



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA ZOOM

Notice posted on location at:
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
March 18, 2021

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2021
5. DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS
6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. PRESENTATION
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee
 - c. Update from County Council
 - d. Update from County Executive’s Office
10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT
12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Draft Budget
- b. Resolution to Enter into agreements with 23 Erie County Special Events Grants applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 – ANNUAL MEETING
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

February 18, 2021

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 February 18, 2021 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 and at 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, Ms. Loll, Mr. Paris, and Mr. Sample. Mr. Lee, Mr. Wachter, and Dr. Wood are also present. It is mentioned that Ms. Loll's computer does not have audio or video options and will be participating in the meeting via the chat function in zoom to discuss or ask anything as well as to cast her votes for motions.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 2021

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no further discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 7-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Loll: I just wanted to thank Tammi for answering all my questions.

Ms. Michali: You're very welcome.

Mr. Cleaver: When is the end of your term, March 31?

Mr. Paris: It will be at the reorganization meeting in April.

Mr. Cleaver: So, year-end is March, and we start again come April 1st?

Mr. Paris: Technically, yes. But this is something that needs to be voted on so I will be in place until that meeting in April.

Mr. Cleaver: I see that the annual meeting is on April 15th.

Mr. Paris: Yes, that would be it.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris: Not many of you were here, but I wanted to let everyone know that Dr. Lynn Corder, who served on the Board for quite awhile before David Bagnoni took his place and now Carol Loll is there, but Lynn passed away about a week and a half ago and I just wanted to let those of us who knew him that we are thinking of him.

Mr. Cleaver: Who passed away?

Mr. Paris: Dr. Lynn Corder. I believe he was the Superintendent of the Northwestern School District.

Mr. Wachter: That sounds right.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public on the call for comments.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver: As we discussed at the last meeting when I accepted the Treasurer's role, I have always felt – and still do – and I've talked to Perry about it, since he does all the bill-paying and invoices, that I would just turn over the Treasurer's Report to him. I reviewed it with him yesterday; I have no comment but the rest of the Board may.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as reviewed by Mr. Cleaver.
Mr. Sample seconds the motion.

Mr. Cleaver: I should ask, do you have any comment at this time, Perry, on the Treasurer's Report?

Dr. Wood: No.

There are no questions or further discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 7-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: There was no meeting held so there is nothing to report.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Anderson is not present to give an update.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to go over the highlights for the Summer Jobs Program. As many of you are aware, the County did make the award to GECAC last Thursday, February 11, 2021. It was a very good process. We really worked as far as the cost; that has been very important to me. Since the inception of the program, the County has not had to go back to County Council nor have we had to come back to ECGRA to ask for any type of increase in dollars and we are very pleased with that. That is with kudos to our finance team for staying on top of that and making sure that everything should be in line from a cost perspective.

The proposal that was accepted, it did go up 9% and it varied the number of students. It is based on two years with an additional two-year renewal if it is chosen to go down that avenue. It is predicated upon 100 students, 150, 175, and 200 students. The majority of the time we average between 150 – 170; last year it was 90 students which we were very pleased with that number because we were, and we are still, working through the pandemic. This year we are expecting maybe about the same or just a little bit more.

The 9% increase was due solely to GECAC looking to bring someone on full-time to oversee this program. We are going to make sure that they are going to follow the objectives that were put in their proposal as far as what this individual is going to do. It is going to give them more lead time for recruiting and working with the schools. I just cannot say enough of the leadership of Sylvia last year; she led the program very well. Unfortunately, she is no longer with GECAC, but we are confident that whoever they select, this individual will be just as passionate and just as competent to lead the program.

That was the big news as far as it pertains to the partnership that the County has with the Gaming Authority; we are excited. Are there any questions that I can address at this time? Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. If you take a look at the Executive Director's Report in your packet, you will see that the first thing is from the Finance Department of the County that the fourth quarter gaming revenue came in, and it came in on time. We were just reviewing that recently, so we will be updating the revenue dashboard. Next you will see a thank-you letter from Mercyhurst University followed by the agendas for the COVID Task Force. The Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Task Force has been meeting – this is just a reminder that these meetings are weekly and are held on Wednesdays. ECGRA sets up the Zoom on behalf of the County Council Task Force and then Chairs Anderson and Clear run the meeting. ECGRA provides the support for it; it has been going quite well. We have had provided them with guest speakers in the area of economic development.

We are working internally on a survey of our Main Street partners to see how they have been affected by COVID and we are also working with external partners on data sources they have collected from the Economic Research Institute of Erie to The Nonprofit Partnership here in town which is an association of nonprofits. There is also a couple of articles in there that have gone forth with some publication of our efforts.

I also wanted to tell you that the staff is working on a special report on the results of the COVID Response Fund. March will be exactly one year since we launched that Fund in the midst of COVID and participated in helping to fund immediate human relief and the loan funds that were created to help small business and nonprofits. We are going to do a special report for the Board and bring it forth showing how the timeline unfolded and where we're at with that.

I will wrap up my comments by saying that I have been working with the Treasurer on the finances, and that includes at this time of year the proposal of a new budget. A new budget will be on the docket to be voted on in April, so we have begun that process as a staff to analyze costs. The next step is to go to the Treasurer and have a discussion with him about a draft budget, and then to provide that draft budget to the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting for your comments and reviews. We can have discussions on line items and their purpose in the budget. That budget will also include recommendations for increases or decreases of certain line items and it will include recommendations for any kind of cost-of-living increase for employees. That is part of the discussion we were having with the Treasurer right now. We will bring forth options there, and then we will have a full discussion as a Board. The budget will also include moving to a health insurance plan which is something Tammi is currently researching with both Highmark and UPMC.

Are there any questions for me?

Mr. Cleaver: Just to clear this in my mind, you are requesting two bids or proposals for health insurance coverage for the staff and yourself, right?

Dr. Wood: That is correct. We are requesting quotes from those two entities.

Mr. Cleaver: And we're going to put that into effect for when, the new year which would happen on April 15th at the Annual meeting?

Dr. Wood: Yes, because that is the start of the new fiscal year.

Mr. Cleaver: Thank you. I just wanted to make sure I had it clear in my mind.

Mr. Lee: Dr. Wood, I have a couple of questions. The COVID-19 initiative that you are working on with Council Council, I know you had the opportunity to have Bruce Katz speak, which I thought was great; do you have any idea of some of the other guest speakers that you may be bringing in for the Council to hear?

Dr. Wood: Next Wednesday we are having Adam Bratton from the Nonprofit Partnership come in and talk about the surveying that was done of nonprofits in the midst of COVID last year. Part of the discussion will be that they would like to do some follow-up surveying and they would like to know what kinds of questions they should be asking based upon what the task force is interested in. Other guest speakers have been there is a newly funded women's business center, which is an SBA concept, and we've also had Dr. Ken Louie from the Economic Research Institute of Erie come in and talk to us about the indicators project that Behrend's economics' department works on quarterly.

Mr. Lee: If we wanted to attend the meetings, how would we go about it, Dr. Wood?

Dr. Wood: Tammi can send you a link to the Zoom meeting. They are publicly advertised according to Sunshine Law and anyone is welcome to participate. From the Administration, Honey Stempka has been attending the meetings.

Mr. Lee: Wonderful. I am aware that she has attended the meetings. Thank you. I think that is a great project. The last question I have is in reference to I know that ECGRA had stepped up to work with the various Community Centers. I know you were working with Mr. Horton, Mr. Sherrod, and Mr. Hilliard at the Booker T. Washington Center on the food insecurities. I just wanted to know if there has been any continuing talk about that and is there any role that the Authority may be playing in that going forward?

Dr. Wood: That is a great question. There hasn't been any further dialog moving forward on that probably since, what would be a good term, suspending the COVID Response Fund. So, no, we have not had any further discussions. It doesn't mean that we can't though. I think we should be open to those.

Mr. Lee: Okay. Thank you, Dr. Wood.

Dr. Wood: Are there any other questions for me? If not, thank you for your time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to cover at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no New Business to cover at this time.

Mr. Sample moves to adjourn.

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Profit & Loss
February 2021**

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	1,247,584.00	4,432,298.77		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	771.12	34,700.17		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		22,917.67		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		20,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		13,010.84		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive		19,097.24		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		829.29		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		3,889.00		
46440 · Immediate Human Relief Fund		275,000.00		
Total Income	<u>1,248,355.12</u>	<u>4,821,742.98</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	417.90	63,425.57	82,962.00	90,500.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,456.67	17,879.63	17,413.00	19,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,535.96	9,374.94	20,944.00	22,850.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	3,657.66	29,320.82	50,193.00	54,750.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	19,563.80	226,361.14	246,081.00	268,452.00
Total Expense	<u>26,631.99</u>	<u>346,362.10</u>	417,593.00	455,552.00
Net Ordinary Income	1,221,723.13	4,475,380.88		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets	12,000.00	320,540.75		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	311,896.00	1,108,074.69		
70070 · Special Events	2,055.02	12,775.39		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		99,000.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street		364,671.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program		20,759.45		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI		500,000.00		
70130 · Small Business Financing		307,123.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow		216,666.50		
70170 · Renaissance Block		210,625.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		359,375.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief		585,889.00		
70195 · Response Fund - Small Business MRI		620,000.00		
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>325,951.02</u>	<u>4,725,499.78</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(325,951.02)</u>	<u>(4,725,499.78)</u>		
Net Income	<u>895,772.11</u>	<u>(250,118.90)</u>		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2021

	February
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	20,012.95
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,189,302.85
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,324,224.08
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	3,688,747.92
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	10,202,274.85
Total Checking/Savings	10,222,287.80
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · Note Receivable - CIBA	18,846.25
12004 · Note Receivable - BWC - Erie Growth	1,000,000.00
12005 · Note Receivable - Progress	1,000,000.00
12010 · Note Receivable - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · Note Receivable - EDF Restruct	1,300,000.00
12060 · Notes Receivable - BWC - Inclu	2,500,000.00
12070 · Note Receivable - Blue Highway	250,000.00
12080 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Sm Bus	520,000.00
12085 · NR - BWC - Resp Fund Nnprofit	100,000.00
12090 · Notes Receivable - eCAT	500,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,540,000.00)
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	6,148,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	6,064.98
Total Other Current Assets	6,154,911.23
Total Current Assets	16,377,199.03
TOTAL ASSETS	16,377,199.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20200 · Retirement Payable	(750.00)
Total Liabilities	(750.00)
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,952,783.75
Net Income	498,101.10
Total Equity	16,377,949.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	16,377,949.03

