relief Fund** to support those in need throughout Erie County. The latest round of grants awarded to local organizations include: **Sacred Heart Food Pantry, ServErie, Youth Leadership Institute of Erie, Sarah Reed Living Center, and International Institute of Erie.**

The Erie County COVID-19 Human Relief Fund was created by ECGRA and Erie County Council to support those in need throughout Erie County. The Human Relief Fund is part of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund, established by ECGRA to provide flexible and patient loans to non-profits, and small businesses. As part of the latest round of grants, the ECGRA Board of Directors awarded five additional grants (FULL LIST BELOW). **A total of \$673,434 has been awarded since the launch of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund on March 19.**

**Grant Request #38: Sacred Heart Food Pantry**

Amount Awarded: \$2,000  
 Project: Food and Personal Items

**Grant Request #39: ServErie**

Amount Requested: \$8,710  
 Project: Community Corp Outreach Team

**Grant Request #40: Youth Leadership Institute of Erie**

Amount Awarded: \$13,960  
 Project: Technology Equipment to Continue Youth Leadership Program Remotely

**Grant Request #41: Project Face Shield for Public Safety & Human Services**

Amount Awarded: up to \$20,000

Project: Purchase & Supply of Face Shields for Erie County Public Safety & Human Services Employees

**Grant Request #42: Sarah Reed Senior Living**

Amount Awarded: \$5,200

Project: Shelter in Place Food Equipment

**Grant Request #43: International Institute of Erie**

Amount Awarded: \$17,210

Project: Pre-School Child Care, Summer Program for the Children of Refugees & Immigrants

**Grant Request #44: Project Face Shield for Educators**

Amount Recommended: \$22,120

Project: Purchase & Supply of 5,530 Face Shields for 13 Public Schools Districts of Erie County

**IMMEDIATE HUMAN RELIEF GRANTS AWARDED TO DATE**

**Grant #1: Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA**

Amount: \$168,000

Project: Purchase life-sustaining food for Erie County families facing food insecurities

**Grant #2: Emergency Shelter System**

Amount: \$12,500

Project: Emergency shelter funding for the homeless

**Grant #3: North East Community Food Pantry**

Amount: \$1,000

Project: Funds to supplement additional need during time of crisis

**Grant #4: Erie Family Center**

Amount: \$7,500

Project: Diaper Depot for those in need

**Grant #5: YMCA of Greater Erie**

Amount: \$16,000

Project: Childcare Center for Life Sustaining Personnel

**Grant #6: Mercy Center for Women**

Amount: \$9,525

Project: Emergency homeless shelter-related costs due to COVID-19 regulations

**Grant #7: The Upper Room**

Amount: \$5,000

Project: Costs associated with increased regulations due to COVID-19

**Grant #8: Metro-Erie Meals on Wheels**

Amount: \$2,000

Project: Transportation costs related to food distribution for homebound elderly

**Grant #9: Penn State Behrend**

Amount: \$6,700

Project: Face Shields for medical professionals and first responders

**Grant #10: Community Shelter Services**

Amount: \$30,750

Project: Emergency sheltering increase due to COVID-19

**Grant #11: Saint Patrick's Haven**

Amount: \$2,500

Project: Men's shelter costs

**Grant #12: Erie City Mission**

Amount: \$39,085

Project: Homeless shelter and kitchen

**Grant #13: Safe Journey**

Amount: \$9,000

Project: Women's shelter for domestic abuse victims

**Grant #14: Erie DAWN**

Amount: \$10,000

Project: City of Erie domestic violence safe house provider

**Grant #15: Gannon University**

Amount: \$23,000

Project: 3D printed face shields for distribution in Erie County

**Grant #16: Sarah A Reed Children's Center**

Amount: \$11,000

Project: Technology costs related to social distancing/remote therapy

**Grant #17: HVA Senior Living Alliance**

Amount: \$6,800

Project: Technology costs related to telemedicine for seniors

**Grant #18: Erie United Methodist Alliance**

Amount: \$2,365

Project: Homeless shelter-related costs

**Grant #19: St. Martin's Center**

Amount: \$7,300

Project: Childcare center preparation costs

**Grant #20: Bethany Outreach Center**

Amount: \$7,600

Project: Emergency hygiene and food distribution

**Grant #21: MECA Senior Care**

Amount: \$3,850

Project: Sanitizing the Senior Center for future opening

**Grant #22: Penn State Behrend**

Amount: \$46,500

Project: Expansion of face shield project and N95 level face shields

**Grant #23: Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network**

Amount: \$25,400

Project: Staff costs due to lost volunteer base

**Grant #24: Millcreek Counseling & Mental Health Advocacy Partnership**

Amount: \$2,500

Project: Telemedicine

**Grant #25: Urban Erie Community Development Corporation (UECDC)**

Amount: \$56,408

Project: Temporary supplemental food box preparation and delivery to Housing Authority residents

**Grant #26: Corry Salvation Army**

Amount: \$9,500

Project: Refrigerator, hygiene, sanitization related things

**Grant #27: Penn State Behrend**

Amount: \$10,121

Project: Mental Health Mobile Application

**Grant #28: Christian Cupboard (Girard)**

Amount: \$3,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #29: Ellan Cochran Food Pantry of Harborcreek**

Amount: \$1,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #30: Northwestern Food Pantry (Albion)**

Amount: \$5,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #31: Union City Food Pantry**

Amount: \$2,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #32: Waterford Food Pantry**

Amount: \$5,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #33: Harborcreek High School**

Amount Awarded: \$1,000

Project: Ear Savers – 3D printed pieces that save ears from excess chaffing from face masks

**Grant #34: Elmwood Food Pantry**

Amount Awarded: \$2,000

Project: food pantry supplies

**Grant #35: Edinboro Community & Economic Development Corporation**

Amount Awarded: \$9,370

Project: food relief packages and supplies

**Grant #36: Erie Family Center**

Amount Awarded: \$13,000

Project: diapers

**Grant #37: YMCA of Greater Erie**

Amount Awarded: \$22,960

Project: food cost, food prep, sanitization supplies for childcare centers, registered nurses

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<https://www.ecgra.org/covid-19-response-fund>

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*The Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church*  
*2816 Elmwood Avenue Erie, PA 16508*  
*814-864-4809*

*Rev. David Edmunds, Pastor*

May 21, 2020

Dear Members of the ECGRA,

Thank you so much for your generous grant to the Elmwood Food Pantry. During this pandemic, we have a greater need than ever to support those members of our community that cannot afford some of the basic necessities.

Many needy families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are at the most risk, and they make up the largest number of clients we serve.

Our food pantry has a dedicated group of 15 to 20 volunteers, who work to assemble bags of food to distribute to 40 to 60 families in need, though during this pandemic, most food comes pre boxed from the Second Harvest Food Bank. We have gotten to know our clients. The most rewarding part of the process goes beyond distributing food. It's about building relationships with those in the community. It feels good to give back to those who really need help.

