



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM

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April 15, 2021

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2021
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13. OLD BUSINESS

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- a. Resolution Number 2, 2021 – Resolution to Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget

15. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting  
Location: ZOOM meeting



## **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting**

March 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 March 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, 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. Chairman Paris is not on the call today, so Mr. Barney will act as Chairman for today's meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 2021

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

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

There are no comments at this time.

## COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Paris is not on the call for comments.

## 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 Treasurer, I will turn this time over to Dr. Wood for the Treasurer's Report. I reviewed the budget and the Treasurer's Report with him.

Dr. Wood: We reviewed the finances, and I will answer any questions you may have about that, but there is also a draft budget, and this is the first time as a Board to view this draft budget. The Treasurer and I have gone over it; the staff and I have gone over it. This draft is on the Board Effect site and we will have our first discussion of it under New Business and that will give you an opportunity to initially ask questions. Of course, you have an entire 30 days until the next Board meeting to ask the staff any questions that you want about the draft budget.

At this time, let's focus on the finances like the Profit & Loss and the other documents – are there any questions for me?

Mr. Cleaver: The report looked good to me and I have no problem with it.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There are no questions or further discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 6-0.

- 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. I want to give you an update as far as the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which President Biden signed into law on March 11, 2021. I want to give you some highlights as it pertains to state and local governments. As you know, it was a 1.9 trillion-dollar bill; it has a lot of aspects to it for education credits, the family credit for children, there is the stimulus portion that is the checks that go to individuals, there's unemployment, money in there for testing and vaccines – there is just a lot to it. But \$362 billion was approved for state and local governments; of that, \$130.2 billion will be divided between cities and counties. The cities will use the Community Development Block Grant formula; counties will use the population formula. Erie County has

nearly \$53 million coming into the County. The way it's going to be done, first of all you have until December 21, 2024 to use the money, but the first tranche which will be about \$26 million for the County of Erie will be released within 60 days of the enactment of the Act. So, within 60 days of March 11, we will receive the first half of that amount of money. The second half is not to be released no earlier than 12 months after the first amount.

One of the things we are trying to do here at the County is get a better understanding, and as you can imagine this is a lot of money coming into the County, to identify how we can utilize this money effectively. From what we understand, and we will be getting more information on this, there's just not a lot of strings attached to this money, which makes it, at least from my perspective, makes it a little more dangerous because you will be able to utilize this money for things that you will not be able to sustain in the future. That's one of the things that we're going to work very diligently to prevent.

I'm going to pause there and take any questions that you may have as it pertains to this money coming to the County of Erie.

Dr. Wood: Mr. Lee, I don't have a question, but I do have one comment to let the Board know that, I know the County Executive is having a call, a zoom meeting at 3:00pm today with various members of the community and I have been invited to attend. I plan on attending and participating and seeing what the committee has to say.

Mr. Lee: Thank you, Dr. Wood. A little about the meeting, the purpose of this meeting is to make sure that we invest in the future from a collective standpoint. Again, the City of Erie will be receiving about \$79 million of their own money; some of the other municipalities like Millcreek and some of the others will receive a certain amount of money. We just want to make sure that everyone understands the big picture of what the County wants to do, what the City would like to do, maybe what Millcreek would like to do, and see if there is a way to strategize and collaborate on some of these projects.

Broadband, for example. The City has committed money to work and establish the broadband so that it is offered effectively within the City of Erie. The County is committed to that outside the City of Erie. If the City is going to do the city, then the County is going to do all the areas outside of the City. We know that the digital divide continues to be an issue, not only locally in our community, but nationally. I was just reading a report that said that right now only 65% nationally have effective high-speed internet in the rural areas, which is an issue. This will be the purpose of the meeting; it will not go longer than one hour. Dr. Wood and myself will be able to give an update perhaps at the next meeting.

Moving on, the Summer Jobs Program is in full effect as far as GECAC. I am going to be talking with Mr. Jones to provide him some thoughts from my perspective on how we can improve the program this year. They will be doing things mostly remote like they did last year. Last year, as I had mentioned, we had about 90 students; in prior years we had about 160-170 students. We will probably be doing more than 90 students, but it will probably not be the 160 or more. Last year we had 32 employers; previous years we had nearly 60 employers. Again, we don't know if we will hit the mark of 60; it will probably be a little less but we are going to try and improve from last year. With this pandemic, we have learned to navigate. This has become part of our life experience and we don't want to leave our youth out of this. GECAC will begin their recruitment and offering sessions to the employers and employees at the latter part of next month. Are there any questions about the Summer Jobs Program?

Mr. Barney: Gary, what's the starting wage this year going forward?