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
February 2021

Expense	February	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	11,400.00	15,000.00	(3,600.00)	76.00%
62120 · Government Relations Services	0.00	3,189.38	3,189.38	0.00	100.00%
62130 · Professional Services	0.00	31,065.00	36,000.00	(4,935.00)	86.29%
62140 · Legal Services	338.00	16,108.94	35,000.00	(18,891.06)	46.03%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	660.00	3,000.00	(2,340.00)	22.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	79.90	1,002.25	1,500.00	(497.75)	66.82%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	417.90	63,425.57	93,689.38	(30,263.81)	67.70%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	1,864.98	1,000.00	864.98	186.50%
62890 · Rent	1,456.67	16,014.65	18,000.00	(1,985.35)	88.97%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,456.67	17,879.63	19,000.00	(1,120.37)	94.10%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	57.63	1,972.61	3,500.00	(1,527.39)	56.36%
65020 · Postage	69.07	274.77	500.00	(225.23)	54.95%
65040 · Office Supplies	1.49	542.02	2,000.00	(1,457.98)	27.10%
65050 · Cell Phone	1,026.82	1,943.39	2,200.00	(256.61)	88.34%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	3,805.45	4,200.00	(394.55)	90.61%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	72.17	2,000.00	(1,927.83)	3.61%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	376.00	200.00	176.00	188.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	274.00	4,000.00	(3,726.00)	6.85%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	16.00	4,000.00	(3,984.00)	0.40%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	98.53	250.00	(151.47)	39.41%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	1,535.96	9,374.94	22,850.00	(13,475.06)	41.03%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	1,657.10	2,546.31	8,000.00	(5,453.69)	31.83%
65110 · Advertising	89.00	525.80	7,000.00	(6,474.20)	7.51%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	1,077.06	16,683.70	18,000.00	(1,316.30)	92.69%
65120 · Insurance	834.50	4,308.00	9,850.00	(5,542.00)	43.74%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	4,900.00	4,900.00	0.00	100.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	357.01	7,000.00	(6,642.99)	5.10%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	3,657.66	29,320.82	54,750.00	(25,429.18)	53.55%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	16,691.66	200,390.12	233,000.00	(32,609.88)	86.00%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,315.15	15,564.90	17,302.00	(1,737.10)	89.96%
66015 · FUTA Tax	36.04	123.08	150.00	(26.92)	82.05%
66020 · PASUI Tax	185.61	651.95	2,000.00	(1,348.05)	32.60%
66500 · Retirement	0.00	6,650.00	9,000.00	(2,350.00)	73.89%
66700 · PMRS	1,335.34	2,730.68	7,000.00	(4,269.32)	39.01%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	19,563.80	226,110.73	268,452.00	(42,341.27)	84.23%
Total Expense	26,631.99	346,111.69	458,741.38	(112,629.69)	75.45%

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
February 28, 2021

	February	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	3,324,224.08		
Committed Funds	3,189,302.85		

2020 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)

First Quarter Gaming Revenue		345,218.83	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,519,587.33	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,657,503.80	
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue	1,247,584.00	1,247,584.00	4,769,893.96

FY Disbursements:

First Quarter Disbursements		1,604,410.71	
Second Quarter Disbursements		1,600,696.83	
Third Quarter Disbursements		1,141,346.78	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements	325,951.02	438,824.46	4,785,278.78

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements

	February	YTD	Subtotal
IMMEDIATE HUMAN RELIEF FUND (COVID-19)			
Bethany Outreach Center		7,600.00	
Christian Cupboard		3,000.00	
Community Shelter Services		30,750.00	
County of Erie MH/ID		12,500.00	
Edinboro Community & Eco. Devel. Corp.		9,370.00	
Ella Cochran Food Pantry		1,000.00	
Elmwood Food Pantry		2,000.00	
Erie City Mission		39,085.00	
Erie DAWN		10,000.00	
Erie Family Center		13,000.00	
Erie United Methodist Alliance		2,365.00	
Gannon University		23,000.00	
Harbor Creek High School		1,000.00	
HVA Senior Living Alliance		6,800.00	
International Institute of Erie USCRI-IIE		17,210.00	
MECA, Inc.		3,850.00	
Millcreek Counseling & Mental Health		2,500.00	
Northwestern Food Pantry		5,000.00	
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College		63,321.00	
Project Face Shield		25,480.00	
Project Face Shield for Educators		22,120.00	
Sacred Heart Church		2,000.00	
Safe Journey		9,000.00	
Salvation Army, Corry		9,500.00	
Sarah A Reed Children's Center		11,000.00	
Sarah Reed Senior Living		5,200.00	
Second Harvest Food Bank of NWPA		84,000.00	

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	February	YTD	Subtotal
ServErie		8,710.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		25,400.00	
St. Martin Center		7,300.00	
St. Patrick's Haven Inc.		2,500.00	
Union City Family Support Center		2,000.00	
Urban Erie Community Development Corp		76,408.00	
Waterford Food Pantry		5,000.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie		22,960.00	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		13,960.00	
		585,889.00	585,889.00

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	
Bridgeway Capital - 5th Draw		85,000.00	
		620,000.00	620,000.00

MUNICIPALITIES

Settlements

Summit Township	140,353.20	498,633.59	
Greene Township	34,308.56	121,888.22	
McKean Township	34,308.56	121,888.22	
Millcreek Township	34,308.56	121,888.22	
Waterford Township	34,308.56	121,888.22	
Erie County	34,308.56	121,888.22	
		1,108,074.69	1,108,074.69

Multi-Municipal Collaboration

Borough of North East - 2019		(82,000.00)	
Jefferson Educational Society - 2020		100,000.00	
City of Erie - return of unspent funds		(18,000.00)	
Girard Township		17,000.00	
		17,000.00	17,000.00

SHAPING TOMORROW

Empower Erie, LLC		150,000.00	
Erie's Public Schools - Tech After Hours		66,666.50	
		216,666.50	216,666.50

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	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
QUALITY OF PLACE			
Community Assets			
ACH Albion Area Fair, Inc.		9,375.00	
AmeriMasala	\$12,000.00	12,000.00	
Erie Bird Observatory		10,000.00	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		7,700.00	
Erie PAL		15,000.00	
Erie Yesterday		15,000.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		7,901.49	
Impact Corry		14,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		14,000.00	
Presque Isle Partnership		15,000.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association		2,750.00	
Wesleyville Area Museum		3,837.50	
WQLN Public Media		12,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		14,000.00	
CC Booker T. Washington Center		15,000.00	
Boys & Girls Club of Erie		15,000.00	
Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation		10,000.00	
Erie Center for Arts & Technology		14,307.90	
International Institute of Erie USCRI-IIE		15,000.00	
JFK Center		15,000.00	
Martin Luther King Center		15,000.00	
Mission Empower		6,441.09	
North East Arts Council		6,500.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		15,000.00	
Urban Erie Community Development Corp		14,773.77	
YMCA of Greater Erie		15,000.00	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		10,954.00	
			\$320,540.75
Special Events			
Corry Area Arts Council		900.00	
Holy Trinity RCC		1,250.48	
International Institute of Erie - USCRI		350.00	
Jefferson Educational Society	2,055.02	2,055.02	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society		1,215.00	
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network		1,993.49	
The Nonprofit Partnership		662.50	
Saint Joseph Church		3,359.25	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		1,889.65	
			13,675.39

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NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

Anchor Building

2018 Grace Church	80,000.00	
2019 Erie Center for Arts & Technology	60,000.00	
Mercy Center for Women	20,000.00	
2020 Borough of Union City	49,375.00	
Gaudenzia Erie	50,000.00	
Woman's Club of Erie	100,000.00	
		359,375.00

Erie Center for Arts & Technology - MRI

	500,000.00	
		500,000.00

Mission Main Street

2019 Borough of Edinboro	119,750.00	
Borough of Union City	121,000.00	
Impact Corry	59,200.00	
Waterford Borough	81,600.00	
Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network	104,000.00	
		485,550.00

Renaissance Block

	February	YTD	Subtotal
2020 Borough of Girard		25,625.00	
Borough of North East		30,000.00	
Borough of Union City		50,000.00	
Sisters of Mercy		25,000.00	
Impact Corry		50,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		25,000.00	
YMCA of Greater Erie		25,000.00	
			230,625.00

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

Beehive Network

Edinboro University Foundation	57,000.00	
Gannon University	90,500.00	
Mercyhurst University	97,500.00	
Erie Regional Library Foundation	62,123.00	
		307,123.00

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Summer Jobs & More

	20,759.45	
		20,759.45

PILOT PROGRAMS

Total Funds Disbursements	325,951.02	4,785,278.78	4,785,278.78
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Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
February 28, 2021

		<u>February</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Committed Funds:				
N&C	Renaissance Block 2018			
	1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
	Our West Bayfront		10,000.00	100,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00
	2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	Renaissance Block 2020			
	Borough of Girard		25,625.00	51,250.00
	Borough of North East		30,000.00	60,000.00
	Borough of Union City		10,000.00	60,000.00
	Impact Corry		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Sisters of Mercy/House of Mercy		25,000.00	50,000.00
	YMCA of Greater Erie		25,000.00	50,000.00
	Anchor Building			
	18 Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	100,000.00
	Grace Church		0.00	100,000.00
	Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.30	93,126.50
	19 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
	Mission Main Street			
	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		34,900.00	250,000.00
	Borough of Union City		4,000.00	200,000.00
	2B Our West Bayfront		133,810.00	250,000.00
	Preservation Erie		122,000.00	150,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		55,500.00	250,000.00
	3 Borough of Girard		90,000.00	170,000.00
	Impact Corry		28,000.00	202,400.00
	Waterford Borough		84,600.00	249,800.00
MUN	Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
SB	Beehive Network			
	Edinboro University Foundation		86,000.00	200,000.00
	Erie Regional Library Foundation		52,877.00	200,000.00
	Gannon University		84,500.00	200,000.00
	Mercyhurst University		5,000.00	200,000.00
	Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00
PP	Pilot Program			
	Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
QP	Response Fund (COVID)			
	Small Business		680,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
February 28, 2021

Committed Funds (cont):

		<u>February</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Y&E	Shaping Tomorrow			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
	GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2020		129,240.55	150,000.00
Total Committed Funds		<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,189,302.85</u>	<u>6,732,076.50</u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Check Detail Report
February 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/03/2021	EFT	VISA	2021 January Statement	-2,036.99
02/04/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	1/16/21 to 1/29/21 Payroll	-8,882.14
02/07/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	1/16/21 to 1/29/21 Retirement	-250.00
02/07/2021	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2021 February Rent	-1,456.67
02/07/2021	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2021 February Copier Lease	-345.95
02/07/2021	EFT	AmeriMasala	2021 Community Assets - ACH	-12,000.00
02/07/2021	EFT	Jefferson Educational Society of Erie	2020 Special Events	-2,055.02
02/07/2021	EFT	KimKopy Printing	Name Plaques	-120.00
02/07/2021	EFT	Perry Wood	3,4 Qtr. Cell Phone	-463.78
02/07/2021	EFT	Tammi Michali	3,4 Qtr Cell Phone	-234.65
02/07/2021	EFT	Tom M. Maggio	3,4 Qtr Cell Phone	-328.39
02/07/2021	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	Phone/IT/Fax	-794.36
02/09/2021	EFT	Summit Township	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-140,353.20
02/09/2021	EFT	Greene Township	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-34,308.56
02/09/2021	EFT	McKean Township	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-34,308.56
02/09/2021	EFT	Millcreek Township	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-34,308.56
02/09/2021	EFT	Waterford Township	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-34,308.56
02/09/2021	EFT	Erie County	2020 4th Quarter Settlement	-34,308.56
02/13/2021	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2021 January Legal	-338.00
02/19/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	1/30/21 to 2/12/21 Payroll	-9,426.22
02/19/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	1/30/21 to 2/12/21 Retirement	-250.00
02/19/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay Periods 2/5, 2/19	-1,335.34
02/28/2021	EFT	Erie Bank	Service Charge	-35.00