With your generous support, we will be able to help many of these families and individuals meet essential daily needs.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Keith Bennett  
Elmwood Food Pantry Director

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**Waterford Community Food Pantry  
P.O. Box 755  
Waterford, PA 16441**

May 23, 2020


Erie County Gaming Authority  
5340 Fryling Road  
Suite 201  
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Members:

The Waterford Community Food Pantry would like to thank you for providing us with a \$5,000.00 grant. In these unprecedented times the grant will provide our Families with much needed food to get through.

During these times we have developed a drive through process to continue to serve our Families on a monthly basis. We will continue to do that until no longer required.

With gratitude,



The Waterford Community Food Pantry is located at 12723 Route 19 south, and is incorporated and operates under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and support of a community food pantry.

**The Waterford Community Food Pantry is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. No goods or services were provided in return for your gift.** As your gift may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes, you may wish to consult your tax adviser with questions about your deduction.





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June 4, 2020

Perry Wood  
Executive Director  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Rd suite 201, Erie, PA 16510

Dear Mr. Wood,

I am writing to thank you, Tom Maggio, and the Board of Directors of ECGRA for approving our COVID Human Relief Grant request. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, communal dining restrictions have been in place since March 15 with no end date in sight. As such, we have been delivering meals to over 200 residents in our facility. The granted funds will assist us with the purchase of commercial grade equipment to transport meals to our residents at appropriate temperatures.

Sarah Reed has a long-standing history of serving the elderly in our community, and now, more than ever, we are working to the best of our abilities to care for this most vulnerable population. It is a comfort to know that Erie has such a great resource in ECGRA. Your organization recognized the insurmountable needs to our community agencies, reacted, rallied, and responded. For this effort, we remain grateful!

Sincerely,

  
Gale Magyar, NHA CASP  
CEO

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The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority will continue to make payments to municipalities and nonprofits while Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Summit Township is closed. (JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS)

## Winning bet

**Casino remains closed but still funds local causes**

By Jim Martin  
Erie Times-News

The slot machines remain silent at Presque Isle Downs & Casino, where the vast parking lot is all but empty.

For some, the continued shutdown of the Summit Township casino makes sense as we try to slow the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

While others make the case that the economy needs the casino and the jobs it provides, there is an upside.

Even during this prolonged shutdown, the local revenue share, mandated by the Pennsylvania Race Horse

Development and Gaming Act, continues to flow to Erie County government and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

"The reason is because of the way the gaming legislation is written," said Perry Wood, executive director of ECGRA. "You (local residents) either get your local share, which is 1 percent of gross revenue of slot machines, or \$10 million a year."

Although Presque Isle Downs performs well for the size of the population, it's one of the smaller casinos, Wood said.

As a result, the 1 percent threshold has never applied.

And that means year after year, Erie County

government and ECGRA have split \$10 million from the casino annually.

Even now, when the casino business is reduced to online sports betting, the money continues to flow to local stakeholders.

Officials at Presque Isle Downs have shown no reluctance about turning over the funds.

"They are not looking for a way out," Wood said of the casino. "They are glad they can provide the funding they are."

With the governor's announcement Friday that Erie is likely to move into the green phase on June 5, the shutdown at Erie's casino — the county's 14th-largest

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## CASINO

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employer, according to the state Department of Labor — could soon be coming to an end.

That means that the darkened slot machines and empty restaurants could soon be a memory.

"I think this is a bump in the road," Wood said.

And there's reason to believe that gamblers are eager to get back to gambling. According to a Motley Fool report, opening week racing at Churchill Downs, with no one in the stands, produced wagers of \$26.6 million, an increase of 185 percent from the previous year.

Wood said talks with officials at Churchill Downs, which owns the local casino, have him feeling confident about the future of Presque Isle Downs and of ECGRA, which has distributed more than \$57 million in casino money since its inception.

"They are interested in investing and expanding here," Wood said.

In normal times, ECGRA's own investments are focused on "empowering nonprofits and small businesses toward economic and community development."

The focus has shifted in recent weeks as the organization has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants since the March 19 launch of its Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund.

In addition to money for emergency shelter and to purchase locally-made face shields for free distribution, ECGRA has made numerous grants to shelter and food programs. Those grants have included \$168,000 for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Back in early April, money still flowing from an empty casino was a game-changer for Karen Seggi, CEO of Second Harvest.

"Help from the Erie

Community Foundation and ECGRA right from the beginning enabled us to order food immediately and order aggressively," she said. "The food isn't going to run out. We've got enough to last a while."

Wood said he and his board are giving constant thought to the role that ECGRA can play in not only helping feed hungry people, but also helping businesses get back on their feet.

"We are clearly part of the human relief component," he said. "We have to be part of the

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recovery component well. Grant-making is to be flexible and it is to shift."

Contact Jim Martin at [jmartin@timesnews.com](mailto:jmartin@timesnews.com).





# VIEWPOINT

## OUR VIEW

# ECGRA seeds hope and resilience

**The issue:** Gaming revenues uninterrupted  
**Our view:** Funding vital to region's needs

**T**he COVID-19 pandemic raises dark questions about the future. Stopping the spread of the virulent disease requires near total suspension of commerce.

Now we confront the fallout: how to backfill staggering revenue losses by companies and the loss of tax revenues that enable government services.

Presque Isle Downs & Casino remains idled. No flashing lights or bells sound the bets made or winnings earned.

But thanks to the strings attached to the legalization of gaming in Pennsylvania, the question of how to make up for gambling revenue shortfalls in Erie County is moot, as reporter Jim Martin detailed. The deal struck to host a casino continues to pay off in ways vital, unexpected and welcome.

The local revenue share as outlined in the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act dictates the county and Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority receive 1 percent of slot machine gross revenues or \$10 million a year. There is no clause offering pandemic reprieve.

Thus, Erie County and ECGRA continue to split \$10 million a year, even though the owner, Churchill Downs, now relies on online wagers alone. That means a critical funding stream, which has so far generated \$57 million to seed transformational initiatives and support key assets, nonprofits and small businesses, goes on, not just unabated, but available to target new needs that have emerged related to the crisis.

COVID-19 struck just as efforts to reverse the region's decline galvanized. That is why it is welcome to see ECGRA's ongoing contributions to those efforts, such as the Mission Main Street program, forging ahead, pandemic or no. As reporter Valerie Myers detailed, hard-hit Union City's sweeping plans for a deserved refresh are largely proceeding in spite of the pandemic. ECGRA, one of several entities enabling the projects, will help pay for new amenities in Cafilisch Park and grants to improve tired downtown buildings.

At the same time, ECGRA has pivoted to meet emergency needs via the new Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund, which has distributed more than \$600,000 in grants for emergency shelter, protective gear, child care for essential workers and food. As ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood said, they look now to help businesses get back on their feet.

This dangerous, damaging time offers plenty of incentives to lapse into grief, self-pity, frustration and blame. The news about ECGRA should seed hope and stir gratitude.

Erie County, for all of its losses, has so far weathered the crisis better than some thanks to nonprofit, business and elected leaders who know how to identify priorities and act collaboratively, and because we enjoy the benefits of assets like ECGRA. Its efforts have positioned us well to weather the crisis with resilience and emerge from it intact, with focused, forward motion.