Mr. Lee: Good question. Right now, I'm looking at the budget and I'm looking at the dollar amounts. As many of you know, we paid \$7.25 which is the minimum wage in years past, but last year we bumped it up to \$8.25 due to the pandemic and due to the fact that we weren't going to have as many students participating. I'm going to be looking at that and our hope is that we are able to do that \$8.25 because these are still very challenging times. We have not made a final decision. Again, I am reviewing the budget very closely to make sure that if that is something we would like to entertain, we have the money without going back to Council or ECGRA to request additional funds. Stay tuned for that one, Dale.

Mr. Barney: Thank you.

Mr. Lee: Lastly, I would like to make a request. Dr. Wood, I would like to request at our next meeting if we could have Bridgeway Capital, the representative for Erie County, come in and provide us an update. I think it would be very helpful to the Board to get an update on some of the initiatives that they are working on in Erie County and what they plan to do as far as in the future. I know that we had invested some money with them, and I think it would be good to just get an update as to where that stands; I think it would be extremely helpful. Thank you.

Dr. Wood: April may not be the best time to have Bridgeway come in; I don't know if you have a timing issue. May might actually be better because we are working on a special report with Bridgeway Capital on the funds that we are going to release to the community; I'd like to kind of bring them in and be able to release it all at the same time, if that's okay. Unless there is a pressing reason for April?

Mr. Lee: The reason I requested April is the sooner, the better. In my opinion, Bridgeway Capital has always done outstanding work and it's just been a while since they have been before us. In fact, I haven't had the opportunity to meet the new representative; I know who she is, but I have not had the opportunity to meet her and hear directly what their vision for Erie County is moving forward. If May works better, Dr. Wood, I am fine with that. It's just the sooner, the better because there are a lot of great things happening in the region and I just want to make sure that this Board is linked into it and hearing about it first-hand. Thank you.

Dr. Wood: Great.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. There is an Executive Director's Report in your packet – it's got the various media clippings of ECGRA in the news for the stuff that we funded. There are also the agendas for the COVID Task Force which continues to meet every Wednesday and has been doing a great job of listening sessions, for lack of a better term, to better engage the impact of COVID across the community. That pretty much is all that is in there, so I would like to go on to the next document.

Next you will see the Notes on the Crisis Report. This is a special report that I've been working on for the Board and I think it will be a nice archival document; it goes back and traces the work that ECGRA did in the early days of the pandemic. It has been exactly one year since we launched the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund; this Board approved \$2.35 million for it. The creation of the Fund got national attention by Drexel University whose Metro Finance Lab, at the time, called it one of the first funds in the country to be created to respond. You can see the quote there from Bruce Katz. Bruce says, "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.”

There is some summary data in here, there are some nice quotes, like that one from Dr. Katz, there’s a total of \$708,000 given through what we called the Immediate Human Relief Fund, it shows the nonprofit and small business loans that conceded, and then a timeline and a description of the 44 grants that we did. If you remember back in those days, we were getting on zoom calls and we were approving these things on a weekly basis through our process and then reaffirming them at our Board with the process that Tim gave us. This is a nice document to be able to give to policymakers, especially County Council who believed in us and supplemented what we were doing with another \$250,000.

That document is in there for your review. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out. Like I said, from a historical standpoint, it’s a nice piece to have that shows the role that we played during the crisis and, of course, documents it in a way that is accessible to the public policymaker.

Are there any questions of the Executive Director’s Report that I can answer?

Ms. Hess: I don’t have a question, but I just wanted to say that that is a really great document that really highlights everything that was done last year. Kudos to you.

Dr. Wood: Thank you, Ms. Hess. And kudos to the Board and the staff for the time it took. I remember that we were working seven days a week at that point to process these grants as they were coming in a rolling basis. It was exciting, and I know in talking to the staff, it made us feel like we were making a difference. We couldn’t have done it without the Board and the support of County Council; that was so incredible at the time how everybody really came together.

Mr. Lee: Dr. Wood, I have one question. First of all, I would definitely concur with Ms. Hess that this report is very good and great information to get out to the community at large. Does ECGRA plan to do any future work with Dr. Katz and his organization, the Nowak Metro Finance Lab at Drexel University?

Dr. Wood: What do you mean by future work?

Mr. Lee: We have had the opportunity to tap into Dr. Katz and work with him on various initiatives; he was instrumental, at least from the Administration’s standpoint, giving us feedback for the Community College for example. So, my question is, based on some of the initiatives that we may be taking on in the future, or even the current initiatives that we have, will we be seeking feedback or working collaboratively with him in the future on any projects or initiatives?

Dr. Wood: On a personal level, I have always considered Bruce a great advisor and even to some extent a mentor. I do know that he will be in Erie so I imagine that we will be working with him on some level. Erie Insurance has brought him in as a consultant for some of the projects that they are working on. I can’t think of a specific ECGRA initiative right now where we would tap into him as a consultant. It would be more like we would be working with him as someone else’s consultant.