SCORECARD CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/15/2021

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		01/10/2021
Days In Billing Cycle		31
Previous Balance		\$281.44
Purchases	+	\$2,036.99
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$281.44
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00

NEW BALANCE \$2,036.99

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$37,963.01
Available Cash	\$37,963.01
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

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Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$2,036.99
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$2,036.99
PAYMENT DUE DATE	02/04/2021

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

Corporate Activity

TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY				\$281.44-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
01/05	01/05	1593737354	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$281.44-

Cardholder Account Summary

TAMMI MICHALI ####-####-####-8023	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$2,036.99	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$2,036.99
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Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
12/15	12/16	PBUS01	24789300350950303450533	ERIE TIMES NEWS ADVERTISI 814-8701600 PA	\$89.00 <i>adv</i>
12/19	12/20	PBUS01	24430990354400815005653	MSFT * E0500D4B5D 800-642-7676 WA	\$259.20 <i>phonedit</i>
12/18	12/20	PBUS01	24692160354100576776665	IN *KINGPINS AWARDS 814-8351405 PA	\$37.10 <i>outreach</i>

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Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
01/10/21	\$2,036.99	\$2,036.99	02/04/21

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Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
12/21	12/22	PBUS01	24692160356100418900760	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07 postage
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12/24	12/25	PBUS01	24493980359083004284170	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$23.50 phenefit
01/05	01/06	PBUS01	24137461006001077373480	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.49 OS
01/05	01/06	PBUS01	24692161006100041261152	IN *ERIE READER 814-3149364 PA	\$1,500.00 outreach
01/05	01/06	PBUS01	24445001006600092828435	USPS STAMPS ENDICIA 888-434-0055 DC	\$50.00 postage

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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 01/08/2021

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2021

Finance Charge Summary / Plan Level Information

Plan Name	Plan Description	FCM ¹	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
Purchases									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.58333%(M)	7.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$2,036.99
Cash									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.58333%(M)	7.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00

* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily
 ** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees
¹ FCM = Finance Charge Method
 Days in Billing Cycle: 31
 APR = Annual Percentage Rate
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Innovation Entente Lab opens new digs, expands support to region's entrepreneurs

Friday, March 05, 2021

Expand is the operative word given the March 1 opening of Mercyhurst University's new Innovation Entente Lab (IEL) as well as the launch of its mobile unit, the hiring of new staff, and increased geographical coverage.



The IEL, part of the NWPB Innovation Beehive Network (<https://www.nwpabeehive.com/>) formed in 2014 to enhance business expansion and development in the region, combines the university's strong expertise in applied sciences with its rich tradition of liberal arts education to help promote community entrepreneurship and innovation.

IEL team members help clients identify key marketing strategies, potential funding pipelines, and the necessary strategic media options to help place entrepreneurs and small business owners on the path to success.

Thanks to the combined effect of recent grants, what was once a makeshift research lab has morphed into an uber-modern facility with 15 work stations, robust technological capabilities, two large wall monitors for projecting data, two MacBook Pros for graphic design, and a conference and presentation area.

Although the IEL staff, headed by Brian Fuller, and comprised of Mercyhurst undergraduate and graduate students, has been producing products for some time from various venues on campus, this marks the first time they have had a dedicated space, the result of an \$89,000 grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

The new space, which is situated on the ground floor of the library, just south of the Cyber Education Center, was designed in part with input from Mercyhurst's interior design and graphic design students; there's even an alumni connection. The lab's conference table was handmade of repurposed barn wood at Willow Creek Barn Wood Furniture in Edinboro, which 2015 Mercyhurst alumnus Casey Brown co-founded with his father, Chris. Casey's sister, Kennedy, is also a Mercyhurst graduate, Class of 2020.

A more recent three-year grant of \$376,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission allows the IEL to provide more direct, on-site support by taking teams of students on the road to serve clients in their own environs. Until recently, the IEL had served a five-county area, but has since expanded its regional coverage to include 17 counties, including parts of New York and Ohio. The funding has also prompted the expansion of the IEL workforce, from two to three student teams and the hire of a new assistant director, Abbey Lesniewski, who oversees the lab's day-to-day operations and coordinates its mobile capabilities.

Fuller said the IEL averages 40 clients a year. "With the latest grant," he said, "we have gone from 12 to 15 student analysts and are looking to increase production by 25 percent this year and another 40 percent in years two and three."

While the program's expansion bodes well for the university, it's students, local entrepreneurs and small business owners, Mercyhurst University Provost Dr. Leanne Roberts recognizes the collaboration among area universities and Blasco

Library as being the key to continued success.

"The Innovation Entente Lab is the direct result of Mercyhurst's participation in the Northwest Pennsylvania Innovation Beehive Network," Roberts said. "Since its inception in 2014 from an Ignite Erie Grant, the Network, comprised of the four local universities – Mercyhurst, Edinboro, Gannon, and Penn State Behrend – and the recent addition of Blasco Library – has worked to enhance business expansion and development in the Erie area. The Innovation Entente Lab is now one of five grant-funded centers that collaborate to encourage business growth with each location offering its own specialized area of expertise."



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Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

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AGENDA

1. The Nonprofit Partnership – Adam Bratton
2. Erie Sports Park – Bob Catalde
3. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

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AGENDA

1. Erie County Convention Center Authority – John “Casey” Wells
2. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
11:30 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZlZa09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

Passcode: 128266

AGENDA

1. Dr. Parris Baker
2. Urban Erie Community Development Center – Gary Horton
3. Good of the Order



Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2021
11:00 a.m.

ZOOM Information

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84509360856?pwd=RjBRVnpNcUZla09rMVhGNVlhVDY2UT09>

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AGENDA

1. Martin Luther King Center – James Sherrod
2. Stimulus Disbursement Observations – Autumn Anderson
3. Good of the Order

February 2021

Meeting with Executive Director
Ongoing Social Media Management
Ongoing Consulting
February Comms

IMPLEMENTED | Social
13 February posts

IMPLEMENTED | Anchor Building Grants
10 Graphics
Release

IN PROGRESS
COVID-19 Report
2021 Grant social graphics

County awards GECAC with Summer JAM contract

'We are proud to continue this partnership with them'

From Staff Reports Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Erie County government has awarded a 2021 contract for the Summer Jobs and More program to the Greater Erie Community Action Committee.

This will be the seventh year that GECAC has operated the program.

In 2020, the Summer JAM program provided opportunities for more than 30 employers to offer positions to approximately 89 Erie County youth.

More than 60% of participating youth were under 18 years old, and 65% were new to the program. Because of the pandemic last summer, participation was lower than in the previous years, but GECAC implemented an appropriate strategy to work through it, and the Erie County Department of Health provided COVID-19 safety training to these youth.

"GECAC's consistent, creative and concentrated efforts of the Summer JAM program have demonstrated their commitment to the growth and development of

Erie County," said Gary N. Lee, the county's director of administration. "We are proud to continue this partnership with them and appreciate their solid investment in, and impact on, our youth."

GECAC offers recruitment and informational sessions for employers and participants through virtual meetings, outreach at local schools and community centers, social media blasts, and outdoor pop-up events. Youth are matched with employers based on the employer specifications, geographic proximity and availability of reliable transportation for youth. Then, GECAC provides orientation and training sessions.

The Summer JAM program is a collaborative effort of Erie County, GECAC, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and the Erie Community Foundation. The program is open to Erie County residents ages 16 to 21 who meet the program's household income guidelines.

The collaboration has invested approximately \$2.3 million while developing more than 1,000 youth leaders since the program's inception in 2014.

More information about the program can be found at <http://bit.ly/2021SummerJAM>. To apply for the program, contact GECAC at summerjam@gecac.org or 897-6571.



Summer JAM (Jobs And More) participant Johnathan Byes-Hopkins, then 20, works in a mail room at Erie Insurance in Erie in this June 28, 2018 file photo. GREG WOHLFORD FILE PHOTO/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

The Corry Journal, Monday, February 15, 2021

Summer JAM program to return with GECAC again in charge

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Summer Jobs and More, an Erie County program that gives job opportunities to youth, is slated to return this year with a contract to operate the program being awarded to Greater Erie Community Action Committee.

GECAC has operated the program for seven years, since Summer JAM's inception.

In 2020, the Summer JAM program provided opportunities for more than 30 employers to offer positions to about 89 youth across Erie County with GECAC at the helm.

Corry youth and businesses have participated in the program since 2015.

City Manager Jason Biondi said he is not sure if the city of Corry will be participating in the Summer JAM program this upcoming summer because of COVID-19.

"We have participated for several years now but it will be dependent on what things look like when the time comes," Biondi said. "We would like to but we have to evaluate."

He went on to say the city has not been contacted yet about how the program will look like this year.

Corry Area High School 2018 graduate Dylan Vanderhoof worked for the city as part of the Summer JAM program and came to love the job as a mechanic in the city garage. His part-time job became a career in 2020 when the city hired him full time as an inspection mechanic.

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Journal file photo
The Summer Jobs and More program brought the city of Corry Dylan Vanderhoof, who now works as a full time inspection mechanic at the city garage.

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Girard looks back to spur its future



Councilwoman Jeanne Miller, left, Downtown Girard committee member Jim Tometsko, committee chair George Drushel, Borough Manager Rob Stubenbort and Melinda Meyer of Preservation Erie stand in front of a mural celebrating the history of the municipality, just off Main Street West in Girard on Monday. CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

Plans to seek Downtown Historic District designation

Valerie Myers Erie Times-News | USA TODAY NETWORK

A little history can help shape the future. ● Girard Borough is joining a growing list of Erie County municipalities that are building on their past to attract visitors and grow business. ● Girard is developing a master plan on ways to use its history to revitalize its downtown.



This plaque hangs near the front door of the Park Diner in Lawrence Park Township. The township's historic district is also listed on the National Register. FILE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

"We want to create a look and feel for downtown that people want so that they're willing to visit, eat, do some shopping and see what we have to offer," Girard Borough Manager Rob Stubenbort said.

"A good-looking downtown area in a small town is the face of the town. We want to be sure we're seen at our best," Stubenbort said.

Girard Borough also plans to seek Downtown Historic District designation from the National Register of Historic Places to help draw new business and visitors.

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"Waterford has done a really nice job with their downtown, and I'd like to see something similar to that here. ... We didn't have George Washington, but we had Dan Rice, and that could be almost as good."