## ANOTHER VIEW

## GUEST VIEWPOINT

## Quick action helps Erie County weather COVID-19 storm



Perry Wood

Erie County is showing its mettle and doing good work in the face of what is simultaneously the worst health and economic crisis of our time. The pandemic is also pushing local governments like counties, cities and boroughs to their limits, with Erie County leaders earning strong reviews across the board.

For some Erie residents, that combination of circumstances is far worse than others. Erie's homeless, those families facing food insecurity, and seniors are among our most vulnerable citizens in the best of times. More than a little empathy is required for each of us to put ourselves in the shoes of those facing poverty during these unprecedented trying times.

Local leaders acted before the virus hit Erie County's borders, positioning it for success. Erie County and the Erie County Department of Health organized quickly in the face of the public health

crisis, while Erie County Council turned its collective eye toward human services. County Council utilized the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's grant-making expertise and infrastructure to create the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund. So far, that Response Fund has moved the needle, garnering national attention for Erie County.

The Response Fund's first and primary goal is to save lives by supporting those on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle. Grant-makers are uniquely positioned in a crisis because they are regularly in touch with nonprofit institutions that provide a range of lifesaving and life-enhancing services. Rapid communication with the leaders in this sector led to an early conclusion: Capital was not flowing and therefore they could not help the people who depend on them.

The event-style fundraiser, so popular among Erie County's nonprofits, would immediately grind to a halt because of social distancing. Philanthropy had slowed because the stock market was taking a massive hit. How could we wrap our heads around this?

One helpful source early on was the "Disaster Philanthropy Playbook."

Serving as a framework for the Response Fund, the Immediate Human Relief component was structured as a grant program focusing on four primary areas:

- Food insecurity, food banks, food pantries, food delivery to the homebound.

According to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, Erie County had 30,000 food-insecure individuals prior to the crisis. Once COVID-19 hit, that number was growing by the hour.

- Homeless shelters. New requirements for the homeless amid a pandemic included limiting shelter sizes and regulating social distancing for a mentally ill population. Dozens of people were facing the cold, with nowhere to turn.

- Elderly care, telemedicine, protective personal equipment (PPE) for human services workers, and sanitization supplies.

- Child care centers for essential workers who needed a safe place for their children so they could go to work at hospitals, grocery stores and in public safety. Like elder care, the child care providers were struggling to protect the health of both the children and their workers. PPE became essential.

New standards for sanitization were being pioneered. All on the fly.

During calmer times, the grant-maker has a process for soliciting grant applications. This involves grant writing, grant review panels, and careful back-and-forth with applicants answering questions. In short, it requires deliberative behavior. In a time of crisis, the grant-maker's primary role shifts to one of information clearing house, resource provider and matchmaker in addition to grant reviewer.

Here's one example of what that theory looks like in application. Anticipating that the food bank and pantry system would quickly run out of food, we reached out to the Second Harvest Food Bank and asked them to quantify the challenges that lie ahead. The first grant awarded supported 6,000 meals to be distributed to those in need throughout Erie County over the next two weeks. We connected their team with Meals on Wheels to work on home delivery to the homebound seniors. The swift action of Erie County Council and the ECGRA board of directors allowed for a solution in anticipation of a problem — not a lifeboat when the ship has already sunk.

Our preexisting relationships with many sectors uniquely positioned us to communicate across sectors with ease. In swift form, working in lockstep with Erie leaders, we were able to find the highest and best use for our valuable local share gaming revenue. The Response Fund allowed us to react swiftly and with flexible resolve, which should be established as a go-to model when a health or even a weather crisis hits the health and economy of Erie County.

Erie County is often described using the word grit — stemming from a century of innovating, manufacturing and fighting to weather our region's storms, be it brutal weather or a long-enduring economic evolution. As we begin to emerge, we can all sense the Erie spirit that makes living here so amazing. It's bubbling up with each high school graduation parade, as the line forms up Peninsula Drive toward Sara's, and in the knowledge that we are in this together.

Erie is strong, and together we will weather the COVID storm.

*Perry Wood is the executive director of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.*



# ECGRA grant to help families

By Sandy Rhodes  
Editor, FLAG area

EDINBORO — A grant of more than \$9,000 will help those in need in the Edinboro community.

Edinboro Community & Economic Development received a \$9,370 grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority recently. The grant will help support efforts in the community to assist people in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ECED worked with the General McLane School District, Boro Women & Family Services, Edinboro Food Pantry, and community churches to identify the local need.

See Grant, P. 2



Contributed photo

From left, Kevin Opplé, an Edinboro Community & Economic Development board member and Edinboro Borough manager; Brenda Cannell, ECED Chairwoman; Betty Jo Lyons, executive director of Boro Women & Family Services; and Pat Hargett, ECED treasurer, were on hand as ECED officials delivered a \$6,000 check to Boro Women & Family Services for family relief packages, thanks to a grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

## Grant

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One of the projects funded was the Relief Packages, Coolers for Lunches, and an information sheet that will go out as a special wrap around the West County News-Journal's June 5 edition.

Officials said that one issue that needed resolved was getting the word out about the resources available to families. And while it can be posted throughout the area and on social media sites, the group wanted to help get the word out in other ways, too.

"The intention is to send out information to routes that encompass around 85% of the General McLane School District as well as the area from Cambridge Springs to Edinboro, since this is in the Edinboro Food Pantry's service area," officials said.

Borough Manager Kevin Opplé announced the news about the grant at the May 11 Borough Council meeting and said many facets of the community are involved.

"A number of organizations and business have been raising money and trying to help neighbors in need," Opplé said.

The focus of effort is to be preparation for expanded delivery of school lunches and food pantry supplies, family relief packages, and gift certificates for special meals at local restaurants," according to the grant request. The group asked for \$17,990.92 and while the entire amount was not funded, members are still grateful for what was allotted to help those in need.

In the past, the General McLane School District has not been eligible for summer food programs, but through the grant, officials will be ready.

Coolers and ice packs will be used to help with lunch distribution for students of the General McLane School District.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized

school districts to provide lunches for all students under 18 without certifying financial need," Edinboro officials said. "In order to prepare for expected increases in meals for delivery, bagged meals, including milk, will need to be transported via coolers over the eight delivery routes designated by the district. The summer food program is being planned for the same delivery routes and also have to four static distribution sites, who will also need coolers."

According to Rick Scaletta, superintendent for General McLane School District, there are 2,100 students in the school district. This means this program has the potential to help 1,400 families.

The program is administered by the Intermediate Unit 5 and the meals are prepared by the Fort LeBoeuf School District employees.

"We are only responsible for distribution," Scaletta said.

Boro Women & Family Services will benefit through the grant with the distribution of family relief packages.

"Funding for the family packages will provide for both typical family needs, such as diapers and personal care items as well as items specific to COVID-19, like anti-bacterial soap and protective masks," officials said.

This funding could provide 120 packages; 30 of the packages would be for families with infants/toddlers.