Mr. Lee: Sounds great. Thank you.

### 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

### a. Discussion of the Draft Budget

Mr. Barney: Has everyone had the opportunity to review the Draft Budget?

Mr. Cleaver: I reviewed this draft with Perry yesterday item for item and I was very well satisfied with it. I had a few comments, he answered my questions, so I wanted to let the Board know that I went through this item by item and comparison by comparison and I was well satisfied. I had a couple questions; one thing that caught my eye at the bottom was the PMRS – there was an increase of roughly \$10,000 if you look at it. That was explained to me. Perry, do you want to go over that? Maybe I'm the only dummy that didn't know what it meant.

Dr. Wood: PMRS is the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System was created by the State Legislature to have a public option retirement system for authorities, school districts, counties, and other government entities across the Commonwealth. It is managed by that entity created by the Legislature. That line item is going from \$6,000 to \$17,500 – that's just a shift from the IRA plan that we've had for the last 10 years to this PMRS plan.

Mr. Cleaver: There was one other item, I believe, that the employees took the \$3,000 that was offered by the Board instead of going into a hospitalization plan, am I right?

Dr. Wood: That is correct. We did our homework and we're ready to launch the organization's health care plan in April.

Mr. Cleaver: Thank you. That's all I had on that.

Mr. Barney: Are there any questions of Whitey or Perry on the Draft Budget?

Dr. Wood: Once again, this is only a draft; you won't be asked to vote on this until the April Board meeting. So, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the staff and we can have a discussion about it. Thank you for your time.

### b. Resolution Number 1, 2021 – Resolution to enter into agreements with 23 Erie County Special Events grant applicants, whose events take place between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

Mr. Cleaver: I had looked over this list and talked to Tom because I was concerned because everyone got what they requested with the exception of the Wattsburg Fair and the Erie Downtown Partnership. I received an email from Tom in reference to why that number was lower than what they anticipated. Everybody else received what they requested, so I just wanted to make a note of that that those two agencies were lower, but I did receive the reasons for them to be lower.



Mr. Barney: I didn't receive the reasons so I would like to hear from Tom. I noticed those two were reduced and wondered what the particular reason was. I was unable to get a hold of Tom so I would like for him to tell the Board.

Mr. Maggio: When we get these applications, I go through them twice. I read their budgets, I look at their 990 filings, I look at their previous budgets, their previous 990 filings to make sure that everything that they've applied for is eligible. Occasionally we catch things ahead of time, go back to the applicant and have them refine or change their budgets to remove things that are not eligible. I actually did that with a few of them this year. The ones I caught late were the Erie County Fair (Wattsburg Agricultural Fair Association) and the Erie Downtown Partnership.

With Erie Downtown Partnership, they included things that were not eligible like operations and capital expenses. I did talk to Emily at Erie Downtown Partnership and told her what was not going to be eligible, and she was okay with that. So, we reduced it accordingly.

With Wattsburg, they receive – I can't remember the exact figure – but I believe it's around \$120,000 from the State which goes toward a harness-racing purse and then they turn around and give the purse away (the winnings for the horse race). So, that's not eligible because that's an outside grant. To give them a grant on money they receive is not acceptable. That was the reason their request was reduced by a couple thousand dollars. Everybody else's budgets were fine and acceptable.

Mr. Barney: Thanks, Tom. Does anybody else have any questions?

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sample moves to adjourn.

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

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44800 · Gaming Revenue		4,432,298.77		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	914.11	35,614.28		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Grow	7,500.00	30,417.67		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	25,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		13,010.84		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,250.00	25,347.24		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		829.29		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		3,889.00		
46440 · Immediate Human Relief Fund		275,000.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>19,664.11</u>	<u>4,841,407.09</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	8,060.85	71,486.42	<b>90,500.00</b>	<b>90,500.00</b>
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,456.67	19,336.30	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>
65000 · Office Administration	459.24	9,834.18	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	311.40	29,632.22	<b>54,750.00</b>	<b>54,750.00</b>
66000 · Payroll Expenses	28,865.36	254,976.50	<b>268,452.00</b>	<b>268,452.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>39,153.52</u>	<u>385,265.62</u>	<u><b>455,552.00</b></u>	<u><b>455,552.00</b></u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	(19,489.41)	4,456,141.47		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		320,540.75		
70050 · Municipal Settlements		1,108,074.69		
70070 · Special Events		13,675.39		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		99,000.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	45,000.00	530,550.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program	10,635.89	31,395.34		
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	56,000.00	415,375.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief		585,889.00		
70195 · Response Fund - Small Business MRI		620,000.00		
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>111,635.89</u>	<u>4,958,914.67</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(111,635.89)</u>	<u>(4,958,914.67)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>(131,125.30)</b></u>	<u><b>(502,773.20)</b></u>		