Pat Harvey Pharmacist at Girard Pharmacy

Girard

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And that can help rejuvenate the town, said Wendy Naylor, of Naylor Wellman Historic Preservation Consulting, based near Cleveland. The firm worked with the Lawrence Park Historical Society to get a National Register listing of the township's original commercial and residential district, including its iconic row houses, in 2018.

"What the National Register listing does is qualify income-producing buildings in the historic district for state and federal tax credits," Naylor said. "The motivation behind the tax credits is to get those buildings back in use and get businesses in and generating tax revenues."

One building rehabilitation sparks others, Naylor said. "Once you get one building rehabilitation going downtown it's contagious," she said. "Others follow. It's really fun to watch."

The historical designation also drives tourism, Naylor said.

"You use that story that makes you unique to promote your town," she said. "It becomes the basis for heritage tourism and just promoting the town as a wonderful historic community."

Girard's unique story includes that it once was the home of the Dan Rice Circus. Rice, who is credited with creating the Uncle Sam character, wintered his nationally known show in Girard in the mid-19th century.

Very different histories are the basis for Waterford and North East National Register designations.

The North East Historic District includes Gibson Park, downtown commercial and residential buildings and the historic property that most recently was home to Mercyhurst North East.

The region's agriculture, including grape farming and the wine industry, also helps boost tourism. North East is on the Lake Erie Wine Trail, linking wineries from Harborcreek to Silver Creek, New York. The Sustain North East Initiative currently is seeking funding for new plans to improve downtown buildings, attract residential and commercial tenants and improve streetscapes.

Waterford was the site of three French and Indian Wars era forts, including the French Fort LeBoeuf. The town also boasts the iconic Eagle Hotel, Fort LeBoeuf and Judson House museums, and Washington Park, featuring a statue commemorating George Washington's visit to Fort LeBoeuf in 1753.

The Washington statue is a particular draw for tourists, said Jim Edwards, president of Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society. "During the summer, there may be 20 people in the park one day and one or



A well-known piece of Girard history involves Dan Rice, who some reports say was the inspiration behind the Uncle Sam character. He quartered his circus in Girard from 1852 to 1875, as detailed by this Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker on Main Street West. CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

two the next, with cars pulling over to take pictures," Edwards said. "It really does draw people who come into the museum too and have lunch at the Eagle Hotel."

Additional plans include erecting a monument honoring Civil War hero Strong Vincent, who was born and raised in Waterford.

That kind of historical promotion could help Girard, said Pat Harvey, a pharmacist at Girard Pharmacy.

"I think Waterford has done a really nice job with their downtown, and I'd like to see something similar to that here," Harvey said. "We have a historic past here also. We didn't have George Washington, but we had Dan Rice, and that could be almost as good."

Rice also erected the nation's first monument to Civil War dead, in Girard's downtown.

Empty storefronts are Girard's biggest challenge, Harvey said.

"We get plenty of traffic through town but we definitely need more businesses to get people in," he said.

Downtown Girard Inc., a new non-profit organization, is working with the borough to help revitalize the town's Main Street commercial district.

"Our main work is trying to organize the funding for downtown," said businessman George Drushel, chairman of Downtown Girard. "People already have taken advantage of facade grants, marketing grants and also block grant money available for residential homes along Main Street."

National Register listing could help

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See video related to this story: bit.ly/Girard_History

The plan will guide downtown preservation, rehabilitation and development for two decades, Stubenbort said.

A \$20,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and a \$10,000 grant from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority will fund planning costs.

Urban Vantage and Preservations Studios of Buffalo, New York, have been hired to guide Girard planning and historic preservation. Urban Vantage will help prepare the downtown master plan. Preservation Studios will prepare the National Register nomination.

Girard Borough also is surveying residents about amenities, attractions and events that they'd like to see in their downtown. The survey is available on the borough website at www.girardborough.com.

"We also want the people who live here in Girard Borough to have what they want so they don't have to leave the borough to shop or eat or attend an event," Stubenbort said.

Public meetings will also be held to gather community ideas, he said. Some events will be held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We invite everyone to participate in the upcoming surveys, discussions, and other chances to be part of the planning process. The more ideas and comments, the better," Stubenbort said.

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leverage additional funding and additional interest in Girard, Drushel said.

"I think if we're able to get that and promote that, more people will visit the historical sites that we have," he said.

Girard's master plan will include a market analysis of its assets, historical and otherwise; a branding and marketing strategy to promote downtown Girard to visitors; and guidelines to design building and infrastructure improvements and maintenance.

Project

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Bishop explained the streetscape portion of the project will include placement of two historic markers on North Main Street on either side of the Market Street traffic light.

One will focus on Union City's origins, name changes and National Register of Historic Places designation. The other marker will focus on Union City's furniture-making history.

The marker project is funded by Preservation Erie/Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and the Union City Community Foundation.

There will also be three sidewalk interpretive panels. One panel will focus on Union City's furniture-making history; one will focus on French Creek's origins and growth; and one will focus on downtown Union City's historical architecture.

The panels project is funded by Union City Community Foundation and Union City Pride, with technical assistance from the Union City Historical Society.

For the trees project, WPC has identified potential sites, which include 22 sites on Main Street, three on Marl Street and three in Hogan's Alley area.

The plan is to first plant 12 trees on Main Street.

Demeo discussed the selection process and the tree-planting process. Members of Union City Pride have agreed to maintain all trees. Demeo will train them in how to water the trees for two years, mulching and pruning/shaping.

Funding for the tree project is by the Union City Community Foundation and Erie Community Foundation, with technical assistance by the WPC. Bishop was seeking Council's approval to move forward with the project.

Following the presentation, Council passed motion to move forward with the project and approved the concept, something Union City will pursue with the understanding the project will come back to the borough for an easement plan.

The Corry Journal, Friday, February 19, 2021

UC Borough Council hears update on Downtown Initiative project

BY MARYANN MOOK
Staff writer

Union City will be getting some historic markers, sidewalk interpretive panels and trees.

Steve Bishop, project manager for the Union City Community Foundation, and Art Demeo, an arborist with

the Western PA Conservancy (WPC), attended Union City Borough Council's Feb. 9 meeting to explain the latest developments in the Union City Downtown Initiative project.

Union City Pride, along with the borough and Union City Community Foundation, had applied for a \$258,000

Erie Community Foundation Shaping Tomorrow Grant to be used for the Downtown Initiative project.

"It's all about creating an environment downtown so entrepreneurs feel they can be successful and to make it inviting to shoppers," Bishop said.

See Project, P.2

Grants help aid Our West Bayfront's success in Erie



Our West Bayfront Executive Director Anna Frantz, left, and OWB Board President Candace Battles wait to speak to another board member after a brief ceremony marking the opening of their new headquarters at 404-406 W. Eighth St. in Erie. GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

Projects aim to boost quality of life in neighborhoods

Kevin Flowers
Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Michael Wolfe launched his sweat equity-fueled redevelopment project on West Eighth Street, the 51-year-old had no idea that an active, well-funded neighborhood organization existed in that area.

He does now.

Wolfe and his wife Katie Raezer moved to Erie from the Carlisle, Pa. area five years ago, looking to start fresh in "a smaller city that still had a home-

town feel."

In late 2019, the couple purchased the building at 463 W. Eighth St. as an investment opportunity. It includes six one-bedroom apartments and housed on the first floor Pie in the Sky restaurant until it closed in summer 2018.

"We're doing a lot of the work ourselves," said Wolfe, a former truck driver whose wife is an information technology professional.

"I think it was one of the contractors who told us about Our West Bayfront. We were able to get an \$8,000 grant from them to put new windows into the

building, and that really helped us out."

Wolfe said he and Raezer, 52, hope to have all six apartments fully renovated — and open a cafe with outdoor seating in the former restaurant space — within the next two years.

"I couldn't be happier that they're down here for the adjacent homeowners and the businesses," Wolfe said. "This city has some incredible buildings and areas in it. Sure it needs some help. But Erie is a really interesting place."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2021. There are 310 days left in the year.
 On this date:
 1868: The U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Actor Dominic Chianese ("The Sopranos") is 90. Singer Janie Sommers is 80. Actor Johnny O'Hara ("The Mindy Project") is 79. Actor Barry Bostwick is 76. Singer-producer Rupert Holmes is 74. Actor Edward James Olmos is 74. Musician George Thorogood is 71. Actor Helen Shaver ("The Color of Money") is 70. News correspondent Paula Zahn is 65. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 63. Singer Michelle Shocked is 59. Actor Billy Zane is 55. Actor Daniel Kaluuya ("Black Panther," "Get Out") is 32. Rapper-actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. ("Straight Outta Compton") is 30.

CORRECTION

A story on page 1A of Monday's newspaper about Erie County Technical School funding did not make clear that Millcreek Township School Board is asking to change the funding formula for future renovation projects at the school. The board rejected a resolution authorizing the current \$27.8 million project because the resolution did not include a commitment from partner school districts to change the formula for future work at the school. The district is committed to paying \$9.9 million under the current formula for renovations planned now. School Board President Gary Winschel said Monday.

GETTING IT RIGHT

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Bayfront

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Big moves for the neighborhood

Since launching in 2016, Our West Bayfront has been busy with projects throughout its service area. The nonprofit neighborhood organization focuses on improving the area from Presque Isle Bay south to West 12th Street and from Sassafras Street west to the Bayfront Parkway.

Those initiatives include installing an 1,850 square-foot splash park at Bayview Park near West Second and Cherry streets that includes features which dump water from above, spray mist and bubble up from the ground; sidewalk improvements; home rehabilitation; building renovations; enhanced neighborhood security cameras/lighting; community gardens; neighborhood cleanups; and public art.

Our West Bayfront unveiled its newest project on Feb 5: A new headquarters in a 139-year-old, 5,200 square foot building in the 400 block of West Eighth Street.

The building, constructed in 1882, housed Howard's Photography for decades but had fallen into disrepair and was vacant for years before Our West Bayfront purchased the property for \$30,000 in 2018.

The first floor also includes a community meeting space and roughly 1,000 square feet of retail/commercial space that will be available for rent; three upper-floor apartments were also refurbished as part of the \$1 million project.

The nonprofit neighborhood organization has also been prolific at attracting grant dollars — roughly \$2.6 million thus far — that are crucial to those projects, which aim to boost the quality of life in Erie's west bayfront neighborhoods.

Our West Bayfront's grant funding, since 2017, includes:

- \$560,000 from the Erie Community Foundation
- \$500,000 from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
- \$382,000 from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
- Smaller grants from other groups, including the Erie Redevelopment Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

The group has also tapped into state tax credit programs, via Gannon University for \$175,000 each year for various programs and administrative costs.

"They helped make my place a lot better," said Erie's Anthony Williams, who received a \$7,911 Our West Bayfront grant in 2020 for facade repairs, including new windows and doors, at his home in the 100 block of Walnut Street.