Other items partially funded include providing certificates to local restaurants and Zoom meetings.

Zoom meetings have been a necessity given in-person meetings have not been allowed.

ECGRA has awarded more than \$600,000 in grants since the March 19 launch of its Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund.



## Renaissance Grant awarded for Corry neighborhood

BY SARA JUKES  
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Neighborhood revitalization will be taking place in Corry thanks to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's Renaissance Block Matching Grant Program. It was recently announced that Corry is a grant recipient and was awarded \$100,000, which is the highest amount that could be awarded per application.

That amount will fund about half of the neighborhood selected to be the first to receive funding — School House Block.

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The Corry Journal, Friday, June 5, 2020

## Grant

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Nineteen properties within four cluster groups are slotted to receive funding toward property projects. There are 17 properties remaining from School House Block that are next in line to have projects funded.

Community Development Director Chuck Gray said a

next step is to meet with funding recipients, discuss planned projects and possible permitting needs.

"I'm grateful programs like this exist for investment into homes to help people who want to make that investment and let their dollars go further," Gray said.

Gray went on to say how the faith shown by the community has helped this program become a reality.

"When we started in November, we didn't have any money, we only had hope of starting this program," Gray said. "People turned up anyway and they

believed it was a good idea."

Gray said she intends to pursue more grants to finish funding the rest of the neighborhood's applicants as well as find additional grants to continue to be able to offer funding opportunities to more neighborhoods throughout Corry.

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## Local school districts to get face shields thanks to ECGRA grant

By Sandy Rhodes  
Editor, FLAG area

ERIE — More than 1,200 face shields are now available for all four school districts in the West County area, thanks to a grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

A total of 5,530 face shields will be given to administrators, teachers and staff of Erie County school districts and a 1,215 will be given to the four local school districts — Fairview, Girard, General McLane and Northwestern.

The breakdown is as follows: Fairview, 375; Girard, 265; General McLane, 275; and Northwestern, 300.

"Thanks to the ECGRA Board for being proactive for the safety and security of our students and teachers in Erie County," said State Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-49. "Getting schools prepared to reopen will be a daunting task. ECGRA's investment in over 5,000 face shields will give them

one less thing to worry about."

Laughlin's district includes the Fairview, General McLane, Girard and Northwestern school districts.

State Rep. Ryan Bizzarro, D-3, echoed Laughlin's statements. Bizzarro's are includes the General McLane School District.

"On behalf of the parents and teachers across northwest Pennsylvania, I am extremely happy to see our community come together to protect both young and old from the spread of COVID-19," Bizzarro said. "Our children need a safe and secure opportunity to learn and grow, and this effort by ECGRA to supply face shields for school employees in our region will make a noticeable impact on our battle against the pandemic."

Perry Wood, executive director for ECGRA, said his agency wanted to help in making sure everyone is safe when school resumes in the fall.

"As 2020-21 school year reopening plans are drafted, the teachers, administrators, and staff in

schools across Erie County will be equipped with face shields to help reduce the spread of COVID-19," Perry Wood said. "This provides equal access to PPE equipment across Erie County and allows administrators to focus on planning to help students return to school and succeed."

Non-profit organizations can still request free face shields through Project Face Shield here: <https://www.ecgra.org/covid-19-face-shield-form>

The Erie County COVID-19 Human Relief Fund was created by ECGRA and Erie County Council to support those in need throughout Erie County. The Human Relief Fund is part of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund, established by ECGRA to provide flexible and patient loans to non-profits, and small businesses.

A total of \$673,434 has been awarded since the launch of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund on March 19.





# Downtown Girard Committee, borough offering grants

## Facade grant program enters its 3rd year

By Sandy Rhodes  
Editor, FLAG Area

**GIRARD** — The Downtown Girard Committee is hopeful the third time continues to be a charm for the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

The committee, along with Girard Borough, announced that applications are now being accepted for the facade program, which was created in 2018 when the borough has awarded more than \$67,000 in facade grants. This has resulted in \$140,000

See Façade, P. 8

## Money available for business affected by COVID-19 pandemic

By Sandy Rhodes  
Editor, FLAG area

**GIRARD** — Help is on the way for downtown Girard business owners.

Girard Borough, in partnership with the Downtown Girard Committee, has created the Business Recovery Grant Program, which is designed to help businesses in downtown Girard to recover from economic and operational challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses can apply for up to \$1,000 to help pay for a multitude of supplies and services that have come about because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Facade

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in completed and scheduled improvements in two years in downtown Girard.

All buildings within the designated downtown boundary, which is Main Street from the east borough line (just west of Westgate Drive) to Old Ridge Road, and Rice Avenue from Main Street to Vine Street, are eligible for these grant funds, provided that all improvements are in compliance with the codes and ordinances of Girard Borough. Property owners, as well businesses in the downtown, are encouraged to apply for the grants.

The economic vitality of Girard is dependent upon a vibrant and well-maintained downtown and this opportunity can help business owners along the way.

"We're seeing investments in the downtown are helping to create a compelling place for businesses to exist and residents and visitors to spend time," said George Drushel, chairman of the Downtown Girard Committee.

These facade grants will be made on a 50/50 matching basis. Girard Borough will provide up to 50% of the project cost as a grant

with the remaining 50% of the cost being the property/business owner's responsibility. The maximum grant awarded will be \$10,000, but applicants may request as little as \$200.

Given that many businesses have had to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials are not sure how many will apply for or can afford the 50/50 match of the grant, but they want to make the funds available regardless.

"We are putting it out there if someone is in the position to apply if they can," said Girard Borough Manager Rob Stubenbort.

Part of the agreement of the facade grant is that the money is made available for three cycles, with 2020 being the third cycle.

The deadline for applicants to apply is July 17.

More information can be found on Girard Borough's website, girardborough.com.

Funding for the 2020 Façade Improvement Grant Program is from a Mission Main Street Grant awarded to the borough by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

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An individual grant may be up to \$1,000 to cover new expenses or applied to eligible and approved costs incurred no earlier than March 6, the date of the governor's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

A 50/50 financial match is required.

"Our downtown businesses are an important part of the fabric of our community, and they are being significantly impacted by the pause in economic activity caused by the necessary stay-at-home order, as well as the new requirements for operating safely during the pandemic," said Borough Manager, Rob Stubenbort. "We are hopeful that this program will provide our businesses some much-needed support during these tough times."

The deadline for businesses to apply is June 19. Funding decisions will be made within four days of the deadline and those applicants who are awarded the grants will be notified by June 23.

Stubenbort said the Committee is using money that was left over from last year's Façade Improvement Grant.

"We were allowed to set aside \$10,000 for that," he said of the COVID-19-related grant.