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2021

	<b>March</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	47,128.58
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	3,077,666.96
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,324,224.08
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	3,640,558.38
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	10,042,449.42
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	10,089,578.00
<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	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)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	6,148,846.25
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	6,899.48
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6,155,745.73
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	16,245,323.73
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>16,245,323.73</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
20200 · Retirement Payable	(1,750.00)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	(1,750.00)
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	12,952,783.75
Net Income	367,225.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	16,247,073.73
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>16,245,323.73</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**March 2021**

Expense	March	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	1,500.00	12,900.00	15,000.00	(2,100.00)	86.00%
62120 · Government Relations Services	0.00	3,189.38	3,189.38	0.00	100.00%
62130 · Professional Services	6,000.00	37,065.00	36,000.00	1,065.00	102.96%
62140 · Legal Services	437.00	16,545.94	35,000.00	(18,454.06)	47.27%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	660.00	3,000.00	(2,340.00)	22.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	123.85	1,126.10	1,500.00	(373.90)	75.07%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>8,060.85</b>	<b>71,486.42</b>	<b>93,689.38</b>	<b>(22,202.96)</b>	<b>76.30%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	1,864.98	1,000.00	864.98	186.50%
62890 · Rent	1,456.67	17,471.32	18,000.00	(528.68)	97.06%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,456.67</b>	<b>19,336.30</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	<b>336.30</b>	<b>101.77%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	57.63	2,030.24	3,500.00	(1,469.76)	58.01%
65020 · Postage	19.07	293.84	500.00	(206.16)	58.77%
65040 · Office Supplies	1.59	543.61	2,000.00	(1,456.39)	27.18%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	1,943.39	2,200.00	(256.61)	88.34%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	4,151.40	4,200.00	(48.60)	98.84%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	72.17	2,000.00	(1,927.83)	3.61%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	411.00	200.00	211.00	205.50%
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%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>459.24</b>	<b>9,834.18</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>(13,015.82)</b>	<b>43.04%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	104.94	2,651.25	8,000.00	(5,348.75)	33.14%
65110 · Advertising	223.10	748.90	7,000.00	(6,251.10)	10.70%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	817.86	17,501.56	18,000.00	(498.44)	97.23%
65120 · Insurance	(834.50)	3,473.50	9,850.00	(6,376.50)	35.26%
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%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>311.40</b>	<b>29,632.22</b>	<b>54,750.00</b>	<b>(25,117.78)</b>	<b>54.12%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	24,787.49	227,351.42	233,000.00	(5,648.58)	97.58%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,953.60	17,518.50	17,302.00	216.50	101.25%
66015 · FUTA Tax	2.50	125.99	150.00	(24.01)	83.99%
66020 · PASUI Tax	118.76	770.71	2,000.00	(1,229.29)	38.54%
66500 · Retirement	0.00	4,476.19	9,000.00	(4,523.81)	49.74%
66700 · PMRS	2,003.01	4,733.69	7,000.00	(2,266.31)	67.62%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>28,865.36</b>	<b>254,976.50</b>	<b>268,452.00</b>	<b>(13,475.50)</b>	<b>94.98%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>39,153.52</b>	<b>385,265.62</b>	<b>458,741.38</b>	<b>(73,475.76)</b>	<b>83.98%</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**March 31, 2021**

	March	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,324,224.08		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	3,077,666.96		

**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		<b>4,769,893.96</b>

**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	111,635.89	550,460.35	<b>4,896,914.67</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements**

	March	YTD	Subtotal
<b>IMMEDIATE HUMAN RELIEF FUND (COVID-19)</b>			
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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	March	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	<b>585,889.00</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	
Bridgeway Capital - 5th Draw		85,000.00	
		620,000.00	<b>620,000.00</b>

**MUNICIPALITIES**

**Settlements**

Summit Township		498,633.59	
Greene Township		121,888.22	
McKean Township		121,888.22	
Millcreek Township		121,888.22	
Waterford Township		121,888.22	
Erie County		121,888.22	
		1,108,074.69	<b>1,108,074.69</b>