Our West Bayfront "has made a big difference" in the neighborhood, said Williams, a west bayfront resident for more than 20 years. "The things they've done at Bayview Park, that's been one of the biggest improvements. Things are just a lot nicer."

'We have a plan'

Anna Frantz, Our West Bayfront's executive director, said she believes the group's success in attracting grants can be attributed largely to its comprehensive plan for west bayfront neighborhoods, completed in 2016 that was heavily shaped by input from residents and businesses.

That plan laid out a detailed community improvement strategy, Frantz said.

Many of those initiatives have been completed or are underway.

"We have a plan, and we're guided by that document," said Frantz, who earns \$76,790 as the organization's full-time



Erie Mayor Joe Schember checks the view from one of three new second-floor apartments, built above the new offices of Our West Bayfront in Erie. The renovated 140-year-old building at 404-406 W. Eighth St. also has first-floor commercial space available in addition to the Our West Bayfront headquarters and apartments. GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

director. "We had projects that we knew we wanted to get started on, and I think that we have been able to show how we will get them done and the ways we can leverage funding to get additional dollars."

Perry Wood agrees.

As ECGRA's executive director, Wood has seen and helped scrutinize Our West Bayfront's grant applications to his agency. ECGRA annually distributes millions of dollars in gross revenues from Presque Isle Downs & Casino into municipalities, neighborhood associations and other nonprofit agencies for a range of programs, events and community improvements that benefit the public.

The Gaming Revenue Authority, for example, in 2019 awarded a \$250,000 grant that is being used to help fund Our West Bayfront's improvement plans for the West Eighth Street business and retail corridor.

That area includes Our West Bayfront's newly-revamped office and the property that Wolfe and Raezer purchased.

"Their progress has been tremendous and that's one of the reasons we continue to invest with them," Wood said.

Wood added that Our West Bayfront's long-term plan also aligns with Erie Refocused, the city's long-range comprehensive development plan, which addresses the city's future need in a number of areas including housing, transportation, land use and economic development.

"They've continually made focused investments, which is what (Erie Refocused) recommends," Wood said.

Engaging residents

Kaitlyn Falk, 25, helps Our West Bayfront make those investments — especially when it comes to youth — as one of the neighborhood group's most active volunteers.

"I lived my whole life in the west bayfront," said Falk, the community schools coordinator at Strong Vincent Middle School, 1330 W. Eighth St., who also lives in the area. "I'm lucky because I get to participate in a lot of Our West Bayfront activities as a part of my job."

Falk has led youth fitness classes at Bayview Park, helped out with Thanksgiving dinners at the Martin Luther King Center, and volunteered at National Night Out events in Gridley Park on West Sixth Street, between Poplar and Plum streets. Falk said Our West Bayfront has given residents "the opportunity to be engaged" when it comes to community revitalization.

"What I've noticed is the kids like having something to do... And from what I've seen, a lot of the neighbors and the Gannon employees who live nearby get a chance to be involved and feel like they're really a part of something," Falk said. "There's a sense of belonging and a sense of ownership."

Our West Bayfront was initially

funded by a \$1.6 million commitment over six years from UPMC Health Plan, Gannon University, Marquette Savings Bank and Erie Insurance.

That funding is not part of the \$2.6 million Our West Bayfront has been able to secure since 2017.

However, that kind of seed money helped to position the neighborhood group as one that would eventually thrive as a "standalone organization" that would help stabilize and improve the "physical environment" in west bayfront neighborhoods, said Keith Taylor, Gannon's president.

Asked about the organization's success in accessing grant funds, Taylor said: "Funders look for stability. They look for who your partners are," Taylor said. "They've earned their own recognition and people's confidence, and all of that has been done in partnership with the neighbors."

Building capacity, 'consistency'

As part of her role as the city of Erie's planning director, Kathy Wyrosdick works closely with neighborhood groups across the city.

She helps bring those groups together for frequent conversations to talk about their projects and find common themes.

And Wyrosdick looks for ways to help them build capacity.

"The ones I've seen become successful in Erie have local champions that sponsored development of their strategic plan. The projects they've done align with what the neighborhood says it wants to see. And many of them also hired someone to affect the plan full-time," Wyrosdick said.

"That makes such a difference. That person has the time to dedicate to a neighborhood plan — it's that simple," Wyrosdick said. "That person can keep the plan on track. And getting grant money is only half the battle, because you have to have someone to administer it and follow all the (regulations) attached to the money."

"Most volunteer organizations have dedicated people, but many of them just don't have the time or the resources to dedicate to a neighborhood plan," Wyrosdick said.

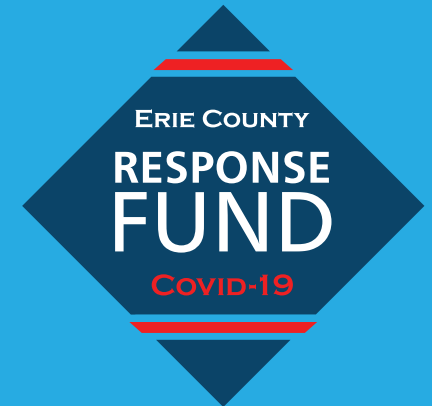
Frantz, Our West Bayfront's executive director, believes the organization can remain steady, continue to draw funding for development, and make the neighborhoods it serves even more attractive. "I hope that Our West Bayfront continues to be an organization that people feel a part of in this neighborhood, whether they're a homeowner or renter or business owner," Frantz said. "I think we've succeeded in creating more positive energy and a more positive perception of this neighborhood. We want to make it a place where people want to stay and an area that people want to move into."

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NOTES ON THE CRISIS



A REPORT on the ERIE COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND



As the COVID-19 crisis wreaked havoc on communities and small businesses across the country, ECGRA was recognized by Drexel University Nowak Metro Finance Lab as a “First Mover” in the nation. Erie County’s swift response was profiled as a model public-entity fund to reduce the impact of the enormous economic tsunami at hand. This report is a snapshot of the timeline and organizations that benefitted from the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund.

The \$2.35 million

Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund

Three components

1. Immediate Human Relief
2. Nonprofit Loan Fund
3. Small Business Loan Fund

Announced on March 17th, 2020,

just days after Pennsylvania public schools were closed and health officials ordered restaurants and small businesses closed as part of mitigation efforts, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) partnered with the Erie County Council to create a three-pronged relief program, the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund.

Leaders proactively created the Fund

after witnessing news reports from larger cities chronicling the spread of the disease, its effects on the population of those cities, and resulting business closures. The Fund focused on small businesses, nonprofits, and humanitarian aid.

Designed to address the crisis

each area of funding was created for multiple stakeholders from multiple perspectives.

“American communities without a public agency like ECGRA, built to connect and invest at all levels of a community, are at a distinct disadvantage in a post-COVID world. ECGRA was built to move swiftly and with public accountability allowing Erie County to get ahead in the crisis, which saved many local organizations from closing their doors to the residents they serve.”

Bruce Katz
co-founder and inaugural director of the
Nowak Metro Finance Lab at Drexel University

The COVID-19 pandemic arrived with very little warning.

Schools, businesses, and local government were shutting down. ECGRA leadership pulled from experience and one helpful source early on: The Disaster Philanthropy Playbook, which can be found online at www.disasterplaybook.org.

Serving as a framework for the Response Fund, the Immediate Human Relief components became a grant program for human services agencies on the frontlines of relief.

The fund was launched as our community simultaneously faced the worst health and economic crisis of our time. The COVID-19 global pandemic pushed local governments like counties, cities, and boroughs to their limits, with Erie County leaders earning strong reviews across the board.

Erie County Council utilized ECGRA's grantmaking expertise and infrastructure to create the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund. The Response Fund moved the needle and garnered national attention for Erie County.

“In recent history, Erie County had not experienced a pandemic with the potential to kill so many people, cripple the county’s quality of life, and devastate the economy. ECGRA’s grantmaking infrastructure was the perfect vehicle to get ahead of the crushing humanitarian consequences of COVID-19.”

Dr. Perry Wood
Executive Director
ECGRA

\$708,794

**IMMEDIATE
HUMAN RELIEF
FUND**

2

**NONPROFIT
LOANS**

24

**SMALL
BUSINESS
LOANS**



\$168,000

Second Harvest
Food Bank of NWPA

PROJECT

PURCHASE
LIFE-SUSTAINING FOOD
FOR ERIE COUNTY
FAMILIES FACING FOOD
INSECURITIES

Second Harvest Food Bank

Grants on the Ground ...Fast

The first grant awarded through the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund was swift and impactful. The grant to Second Harvest Food Bank supported 6,000 meals to be distributed throughout Erie County. The \$168,000 award launched the **Immediate Human Relief Fund effort**, providing grants that offered immediate relief to the populations served by food pantries, homeless shelters, child care centers, and elder care centers.

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 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.

In an effort to support increased need generated as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, Second Harvest packed and distributed Emergency Relief Food Boxes through partners across Erie County. Each Emergency Food Relief Box, which provides 20 meals, costs \$28 to assemble and distribute.

An Emergency Fund grant awarded to Meals on Wheels helped support the cooperative relationship between the home meal delivery organization and Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest Food Bank provided the Emergency Relief Boxes to Meals on Wheels Erie, utilizing funding previously awarded by ECGRA. Pantries and distribution entities that were not previously affiliated with Second Harvest were connected to harness the power of the grant.

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 lifesaving 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.

“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.

Erie County Member Agencies Distributing Emergency Relief Food Boxes

Allegheny Health Network

Cathedral of St. Paul Food Pantry

Center City Apartments Food Pantry

Christian Cupboard Food Pantry

Church of the Nativity Food Pantry

Community of Caring Food Pantry

Community of Caring Diabetic Food Pantry

Edinboro Emergency Food Pantry

Ella Cochran Food Pantry

Emmaus Food Pantry

Erie City Mission Food Pantry

Fairview Presbyterian Food Pantry

Federated Church of East Springfield

Glenwood United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Henderson United Methodist Church Food Pantry

Kearsarge Area Food Pantry

New Beginnings Food Pantry

Northwestern Food Pantry

Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry

St. Boniface Church Food Pantry

St. George Food Pantry

St. James Food Pantry

St. Joseph Bread of Life

St. John Lutheran Church Food Pantry

St. Martin Center

Salvation Army

Sister Pascal Food Pantry

Sisters of Saint Joseph

Union City Food Pantry

Union City Full Gospel Church Food Pantry

Wesleyville Interfaith Food Pantry

** List as of 3/26/2020*

March 20, 2020

Business & Non-Profit Loan Fund

**COVID-19 Response Fund
Activated to Sustain Erie
County Small Businesses
and Nonprofits**

The ECGRA-financed fund made patient, flexible loan capital available through Bridgeway Capital.

The **\$2.35 million Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund** 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. The ECGRA loans were administered through Bridgeway Capital and included flexible payment schedules tailored to respond to the ever-evolving COVID-19 public health crisis. To help qualified small businesses and nonprofits access loan capital, Bridgeway opened the applications via an Erie County COVID-19 Business Relief webpage immediately and was able to close on **26 loans in just 7 weeks**.