Those interested in using the grant money can use it on the following items:

- Development of an e-commerce or online selling platform
- Development of gift cards for the business

- Development of a business contingency plan

- Hiring a professional to help manage expenses and revenues, and related contracts which were negatively affected by the impact of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration

- Hiring a professional to help business owners communicate with their customers online

- Hiring a professional to help business owners research, review and apply for grant and loan opportunities

- Hiring a professional to help business owners understand, plan for and react to employment issues

- Hiring a professional to help business owners create and implement and/or customer safety protocols required by applicable Department of Health Orders and/or CDC or other government guidelines to enable business owners to resume business

- Purchasing safety equipment/supplies

- Implementing customer capacity management and fulfillment logistics to include business floor layout plan, signs and contactless transactions.

The eligible area mirrors that of the Downtown Façade Grant Program, which was expanded this year to the Taco Bell area in the eastern part of the borough on Main Street.

The new area includes all buildings within the designated downtown boundary, which is Main Street from the east borough line (just west of Westgate Drive) to Old Ridge Road, and Rice Avenue from Main Street to Vine Street.

"Many business owners have been concerned about reopening and this may make a difference for them and we wanted to make the funds available right away," Stubenbort said. "If we could get a grant that could help everybody we certainly would, but with this, we can help as many people as we can."

This money was secured from last year's facade grant program, which is funded by the Erie Gaming Revenue Authority.

More information is available on the borough's website at girardborough.com.



## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12, 2020**

### **Resolution to Fund Applicants Selected through the Immediate Human Relief Grant Program As part of the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic poses a threat to Erie County, as a significant public health, economic, and mental health crisis;

WHEREAS, Erie County Council passed a resolution requesting that ECGRA create the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund (the "Fund") on March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the ECGRA Board of Directors responded to County Council's request on March 19, 2020 by establishing the Fund, which included an Immediate Human Relief grant program;

WHEREAS, Immediate Human Relief was defined as including: 1) food insecurity, food delivery systems, and food pantries, 2) homeless shelters and homeless prevention, 3) eldercare, and emergency response for the elderly, and, 4) childcare, and children effected by the crisis;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency declared by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and due to the need to make funding immediately available through the Immediate Human Relief portion of the Fund, the ECGRA Board of Directors authorized and directed the Executive Director to (1) work with staff to analyze and review Immediate Human Relief grant applications; (2) to provide each individual Board Member with information regarding the grant applications and related staff recommendations, and to allow the individual Board Member to offer advice regarding whether he or she had any objections to the staff recommendation; (3) where no objections existed, to award grants to qualifying applicants and to distribute the grant dollars in a timely fashion; and, (4) to present the awards to the Board for retroactive approval at the May 21, 2020 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law, hereby retroactively approves the award of four (4) grants that were issued in accordance with staff recommendations to provide Immediate Human Relief during the period of the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, as are attached to this resolution.

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

This resolution was passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 by a vote of \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
June 18, 2020

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA

# COVID-19 Response Fund

Organization	Project Name	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
A Hand Up Erie	Bed Delivery	\$4,000.00	
Bethany Outreach Center	A Hand Up	\$28,029.22	\$7,600.00
Borough of Girard	Christian Cupboard	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Erie	Institutional and Program Sustainability	\$10,807.00	
Bud Sines Contracting	Contracting Services	\$10,000.00	
Community Nursing Services of North East	COVID-19	\$100,000.00	
Community Shelter Services	Emergency Sheltering Increase due to COVID-19	\$56,750.00	\$30,750.00
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation	COVID-19 Response	\$354,000.00	
Edinboro Community & Economic Development Corp.	Edinboro Community COVID-19 Relief	\$17,990.92	\$9,370.00
Ella Cochran Food Pantry	Food Insecurities	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Elmwood Food Pantry	Emergency Food	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Erie City Mission	Homeless Shelter and Kitchen	\$39,085.00	\$39,085.00
Erie County Department of Health	Enhanced Screening Outreach to Community Centers	\$223,150.00	
Erie County Department of Human Services	Emergency Shelter for Homeless of Erie County	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Erie County Resource Family Organization	Foster Parent and Child Support	\$10,000.00	
Erie DAWN	Housing with a Heart	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00
Erie Family Center	Diaper Depot Emergency Distribution	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Erie Family Center #2	Emergency Diaper Distribution Expansion	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Erie Homes for Children & Adults	COVID-19 Relief	\$56,290.00	
Erie United Methodist Alliance	Homelessness & COVID-19 Response	\$13,965.00	\$2,365.00
Gannon University	Healthcare Operators Protective Equipment	\$32,630.00	\$23,000.00
Harbor Creek High School	Ear Savers	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Humane Society of NWPA	Relief for Homeless Animals during COVID-19	\$10,000.00	
HVA Senior Living Alliance	CareConnct Telemedicine	\$13,600.00	\$6,800.00
International Institute of Erie	Pre-School Childcare & Summer Program	\$25,000.00	\$17,210.00
Love INC of West Erie County	Operations/Ministrium Replenishment Fund	\$5,000.00	
MECA, Inc.	Senior Care	\$7,000.00	\$3,850.00
MECA, Inc. #2	Food Delivery & More	\$14,175.00	
Mercy Center for Women	Emergency Homeless Shelter-related Costs	\$256,634.00	\$9,525.00
Metro-Erie Meals on Wheels	Food Distribution for Homebound Elderly	\$15,000.00	\$2,000.00
Millcreek Counseling & Mental Health Advocacy	Support for Mental Health Counselors & Related Childcare Expenses	\$10,700.00	\$2,500.00
N-GEMS Inc.	Real-Time Equipment Tracking	\$19,400.00	
North East Community Food Pantry	Emergency Food Acquisition	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Northwestern Food Pantry	COVID-19 Response to Provide Food and Personal Health Support	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

	Child Care Assistance for Erie Team Members at Presbyterian Homes of Lake Erie		
Presbyterian Senior Care Network	Communities	\$5,000.00	
Presbyterian Senior Care Network	Supplies for Residents and Staff	\$10,000.00	
Project Face Shield	PPE Purchase for Public Safety and Nonprofit Sectors	\$13,400.00	\$13,400.00
Project Face Shield for Educators	Purchase and Supply shields for 13 public school districts in Erie County	\$22,120.00	\$22,120.00
RealLife Assembly Early Learning Center	RealLife Assembly Early Learning Center	\$10,000.00	
Sacred Heart Church	Sacred Heart Food Pantry	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Safe Journey	COVID Immediate Human Fund Relief	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Sarah A. Reed Children's Center	Medical Equipment, Supplies, and Technology to Protect Children and Staff	\$29,631.86	\$11,000.00
Sarah Reed Senior Living	Meal Delivery Program	\$19,827.00	\$5,200.00
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA	Emergency Food Relief Boxes	\$168,000.00	\$168,000.00
ServErie	Count Me In COVID-19 Initiative	\$30,355.00	\$8,710.00
Siminoff Massage and Bodywork	Massage Therapy	\$4,000.00	
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Rapid Relief	\$38,500.00	\$25,400.00
St. Martin Center	Deep Clean and Thermometers	\$7,339.98	\$7,300.00
St. Patrick's Haven	Men's Shelter Relief	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
The Pennsylvania State University	Face Shield Manufacturing for First Responders and Medical Professionals	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
The Pennsylvania State University	Round 2	\$46,500.00	\$46,500.00
The Pennsylvania State University	Mobile App Creation for Mental Health Clients	\$13,034.00	\$10,121.00
The Salvation Army, Corry	Food Security, Delivery, and Distribution	\$19,200.00	\$9,500.00
The Upper Room of Erie	Costs associated with increased regulations for COVID-19	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
The Urban Oasis Project	COVID-19 Response	\$27,000.00	
Union City Family Support	Union City Food Pantry Emergency Food Access	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Urban Erie Community Development Corporation	Community Supported Food Assistance	\$190,043.00	\$56,408.00
Voices for Independence	Personal Protective Equipment	\$3,000.00	
Waterford Community Food Pantry	2020 Revenue Relief	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
WQLN Public Media	COVID-19 Collaborative Weekly News Conference Broadcasts, Livestreams	\$5,675.00	
YADO	Help for Professional Instructors/Contractors	\$4,800.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie	Licensed childcare for "Life-Sustaining" Personnel	\$16,666.00	\$16,000.00
YMCA of Greater Erie #2	COVID-19 Emergency Response	\$22,960.00	\$22,960.00
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	Connected in 5	\$50,000.00	\$13,960.00
		\$2,188,457.98	\$678,834.00