**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	<b>17,000.00</b>

**SHAPING TOMORROW**

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

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
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	March	YTD	Subtotal
<b>QUALITY OF PLACE</b>			
<b>Community Assets</b>			
<b>ACH</b> Albion Area Fair, Inc.		9,375.00	
AmeriMasala		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	
<b>CC</b> 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	
			<b>\$320,540.75</b>
 <b>Special Events</b>			
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	
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	
			<b>13,675.39</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
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	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS &amp; COMMUNITIES</b>			
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
<b>2018</b> Grace Church		80,000.00	
<b>2019</b> Erie Center for Arts & Technology		60,000.00	
Erie Masonic Temple Foundation	56,000.00	56,000.00	
Mercy Center for Women		20,000.00	
<b>2020</b> Borough of Union City		49,375.00	
Gaudenzia Erie		50,000.00	
Woman's Club of Erie		100,000.00	
			<u>415,375.00</u>
<b>Erie Center for Arts &amp; Technology - MRI</b>		500,000.00	<u>500,000.00</u>
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
<b>2019</b> Borough of Edinboro		119,750.00	
Borough of Girard	45,000.00	45,000.00	
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	
			<u>530,550.00</u>
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
<b>2020</b> 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	
			<u>230,625.00</u>
<b>SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING</b>			
<b>Beehive Network</b>			
Edinboro University Foundation		57,000.00	
Gannon University		90,500.00	
Mercyhurst University		97,500.00	
Erie Regional Library Foundation		62,123.00	
			<u>307,123.00</u>
<b>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
<b>Summer Jobs &amp; More</b>	10,635.89	20,759.45	<u>20,759.45</u>
<b>PILOT PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	111,635.89	4,886,278.78	<u>4,886,278.78</u>



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		<u>March</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Committed Funds:</b>				
<b>N&amp;C</b>	<b>Renaissance Block 2018</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
	2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2020</b>			
	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
	<b>Anchor Building</b>			
	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	0.00	70,000.00
	Housing & Neighborhood Development Services		40,000.00	50,000.00
	Impact Corry		60,000.00	75,000.00
	<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		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	45,000.00	45,000.00	170,000.00
	Impact Corry		28,000.00	202,400.00
	Waterford Borough		84,600.00	249,800.00
<b>MUN</b>	<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
<b>SB</b>	<b>Beehive Network</b>			
	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
<b>PP</b>	<b>Pilot Program</b>			
	Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
<b>QP</b>	<b>Response Fund (COVID)</b>			
	Small Business		680,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00

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**Committed Funds (cont):**

		<u>March</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Y&amp;E</b>	<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
	<b>GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2020</b>	10,635.89	118,604.66	150,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>		<u><u>111,635.89</u></u>	<u><u>3,077,666.96</u></u>	<u><u>6,732,076.50</u></u>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Check Detail Report**  
**March 2021**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/03/2021	EFT	VISA	2021 February Statement	-353.13
03/03/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	2/13/21 to 2/26/21 Payroll	-8,849.04
03/03/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	2/13/21 to 2/26/21 IRA	-250.00
03/03/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay ending 3/5/21	-667.67
03/05/2021	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2020 Summer Jobs	-7,146.35
03/05/2021	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2021 February Legal	-437.00
03/05/2021	EFT	MaherDuessel, CPA	2020 2nd Quarter Review	-1,500.00
03/05/2021	EFT	Erie Masonic Temple Preservation Foundati	2019 Anchor Building - Final Payment	-56,000.00
03/05/2021	EFT	Parker Phillips	2021 February, March Services	-6,000.00
03/05/2021	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2021 April Phone/IT	-794.36
03/05/2021	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2021 March Rent	-1,456.67
03/05/2021	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2021 March Copier Lease	-345.95
03/18/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	2/27/21 to 3/12/21 Payroll	-9,359.86
03/18/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	2/27/21 to 3/12/21 IRA	-250.00
03/18/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 3/19/21	-667.67
03/24/2021	EFT	Erie Times News	Task Force Ad	-76.70
03/24/2021	EFT	Girard Borough	2019 MMS - 2nd Installment	-45,000.00
03/24/2021	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2020 Summer Jobs	-3,489.54
03/31/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	3/13/21 to 3/26/21 Payroll	-8,777.30
03/31/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	3/13/21 to 3/26/21 IRA	-250.00
03/31/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 4/2/21	-667.67
03/31/2021	EFT	Erie Bank	Service Charge	-35.00

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING  
Account Number: ####-####-####-8643  
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<b>SCORECARD</b>	<b>CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE</b>
	\$0.00	05/15/2021

**Account Summary**

Billing Cycle		02/07/2021
Days In Billing Cycle		28
Previous Balance		\$2,036.99
Purchases	+	\$353.13
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$2,036.99-
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00

**NEW BALANCE \$353.13**

**Credit Summary**

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,646.87
Available Cash	\$39,646.87
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

**Account Inquiries**

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

**Payment Summary**

NEW BALANCE	<b>\$353.13</b>
MINIMUM PAYMENT	<b>\$353.13</b>
PAYMENT DUE DATE	<b>03/04/2021</b>

*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**

Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
02/03	02/03	1593966123	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$2,036.99-
			<b>TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>\$2,036.99-</b>

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

ERIEBANK  
PO BOX 42  
CLEARFIELD PA 16830-0042

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

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<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>New Balance</b>	<b>Total Minimum Payment Due</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>
02/07/21	\$353.13	\$353.13	03/04/21