2 NONPROFIT LOANS

24 SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

\$12,500 Emergency Shelter System

PROJECT
EMERGENCY SHELTER FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESS

\$7,500 Erie Family Center

PROJECT
DIAPER DEPOT FOR THOSE IN NEED

\$9,525 Mercy Center for Women

PROJECT
EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER-RELATED COSTS DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS

\$2,000 Metro-Erie Meals on Wheels

PROJECT
TRANSPORTATION COSTS RELATED TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR HOMEBOUND ELDERLY

GRANT #2

GRANT #3

GRANT #4

GRANT #5

GRANT #6

GRANT #7

GRANT #8

\$1,000 North East Community Food Pantry

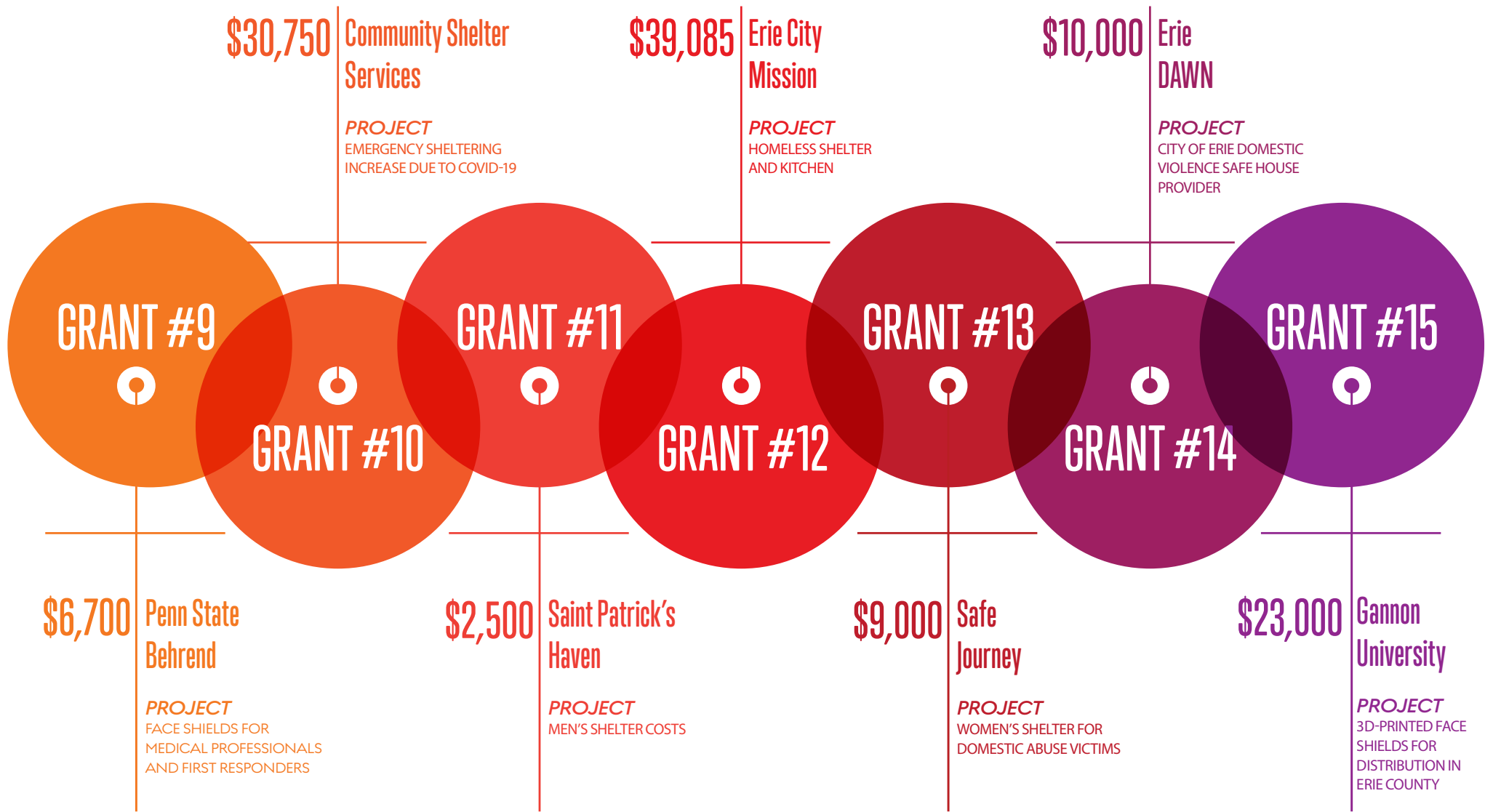
PROJECT
FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT ADDITIONAL NEED DURING TIME OF CRISIS

\$16,000 YMCA of Greater Erie

PROJECT
CHILD CARE CENTER FOR LIFE SUSTAINING PERSONNEL

\$5,000 The Upper Room

PROJECT
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED REGULATIONS DUE TO COVID-19