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13, 2020**

**Resolution to Adopt the 2019-20 Annual Report**

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, the ECGRA Board of Directors and staff have effectively executed on all legal agreements, designed grant guidelines and an application process that is fair, open and transparent for multiple grant categories;

Whereas, ECGRA has funded ninety-nine (99) nonprofits and municipalities in the 2019-20 fiscal year totaling an investment of \$3,492,277.43 in Erie County;

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 present an Annual Report to the community detailing the funding categories, nonprofits and municipalities that were funded, the amount they received in funding and the results of that funding, to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

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

This resolution was passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

**ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY**

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 18, 2020

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA







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2019-2020 Annual Report



“Community assets like parks, fields, and trails are a source of civic pride in Erie County and will help preserve our local culture of togetherness — even when we are social distancing — while improving our local quality of life for years to come.”

—State Representative Ryan Bizzaro

This report is being issued as Erie County is simultaneously facing the worst health and economic crisis of our time. The COVID-19 global pandemic is also pushing local governments like counties, cities, and boroughs to their limits, with Erie County leaders earning strong reviews across the board.

As this fiscal year closed, Erie County Council utilized ECGRA’s grantmaking expertise and infrastructure to create the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund. So far, that Response Fund has moved the needle, garnering national attention for Erie County. The story of FY 2020-21 will most certainly be a look back at that effort, and reflect on how #OurErie has thrived in the face of crisis.

As we review 2019, though, a story of community investment has emerged. The Parks, Fields & Trails grant was established at a time when accessing outdoor space has become paramount to our health and happiness. Erie County’s Parks, Fields & Trails network is growing, making #OurErie a better place to live, work, and play.

An impact investor, ECGRA’s mission is to elevate Erie County by galvanizing nonprofits and small businesses toward economic and community development. Since February 2008, ECGRA has invested more than \$60 million in Erie County.

Using national best practices as models for grant making and impact investing, ECGRA has made and reported on 1,156 grants and loans to 260 nonprofits and municipalities totaling over \$60 million of investments of local share gaming revenue.

## 2019-20 Financial Report

### Assets:

Checking Account	\$55,350.85
Savings Account	\$10,483,291.85
Accounts Receivable	\$5,258,846.25
Prepaid Expenses	\$9,345.00

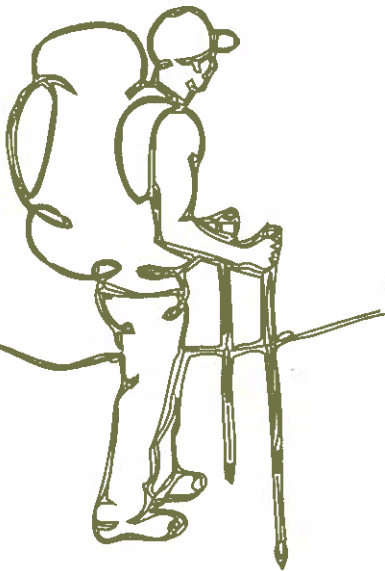
**Total Assets: \$15,033,423.61**

### Equity:

Beginning Balance	\$12,103,948.28
Net Income	\$766,835.47

Grants Issued:	\$3,492,277.45
Anchor Building	(\$340,276.20)
Community Assets	(\$433,708.60)
Covid-19 Immediate Human Relief	(\$125,025.00)
Local Government Development	(\$1,109,704.17)
Mission Main Street	(\$683,840.00)
Multi-Municipal Collaboration	(\$295,655.00)
Pilot Program	(\$55,000.00)
Renaissance Block	(\$119,920.00)
Special Events	(\$175,515.39)
Summer Jobs	(\$153,633.07)

**Total Equity: \$12,870,783.75**



### Board of Directors

Chair	<b>Michael J. Paris</b> owner Paris Homes
Vice Chair	<b>David M. Bagnoni</b> instructor University of Phoenix
Treasurer	<b>Dale E. Barney</b> community engagement and growth specialist Gateway Health
Secretary	<b>David S. Sample</b> owner Corry Lumber Company Inc.

**Ronald Cleaver**  
*retired*

**Dominick D. DiPaolo**  
*retired*

**Kelly Hess**  
Superintendent, Harborcreek School District

**Andre Horton**  
(ex-officio), chairman  
Erie County Council

**Gary N. Lee**  
(ex-officio), director of administration  
County of Erie

### ECGRA Staff

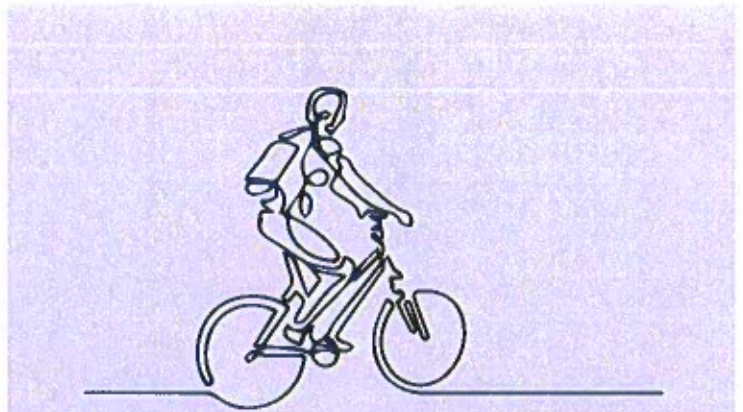
Executive Director	<b>Perry N. Wood, Ed. D.</b>
Grants Manager	<b>Tom M. Maggio</b>
Office Manager	<b>Tammi L. Michali</b>

# Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund

The Erie County COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund’s first and primary goal is to save lives by supporting those on the front lines of the COVID-19 battle. Grantmakers are uniquely positioned in a crisis because they are regularly in touch with nonprofit institutions that provide a range of life-saving and -enhancing services. Rapid communication with the leaders in this sector led to an early conclusion: capital was not flowing and, therefore, they could not help the people who depend on them.