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



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:



VISA  
PO BOX 4517  
CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517

Cardholder Account Summary				
TAMMI MICHALI #### #### #### 8023	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$353.13	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$353.13

Cardholder Account Detail					
Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
01/12	01/13	PBUS01	24789301012091202420331	ERIE TIMES NEWS CIRCULATI 814-8701600 PA	\$57.63
01/13	01/14	PBUS01	24789301013096402911566	ERIE TIMES NEWS ADVERTISI 814-8701600 PA	\$146.40
01/21	01/22	PBUS01	24692161021100623252778	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07
01/24	01/25	PBUS01	24493981024083004586049	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$23.50
01/28	01/29	PBUS01	24906411028112876348207	SMK*SURVEYMONKEY.COM 971-2445555 CA	\$104.94
02/02	02/03	PBUS01	24137461034000995610037	GIANT EAGLE #4038 ERIE PA	\$1.59

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**Additional Information About Your Account**  
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 THE TOTAL FINANCE CHARGE PAID ON YOUR ACCOUNT DURING THE PAST YEAR WAS \$0.00.

ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 02/05/2021					
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 <sup>1</sup>	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
<b>Purchases</b>									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.58333%(M)	7.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$353.13
<b>Cash</b>									
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							Days In Billing Cycle: 28		
** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees							APR = Annual Percentage Rate		
<sup>1</sup> FCM = Finance Charge Method									
(V) = Variable Rate. If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.									



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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
APRIL  
2021**



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund Receives National Recognition, ECGRA Reports on Fund**

**Erie, PA (March 17, 2021)** – The \$2.35 million Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund, established on March 17, 2020 by ECGRA and Erie County Council, was recognized by Drexel University Nowak Metro Finance Lab as a “First Mover” in the nation, while helping inject money into the local economy ahead of state and national funding.

“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,” said Bruce Katz, co-founder and inaugural director, Nowak Metro Finance Lab at Drexel University. “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.”

“The success of the Erie County Emergency Relief Fund can be attributed to swift action on the part of Erie County Council and the ECGRA Board to approve the local funding necessary to deliver expeditiously, while counties across Pennsylvania awaited state and federal funding relief,” said Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA.

The COVID-19 Response Fund focused on small businesses, nonprofits, and humanitarian aid and created three programs to address the COVID-19 crisis that wreaked havoc on communities and small businesses across the country. The Immediate Human Relief Fund was established to offer urgent relief to the populations served by food pantries, homeless shelters, child care centers, and elder care centers. The first grant, which launched the fund, awarded \$168,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank and supported 6,000 meals to be distributed throughout Erie County. A total of \$708,794 was awarded to additional organizations.

The Nonprofit Loan Fund and Small Business Loan Fund included \$1.6 million that helped meet the rising needs of small businesses and non-profits. The loans, administered through Bridgeway Capital, included flexible payment schedules and closed on 26 loans in just seven weeks.

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ECGRA’s mission is to elevate Erie County by empowering nonprofits and small businesses toward economic and community development. Since February 2008, ECGRA has invested more than \$55 million in Erie County.

EDITOR’S NOTE: FULL REPORT CAN BE FOUND HERE: [www.ecgra.org/COVIDREPORT](http://www.ecgra.org/COVIDREPORT)

**American Rescue Plan Discussion  
Erie County Stakeholders  
March 18, 2021**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome – County Executive (2 min)
2. Investing for Our Future – County Executive (6-8 min)
3. Rescue Plan Overview - Melinda Meyer, Erie County Dept. of Planning and Community Development (15 min)
4. Group Discussion. (30 min)
5. Wrap up and Next Steps (5 min)





## Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

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

### ZOOM Information

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

Meeting ID: 845 0936 0856

Passcode: 128266

### AGENDA

1. Housing Authority – Michael Fraley, Deputy Dennis
2. Velocity Net – Joel Deuterman
3. Good of the Order



## Economic Impact & COVID Revitalization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 31, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

### ZOOM Information

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

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### AGENDA

1. PA Coalition of Affiliated Healthcare & Living Communities – Chase Cannon
2. Pleasant Ridge Manor – Robert Smith
3. Good of the Order



**City of Erie Police Athletic League  
626 State St. Erie, PA 16501**



**Sgt. Thomas L. Lenox  
814-870-1168**

**Erie Police Athletic League  
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**Chief Dan Spizarny**  
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Erie City Deputy Chief  
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Lt. Erie County Sheriff

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Director  
Retired Educator  
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Director  
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**March 30, 2021**  
**Perry Wood**  
**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**5340 Fryling Road #201, Erie, Pa 16510**

Dear Perry Wood,

Thank you for your great generosity, donating to the Erie Police Athletic League. We at the Erie Police Athletic league appreciate your donation and understand the financial sacrifice that it takes, especially during these trying times of economic crisis. Your support helps to further our mission through encouraging and fostering positive relationships between the officers and youth in our community. The financial donation will allow our organization, to take the PAL kids in to additional field trips outside of the school setting, provide gifts, in addition to having more PAL summer camps in 2021.