GRANT #16



\$11,000

Sarah A. Reed
Children's Center

PROJECT

TECHNOLOGY COSTS
RELATED TO SOCIAL
DISTANCING/REMOTE
THERAPY

Sarah A. Reed Children's Center

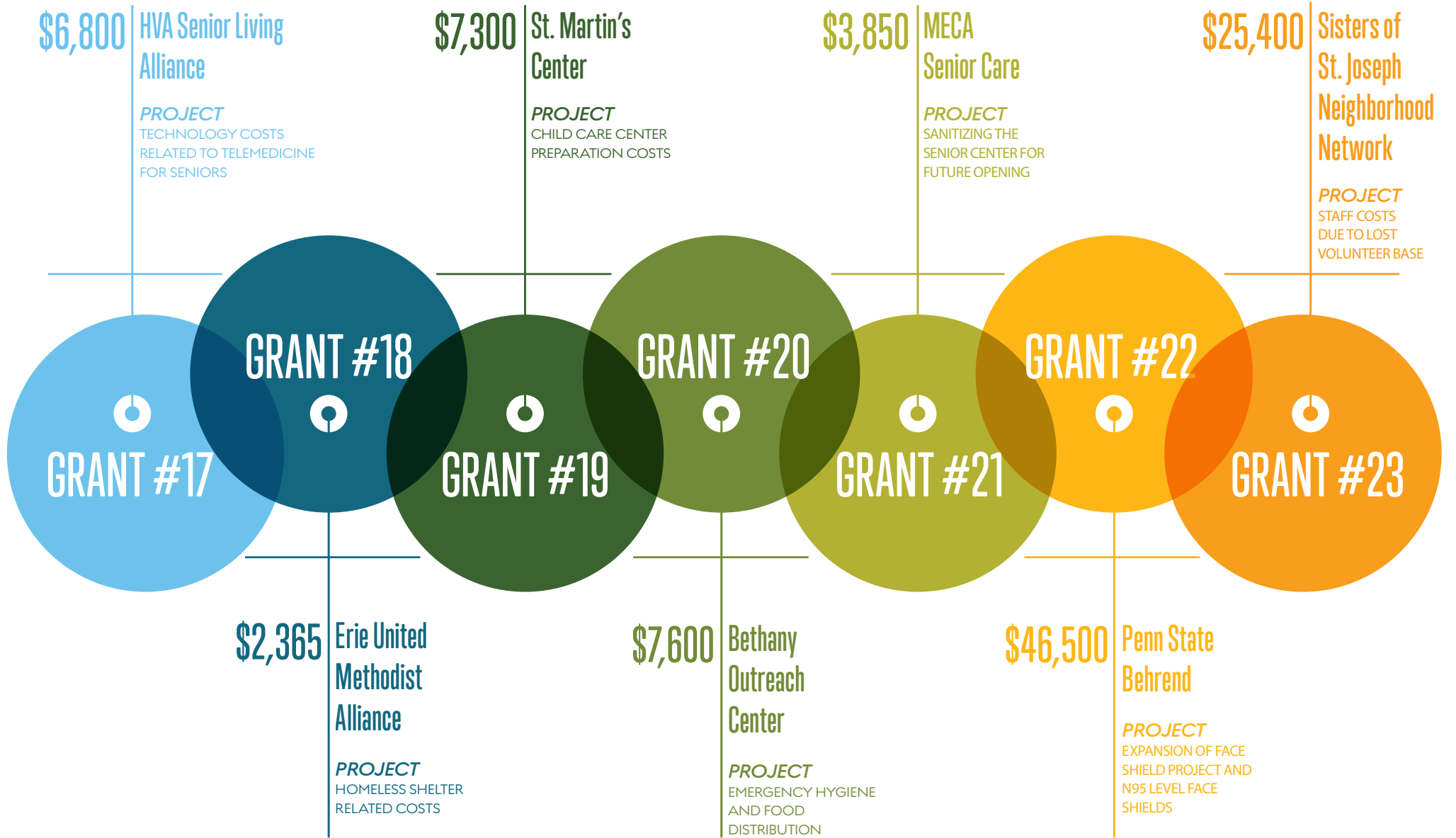
Supporting Supportive Organizations

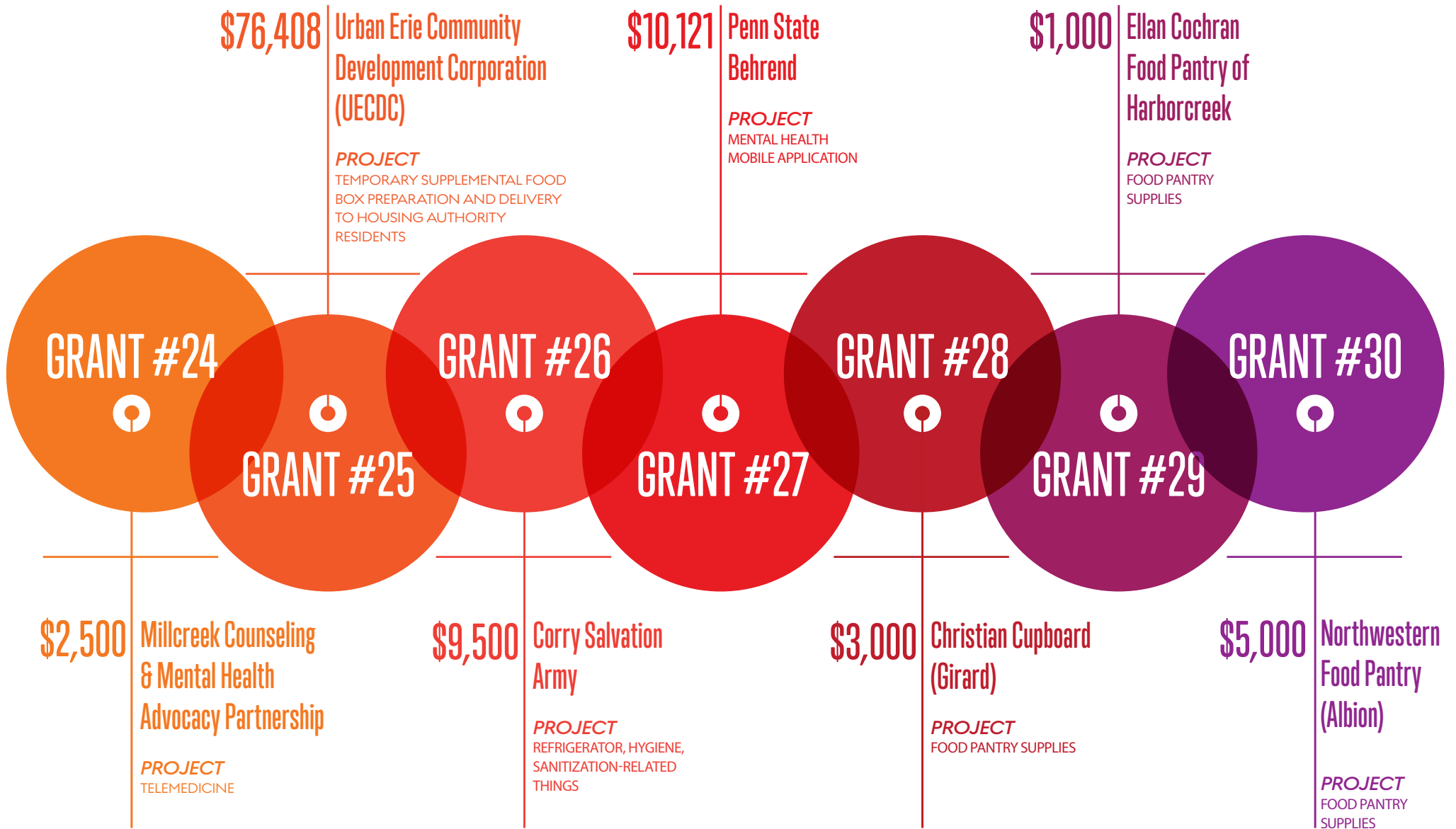
Sarah A. Reed Children's Center was awarded **\$11,000** through the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund to help continue their mission to improve the quality of life for children with mental health, emotional, behavioral health, and trauma-related challenges. When COVID-19 struck, Sarah Reed was serving 1,700 at-risk children and their families, including residents dependent on their life-supporting services.

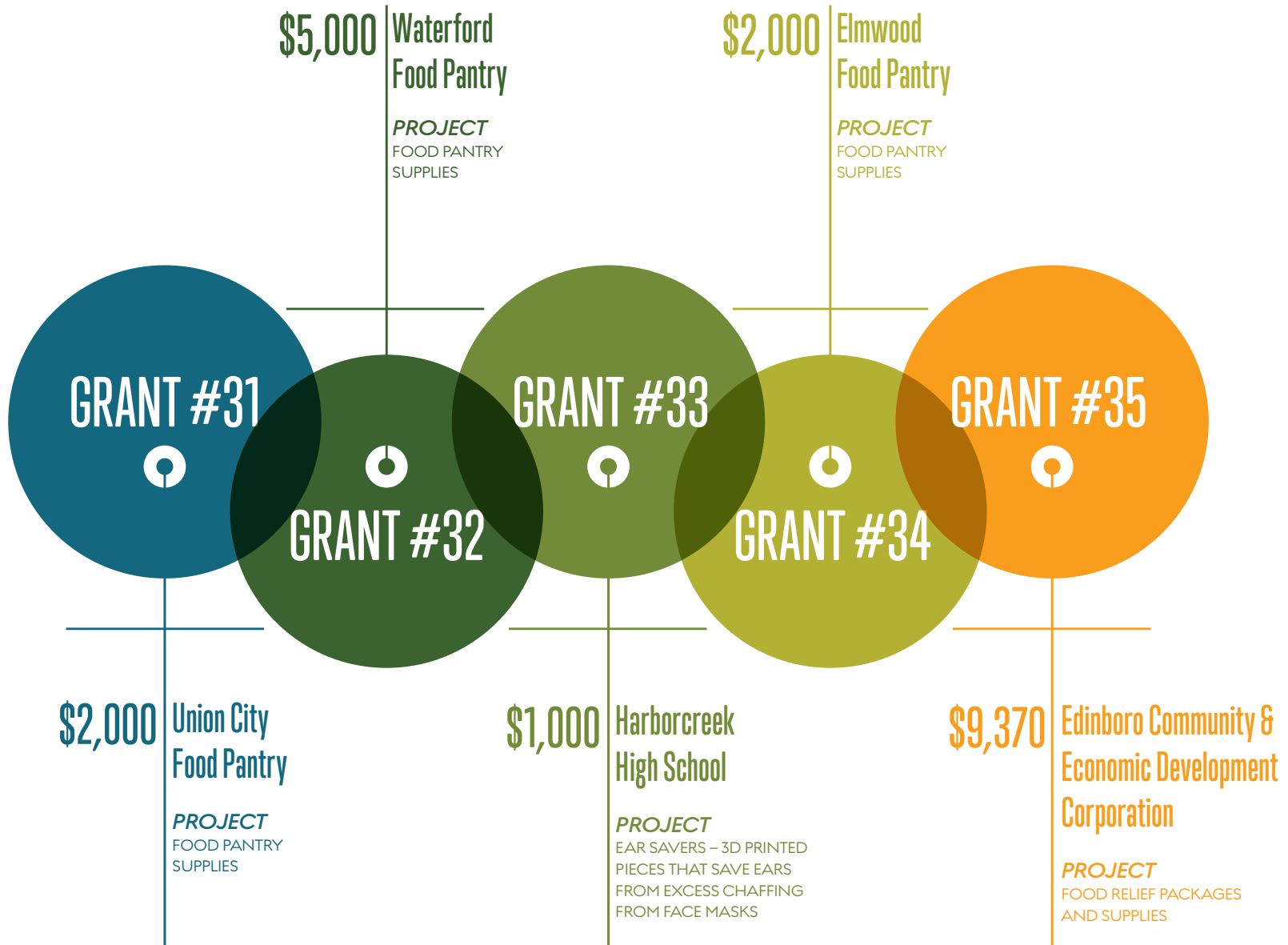
The Residential Treatment Facility in Millcreek Township is Sarah Reed's most intensive program providing 24/7 housing, medical care, mental health counseling, daily meals, and educational support to 67 children ages 5-18 with significant psychiatric and/or trauma related challenges. Each child is monitored closely by the nursing staff at the on-campus Leslie Medical Center. When COVID-19 hit, they had to implement new safety measures to ensure that children and staff remained healthy.

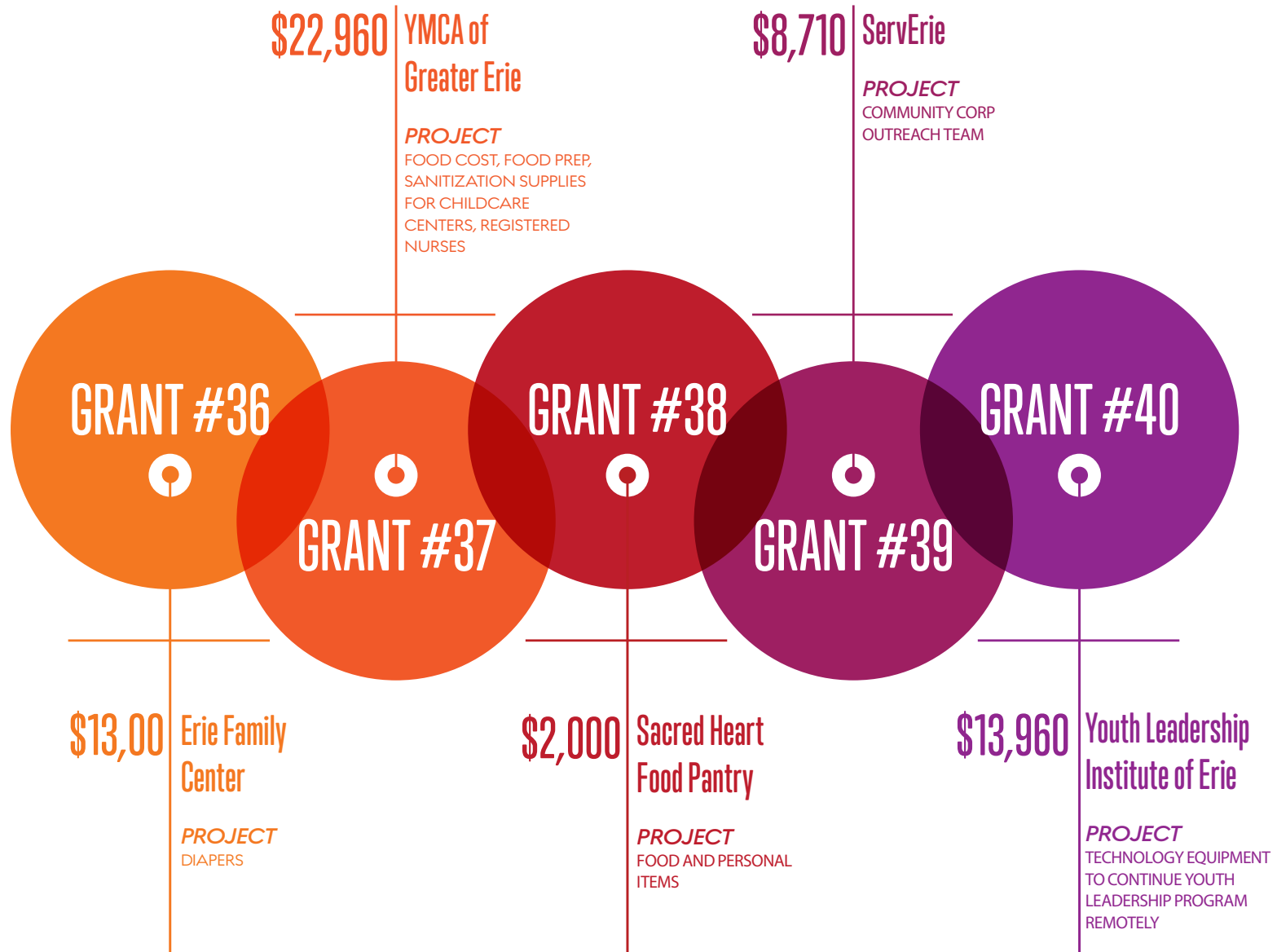
The grant provided Sarah A. Reed Children's Center an opportunity to immediately purchase new safety equipment, which included infrared forehead thermometers, N95 masks, disposable face shields, and other personal protective equipment to keep all staff and children safe during the crisis. They were also able to obtain new air mattresses, sheets, pillows, blankets, and food equipment to prepare for their residential behavioral staff to shelter-in-place if needed with the children in the Gary Bukowski Sarah A. Reed Children's Center's five residence halls.