Recipient	Program	Date	Amount
Erie Family Center	Immediate Human Relief	3/26/20	\$7,500.00
Mercy Center for Women	Immediate Human Relief	3/31/20	\$9,525.00
Metro-Erie Meals on Wheels	Immediate Human Relief	3/31/20	\$2,000.00
North East Community Food Pantry	Immediate Human Relief	3/26/20	\$1,000.00
Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA	Immediate Human Relief	3/26/20	\$84,000.00
The Upper Room	Immediate Human Relief	3/31/20	\$5,000.00
YMCA of Greater Erie	Immediate Human Relief	3/31/20	\$16,000.00

Anticipating that the food bank and pantry system would quickly run out of food, ECGRA reached out to the Second Harvest Food Bank and asked them to quantify the challenges that lie ahead. The first grant awarded supported 6,000 meals to be distributed to those in need throughout Erie County over the coming weeks. The ECGRA staff connected their team with Meals on Wheels to work on home delivery to the homebound seniors. The swift action of Erie County Council and the ECGRA Board of Directors allowed for a solution in anticipation of a problem—not a life boat when the ship has already sunk.



“These are unprecedented times in which families are in desperate need of food. This crisis is affecting our entire community and ECGRA quickly answered our call to purchase life sustaining food to help our neighbors.”

—Karen S. Seggi, Chief Executive Officer  
Erie Second Harvest Food Bank



# IMPACT

# Neighborhoods and Local Communities

To reinvigorate neighborhoods and commercial corridors, boost buy-local efforts, and combat blight. Current projects include Mission Main Street, Renaissance Block, and Anchor Building grants.

Recipient	Program	Impact Category	Date	Amount
Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Inc.	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$42,000.00
City of Corry	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	8/26/19	(\$5,225.00)
Erie Center for Arts & Technology	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Erie Masonic Temple Preservation Foundation	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$14,000.00
Grace Church	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	10/9/19	\$20,000.00
Housing & Neighborhood Development Services	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$10,000.00
Impact Corry	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Mercy Center for Women	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	1/7/20	\$80,000.00
Our West Bayfront	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	2/4/20	\$80,000.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	Anchor Building	Neighborhoods & Communities	6/11/19	\$69,501.20
Borough of Edinboro	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	4/10/19	\$95,350.00
Borough of Girard	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	10/3/19	\$80,000.00
Borough of Union City	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	5/23/19	\$75,000.00
Impact Corry	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	10/3/19	\$115,200.00
Our West Bayfront	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	6/11/19	\$116,190.00
Preservation Erie	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	6/11/19	\$28,000.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	6/11/19	\$90,500.00
Waterford Borough	Mission Main Street	Neighborhoods & Communities	10/3/19	\$83,600.00
Borough of Union City	Renaissance Block	Neighborhoods & Communities	4/24/19	\$25,000.00
Our West Bayfront	Renaissance Block	Neighborhoods & Communities	8/21/19	\$40,000.00
Preservation Erie	Renaissance Block	Neighborhoods & Communities	12/16/19	\$26,920.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Renaissance Block	Neighborhoods & Communities	8/15/19	\$28,000.00
				<b>\$1,144,036.20</b>



ECGRA was presented the 2020 Greater Erie Award from Preservation Erie for its ongoing advocacy for preservation efforts and initiatives in Erie County.

## 2019 MISSION MAIN STREET EFFORTS EARNS RECOGNITION

Studies show that improving main streets can drive job creation and promote tourism – two critical economic growth components. Mission Main Street funding is sparking collaboration and building local capacity through an effort by Preservation Erie to help small and rural communities prepare to access these funds.

In an era when funding for historic preservation activities can be hard to come by, ECGRA is a reliable source of local support for preservation work. The authority's grant programs have provided funding to historical societies, museums, municipalities, and neighborhood revitalization organizations for adaptive reuse projects, re-grant programs for commercial and residential property improvements, cultural programming, streetscape initiatives, preservation planning, and more. By investing in historic preservation projects, the authority is protecting and enhancing Erie County's built environment, as well as the quality of place that makes Erie County a source of pride for residents and a destination for visitors.

—Melinda Meyer  
Preservation Erie



# IMPACT Small Business

To catalyze our region’s private sector and develop Erie’s entrepreneurial ecosystem by spurring small business development, building collaborations for business acceleration, and offering a broader spectrum of financing products for starting, growing, and reinventing small business. Learn more about the programs that support this effort: Beehive Network, Erie Innovation District, TechCelerator, Erie Inclusive Fund, and Ignite Erie™.

Following the launch Drexel University recognized ECGRA as a "first mover" in the United States on the front lines of small business stabilization thanks to its commitment to Small Businesses. The \$2.35 million Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund, established by ECGRA and Erie County Council in the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic, included \$1.6 million of loans to small businesses and non-profits to help meet rapidly rising needs generated as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis. These ECGRA loans were administered through Bridgeway Capital.

The ECGRA framed the funds as a local stimulus package to get the local economy through the next 30 days until state and federal government money arrived. It was a local rescue package.

—Nowak Metro Finance Lab, Drexel University



# IMPACT Quality of Place

Community development happens successfully when the public and civic sectors work together to strengthen the social fabric of the community. This synergy generates investment and improves the quality of life for residents. You must look no further than Erie County’s beautiful parks, fields and trails to understand the value of investing in their maintenance and providing opportunity to expand them.

In 2019 ECGRA launched Parks, Fields, & Trails grants to provide funding for capital projects to create, protect, or improve publicly accessible parks, athletic fields, and trails throughout Erie County. Funding can also be used to increase or improve access to recreational facilities. These spaces have become more important than ever, as our new normal drives residents outside, but requires a safe distance from others.

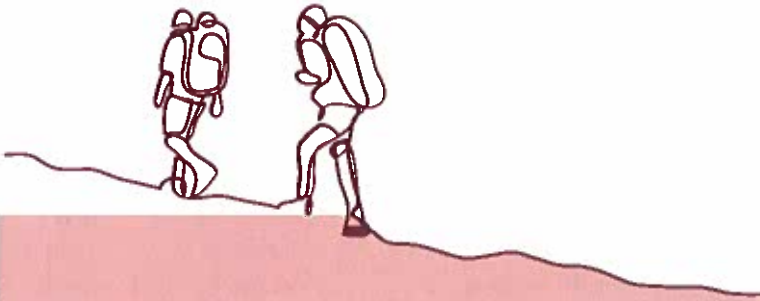
## PARKS, FIELDS, & TRAILS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Asbury Woods	Meadow Trail Restoration	\$14,918.23
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	The Three Forts of Presque Isle	\$20,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Thompson Park Renewal	\$25,000.00
Headwaters NRC Trust	Headwaters Park Nature Play Area	\$25,000.00
Humane Society of NWPA	Erie Humane Society "Bark Park" Project	\$15,000.00
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier	2020 LEAF Pathways Project	\$14,712.37
Lake Erie Region Conservancy	West Road Access Area Trail Improvement	\$12,459.00
Platea Borough	Platea Borough Park Improvement Project	\$2,500.00
Springfield Township	Bicentennial Park Improvements	\$3,750.00
Washington Township	Inspiration Park Trail Project	\$16,500.00
<b>TOTAL Requested</b>		<b>\$149,839.60</b>



# IMPACT

# Quality of Place



“Developing our communities helps make Erie County a better place to live, work, and play. ECGRA has a keen focus on strategic investment that supports economic and neighborhood growth. These dollars are working from the ground up, and I’m proud of the work they are doing to stimulate the economy and elevate the quality of life in Erie County.”