Together we are making a difference in our community and investing in the future leaders of the Erie community. Your continued support of our mission is deeply gratifying to us, and we hope that it is the same for you. We are honored that you have chosen the Erie Police Athletic League as your organization to donate to and looking forward to a continued partnership in the future. Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again. If you have any questions about our mission and growth, be sure to visit our websites at <http://www.eriepal.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/EriePAL/>. In conclusion, I want to thank you again and I'm looking forward to our continued partnership.

Respectfully,

*Sgt. Thomas L. Lenox*  
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## Tammi Michali

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**From:** Gary Bukowski <GBukowski@sarahreed.org>  
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**To:** Adrienne Dixon; Brittany Hayden; Chris Hlifka; Gary Bukowski; Jennifer Zietz; Kristen Heisler; Larry Shallenberger; Laura Amoscato; Mary Barr; Molly Myers; Steve Kohler  
**Cc:** Tammi Michali; Perry Wood; Tom Maggio  
**Subject:** FW: ECGRA Immediate Human Relief Report  
**Attachments:** ECGRA COVID RESPONSE 2021.pdf

FYI

Earlier this morning we were talking about data and its importance, I just received this report from ECGRA and wanted to share it with you. This shows the importance of providing timely reports and detail to our charitable partners. This grant and support from ECGRA meant a great deal to us in those early days of the pandemic when we were scrambling for support to fund our growing needs brought about by COVID-19....

We thank all those at ECGRA who considered us for this support!!

Happy to report that they focused their story on Second Harvest Food Bank and Sarah A. Reed Children's Center...

This was funding we received 4.13.2020 toward our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Technological Initiative which was critically welcomed in the early days of the COVID-19 Cloud ..It was a great shot in the arm at a challenging time....

Any questions please let me know...  
Gary

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Good morning!

It is with great pleasure that I am sending this report on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. We are all aware of the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the community and so Dr. Perry Wood felt that it was imperative to compile a list of the organizations that were directly helped in the early months. ECGRA took great efforts to assist in any way possible to help alleviate some of the strain on the community's vital organizations and those they serve. We consider it a

# Route 6 businesses could use grant for upgrades

BY SARA JUKES  
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Corry City Council voted to write a letter of support for the Pennsylvania Route 6 Alliance and its efforts to fund a facade improvement program in Erie and Crawford counties.

A letter from the alliance was received during a recent Council meeting requesting support for a grant application.

In partnership with Preservation Erie and Oil Region National Heritage Area, the alliance is applying for a Keystone Communities Grant.

The grant is being offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

If received, the grant will enable the alliance to provide funding to commercial building owners, business owners and nonprofits along Route 6 for facade restoration projects.

City Business Manager Nick Heil said it is very similar to the Renaissance Block Grant program the city participated in to improve the facades of its downtown businesses.

Business and nonprofit owned properties on Route 6 would be able to put the funds toward improvements such as new signage, professional design assistance, exterior painting, awning repair and more.

"Improvements do not need to be costly to greatly improve the facade of the building and make a lasting impact not the community," Executive Director Candace Hillyard said in her letter.

If received, the alliance could provide up to \$5,000 per property. It would require a dollar to dollar match.

"It is our hope to fund a minimum of 20 properties in the two-county area," Hillyard said.

The alliance intends to hold public informational meetings if the grant is acquired.

# \$350 million from stimulus headed to Erie residents

Jim Martin Erie Times-News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Passage of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan is expected to provide a stunning \$275 million in grants to Erie County government, schools and municipalities.

But that sum is only a fraction of the amount that's being paid directly to the residents of Erie County.

Stimulus benefits — paid in the form of expanded unemployment checks and \$1,400 payments to individuals who meet income guidelines — are expected to total more than \$350 million, according to the Economic Research Institute of Erie at Penn State Behrend.

It's a historic amount of stimulus or rescue money, said Ken Loule, an economics professor and director of the institute.

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To get a sense of the scale of those payments and what they could mean to local residents, \$350 million is enough money to:

- Make 700,000 credit card payments of \$500 each.
- Pay for 33,194 months of in-state tuition at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.
- Buy more than 29 million upper-level box seats at an Erie Sea-Wolves game.
- Pay for 8,750 new \$40,000 cars.
- Foot the bill for 8.75 million cases of disposable diapers at \$40 each.
- Eat 3.5 million \$100 meals at a local restaurant.
- Replace 777,777 broken \$450 washing machines.

Even that \$350 million figure — much of which already has landed in bank accounts — is only a portion of the financial boost flowing to individuals.