The pandemic also required therapists to provide mental health and behavioral counseling remotely. The grant provided 35 therapists with new Google Chromebooks and HIPAA-compliant Zoom licenses so they can continue to provide therapy to their clients remotely.











up to
\$20,000

**Project Face Shield for
Public Safety & Human
Services**

PROJECT
PURCHASE AND SUPPLY
OF FACE SHIELDS FOR ERIE
COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY
& HUMAN SERVICES
EMPLOYEES

Project Face Shield

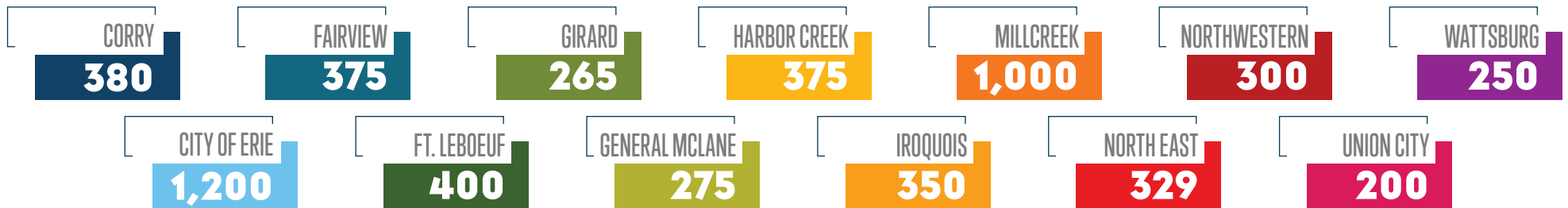
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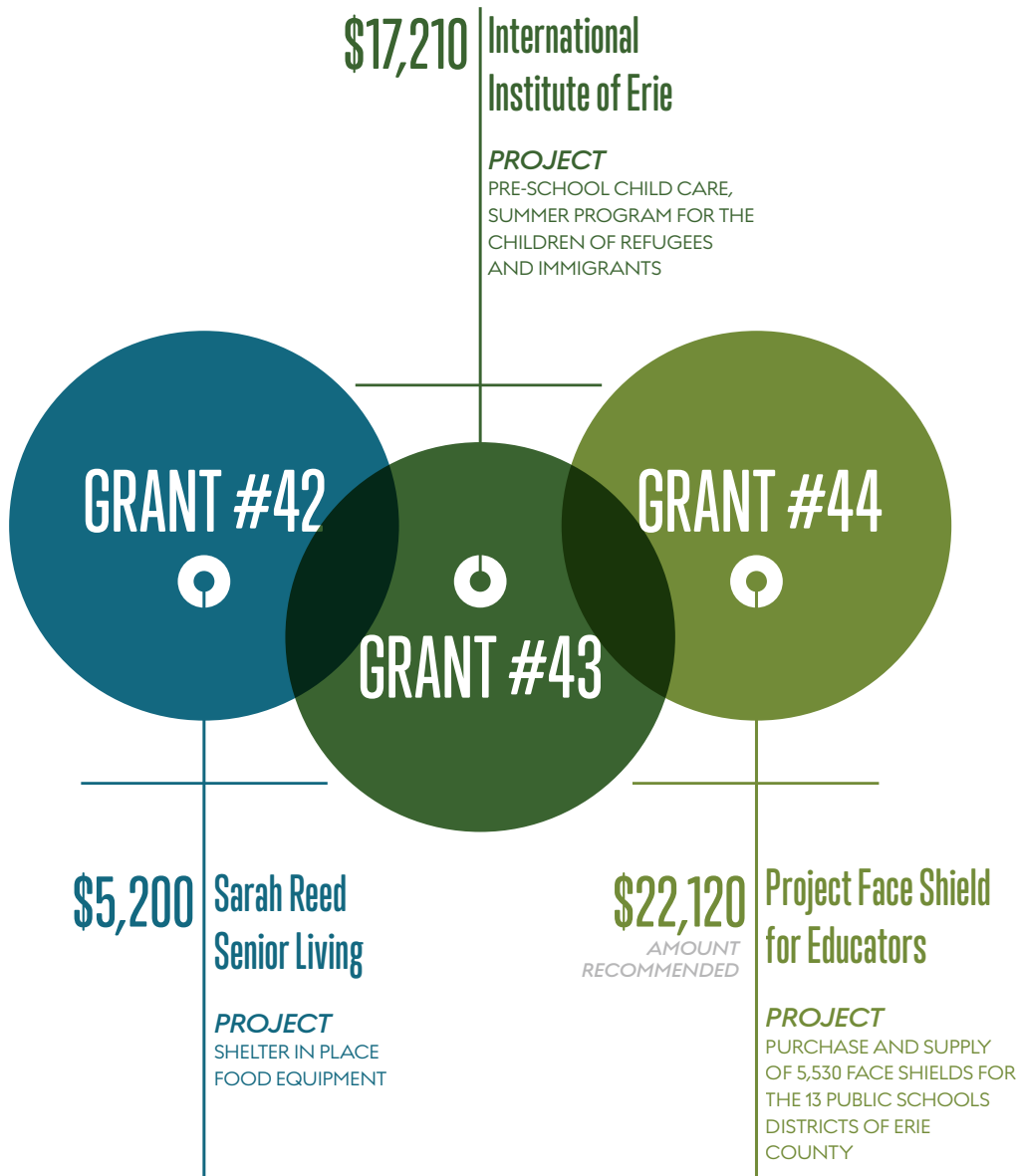
6,830 Face Shields

At the height of the crisis, ECGRA doubled down on an investment to arm area non-profit employees with 500 face shields. ECGRA initially purchased and coordinated the distribution of facemasks for local police and fire with a purchase of 500 face shields.

Along with the investment for non-profits and local police and fire, ECGRA also purchased and supplied employees of 13 public school districts of Erie County with 5,830 face shields.

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





Closing Notes

The success of the Erie County Emergency Relief Fund can be attributed to swift action on the part of Erie County Council and ECGRA officials to approve the local funding necessary to deliver expeditiously, while counties across Pennsylvania awaited state and federal funding relief. The ECGRA strategic investment model is a proven asset to Erie County that allowed for an efficient and transparent distribution of funds.

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Draft Budget

2021-22

Expense	<u>2020-21 Budget</u>	<u>2021-22 Budget</u>
62100 · Contracted Services		
62110 · Auditing Fees	15,000.00	15,000.00
62120 · Government Relations Services	3,189.38	0.00
62130 · Professional Services	36,000.00	40,000.00
62140 · Legal Services	35,000.00	25,000.00
62145 · Website Design	3,000.00	3,000.00
62150 · Payroll Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	<u>93,689.38</u>	<u>84,500.00</u>
62800 · Facilities & Equipment		
62840 · Office Equipment	1,000.00	2,500.00
62890 · Rent	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>20,500.00</u>
65000 · Office Administration		
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	3,500.00	3,000.00
65020 · Postage	500.00	500.00
65040 · Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
65050 · Cell Phone	2,200.00	2,200.00
65060 · Copier Lease	4,200.00	4,200.00
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	2,000.00	500.00
65080 · Bank Fees	200.00	500.00
65085 · Professional Development	4,000.00	4,000.00
65090 · Meeting Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	250.00	250.00
Total 65000 · Office Administration	<u>22,850.00</u>	<u>21,150.00</u>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses		
65105 · Outreach	8,000.00	8,000.00
65110 · Advertising	7,000.00	7,000.00
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	18,000.00	18,000.00
65120 · Insurance	9,850.00	10,100.00
65130 · Grant Management Software	4,900.00	4,900.00
65150 · Travel	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	<u>54,750.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
66000 · Payroll Expenses		
66005 · Salaries, Wages, Benefits	233,000.00	251,500.00
66010 · FITW Tax	17,302.00	17,302.00
66015 · FUTA Tax	150.00	150.00
66020 · PASUI Tax	2,000.00	2,000.00
66500 · Benefits Option	9,000.00	0.00
66700 · PMRS	7,000.00	17,500.00
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	<u>268,452.00</u>	<u>288,452.00</u>
7000 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u><u>458,741.38</u></u>	<u><u>469,602.00</u></u>

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1, 2021

Resolution to Enter into agreements with 23 Erie County Special Events Grants applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

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

Whereas, there were twenty-three (23) applicants for special events funding, and the Board of Directors affirms that twenty-three (23) applicants have met the funding eligibility;

Whereas, the twenty-three (23) special events are identified as:

Albion Area Fair Inc., Borough of Edinboro, Borough of Union City, CAFÉ, Corry Arts Council, Corry Higher Education Council, Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundations, Edinboro University Foundation, Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre, Erie Downtown Partnership, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Jefferson Educational Society, Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society, Mercy Center for Women, St. Joseph Church Bread of Life Community, St. Patrick's Church, The Goodell Project, The Iroquois School District Foundation, The Nonprofit Partnership, Waterford Community Fair Association, Wattsburg Agricultural Society, Inc., Young Artists Debut Orchestra, and Youth Leadership Institute of Erie;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$125,603.75 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves to enter into agreements with twenty-three (23) Erie County Special Events Grants applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region through tourism, and continue to enrich the quality of life for Erie County residents.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____,

This resolution was passed on the 18th day of March 2021 by a vote of ____ to ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

March 18, 2021

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



2021 Special Events

Organization Name	Name of Event	Amount Requested
Albion Area Fair	Albion Area Fair	\$12,268.75
Borough of Edinboro	Boro with the Works	\$1,000.00
Borough of Union City	French Creek Festival Fireworks	\$300.00
CAFE	814 Day	\$3,875.00
Corry Arts Council/Corry Chamber	2021 CorryFest	\$2,000.00
Corry Higher Education Council	30th Anniversary Celebration	\$500.00
Dr. Gertrude A Barber Foundations	Barber Events 2021: 14th Annual Art Show and Sale; 9th Annual Barber Beast on the Bay; 57th Annual Christmas Ball	\$18,820.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$1,212.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	\$4,044.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	2021 Downtown Erie Events	\$7,500.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	Erie Homecoming 2021	\$5,000.00
Jefferson Educational Society	JES Programming/Global Summit	\$20,000.00
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	Annual Greek Festival	\$2,250.00
Mercy Center for Women	2021 Events	\$1,201.00
Saint Joseph Church Bread of Life Community	Oktoberfest 2021	\$6,000.00
Saint Patrick's Church	Erie Irish Festival	\$6,636.00
The Goodell Project, d/b/a Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Summer Music Series, Workshop Series, Homegrown Harvest Festival	\$1,115.00
The Iroquois School District Foundation	Erie Food Truck Festival	\$5,200.00
The Nonprofit Partnership	20th Annual Keystone Nonprofit Conference	\$4,046.25
Waterford Community Fair Association	2021 Waterford Community Fair	\$8,950.00
Wattsburg Agricultural Society. Inc.	Wattsburg Agricultural Society Inc. 2021 Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$9,700.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	Summer Music Academy; Spring & Winter Concerts	\$3,600.00
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	Your Voice, Your Choice Global Service Day	\$385.75

TOTALS

\$125,603.75