—Andre Horton, District-2  
Erie County Council Chair

Recipient	Program	Date	Amount
Academy Neighborhood Association	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$3,000.00
AmeriMasala	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$8,000.00
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$14,918.23
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$20,000.00
Booker T. Washington Center	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$25,000.00
Borough of Girard	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$5,000.00
Borough of North East	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$10,000.00
Community Access Media	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$7,000.00
Community Health Net	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$10,000.00
Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Edinboro Highland Games	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$8,000.00
Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc.	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Erie Yesterday	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$12,250.00
Film Society of Northwestern PA	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$15,000.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$10,000.00
Greater Erie Alliance for Equality	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$7,000.00
Headwaters Natural Resource Center Trust	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$25,000.00
Humane Society of NWPA	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
Impact Cory	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$10,000.00
JFK Center	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$2,954.00
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier (LEAF)	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$14,712.37
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$10,000.00
Lake Erie Region Conservancy	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$12,459.00
League of Women Voters Erie County Chapter	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$15,000.00
Martin Luther King Center	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00
North East Community Fair Association	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$3,150.00
Northwestern Community Youth Center	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$3,000.00
Platea Borough	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$2,500.00
Presque Isle Chapter, NSDAR	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$15,000.00
Springfield Township	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$3,750.00
Urban Erie Community Development Corporation	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$15,000.00

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To promote well-being, foster civic pride, drive tourism, and attract, retain, and mobilize creative talent and innovative businesses through cultural, heritage, service, and recreational organizations and projects.

Currently, grant and endowment funds are at work for Lead Assets, Special Events, and Community Assets.



# IMPACT

# Quality of Place



Supporting local events helps support the economies, residents, and businesses in small and large communities across Erie County. Events like parades and festivals are part of the social fabric that enhance the attractiveness of a region, while elevating our pride in Erie County. Special events grants are driving tourism, attracting talent to the region, and helping sustain some quintessential Erie traditions that have helped make Erie County a special place to visit and to call home.

Recipient	Program	Date	Amount
<small>continued from previous page</small> Washington Township	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$16,500.00
West Erie County Emergency Management Agency	Community Assets	9/15/19	\$6,655.00
WQLN Public Media	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$6,000.00
YMCA of Corry	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$12,000.00
YMCA of Greater Erie	Community Assets	1/7/20	\$11,515.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	Community Assets	10/3/19	\$10,000.00
Jefferson Educational Society	Pilot Program	11/14/19	\$5,000.00
Partnership for a Healthy Community	Pilot Program	6/11/19	\$50,000.00
Achievement Center	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,449.48
Albion Area Fair, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$10,351.80
AmeriMasala	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,070.28
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$876.60
Borough of North East	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,540.80
Borough of Union City	Special Events	4/10/19	\$454.10
Boy Scouts of America / French Creek Council	Special Events	4/10/19	\$492.03
CAFÉ	Special Events	4/10/19	\$12,085.20
Corry Area Arts Council	Special Events	4/10/19	\$277.20
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$2,000.02
Downtown North East	Special Events	4/10/19	\$4,558.50
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation	Special Events	4/10/19	\$9,626.09
Edinboro Highland Games	Special Events	4/10/19	\$2,124.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Special Events	4/10/19	\$7,668.00
Erie Asian Pacific American Association	Special Events	4/10/19	\$684.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	Special Events	4/10/19	\$5,847.55
Erie County Fair/Wattsburg Agricultural Society	Special Events	4/10/19	\$10,575.14
Erie Downtown Partnership	Special Events	4/10/19	\$4,014.00
Erie Homes for Children and Adults	Special Events	4/10/19	\$2,367.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,204.14
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Special Events	4/10/19	\$810.00
Harborcreek Township	Special Events	4/10/19	\$881.96
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	Special Events	4/10/19	\$4,982.40
Iroquois School District Foundation	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,171.60
Jefferson Educational Society	Special Events	4/10/19	\$11,340.00
Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier (LEAF)	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,476.00
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,801.60
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	Special Events	4/10/19	\$5,076.00
Mercy Center for Women	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,629.00
The Nonprofit Partnership	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,510.00
Preservation Erie	Special Events	4/10/19	\$448.20
Presque Isle Partnership	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,500.82
Roar on the Shore, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$17,421.75
SafeNet	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,620.00
Saint Joseph Church	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,600.00
Saint Patrick's Church	Special Events	4/10/19	\$4,181.40
ServErie	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,060.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Special Events	4/10/19	\$3,310.80
Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation	Special Events	4/10/19	\$608.40
Union City Pride, Inc.	Special Events	4/10/19	\$722.14
Waterford Community Fair Association	Special Events	4/10/19	\$6,118.67
WQLN Public Media	Special Events	4/10/19	\$1,722.96
YMCA of Greater Erie	Special Events	4/10/19	\$8,535.42
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	Special Events	4/10/19	\$2,214.54
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	Special Events	4/10/19	\$505.80

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# IMPACT Municipalities



To foster progress and functional cooperation among Erie County's 38 municipal governments. Current programs include Multi-Municipal Collaboration grants and Local Government Development.

Recipient	Program	Impact Category	Date	Amount
County of Erie	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$122,067.50
Greene Township	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$122,067.50
McKean Township	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$122,067.50
Millcreek Township	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$122,067.50
Summit Township	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$499,366.90
Waterford Township	Local Government Development	Municipalities	2019	\$122,067.50
Borough of North East	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	9/15/19	\$82,000.00
Erie Area Council of Governments	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	2019	\$20,000.00
Girard Township	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	9/15/19	\$17,000.00
Jefferson Educational Society	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	5/23/19	\$100,000.00
West County Paramedic Association	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	9/15/19	\$70,000.00
West County Emergency Management Agency	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	Municipalities	9/15/19	\$6,655.00
				<b>\$1,405,359.17</b>



# IMPACT Youth and Education



To educate Erie's workforce, strengthen schools and employers, and abate poverty. Initiatives include the Go College Initiative, Tech After Hours, Eagle's Nest Leadership, Summer Jobs and More, Erie's Community College Plan, and Community Schools.

Recipient	Program	Impact Category	Date	Amount
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	Summer Jobs	Youth & Education	2018	\$3,633.07
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	Summer Jobs	Youth & Education	2019	\$150,000.00
				<b>\$153,633.07</b>



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