The American Rescue Plan also temporarily increases the child tax credit from \$2,000 to \$3,600 and provides a \$3,000 tax credit to parents of 7-year-olds, providing millions more for Erie County residents.

"There are many other provisions in the ARP that will also result in dollars coming to Erie, but these other amounts are even more difficult to estimate," Loule said.

Joe Bell, a spokesman for the Youngstown-based Cafaro Co., which owns the Millcreek Mall, said the retail industry is forecasting improved sales for the rest of 2021, and stimulus payments



Ken Loule, director of the Economic Research Institute of Erie, is shown in this 2014 file photo at Penn State Behrend in Harborcreek Township. CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

are part of the reason.

There's little doubt that the sum is large enough to be felt. The \$350 million figure represents more than 3% of Erie's annual gross domestic product — the final value of all goods and services produced in a typical year.

But not everyone will agree on the value of the stimulus payments, either in northwestern Pennsylvania or the country as a whole.



"Where you stand depends on where you sit," said Scott Miller, dean of the school of business at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

Through one lens, he said, "This is a good policy. It should keep the market churning. It helps people who have hit hard times."

There is debate, however, about whether the massive stimulus program is worth the long-term cost.

"At the same time, where is it (the money) coming from?" Miller said. "You have to pay for it at some point. It's a zero-sum game. You are giving this money away, but you are getting it from somewhere."

Loule is hopeful that the money will help the local economy and those hurt most by shutdowns associated with COVID-19.

Loule notes there was nothing wrong with the economy before the pandemic. The most important role of the stimulus bill might be rescuing those "who were so savagely hurt," he said.

"This provides disposable income, which represents purchasing power," he said. If past patterns hold, lower-income recipients will typically spend a larger portion of

their stimulus payments.

That might not be the best thing for them, but it's the best thing for the economy.

"That is the intent of the program," he said. "That is what the federal government wants to see."

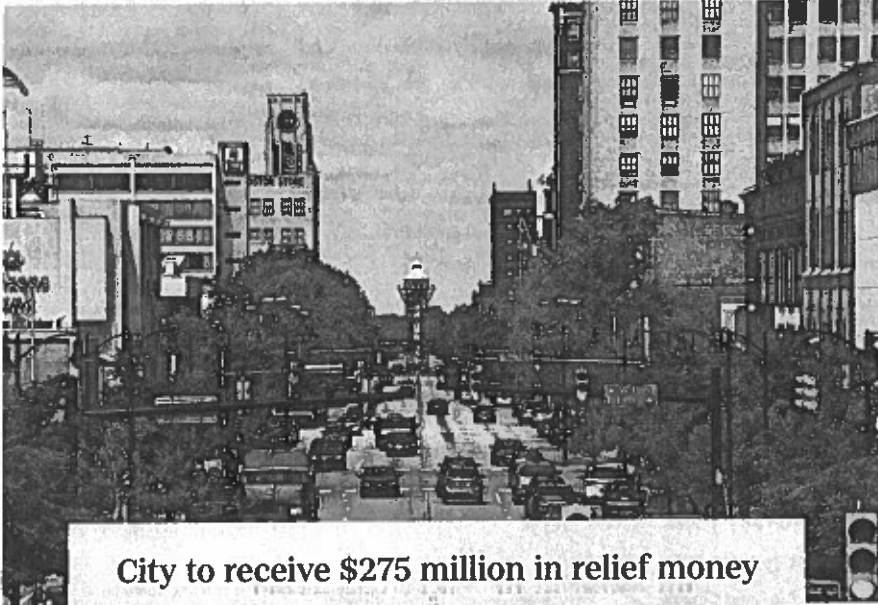
Will the money make a difference?

"It is an astounding amount," Loule said. "It's going to be noticed."

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## COVID-19 IN ERIE

# Talks start over use of stimulus cash



## City to receive \$275 million in relief money

Matthew Rink and Kevin Flowers Erie Times-News | USA TODAY NETWORK

**H**undreds of millions of dollars in federal pandemic relief funding will begin pouring into Erie County by early May, marking what Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper calls “our moonshot moment.” The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan will pump the largest sums yet in federal COVID-19 relief into the area — an unprecedented \$275 million combined for county government, the city of Erie and 37 other municipalities, as well as the area’s 13 public school districts.

How the money can be spent and how officials choose to spend it are questions central to early conversations among a workgroup of elected officials, agency directors and other economic development and philanthropic organizations such as the Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Erie Community Foundation and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

Brought together by Dahlkemper, the group hopes to pool resources and craft a plan that would have far-reaching effects throughout Erie County.

“This is our moment,” Dahlkemper said. “We won’t see this kind of money again in our generation, or in a few generations, I don’t believe. So it’s sort of our moonshot moment. What is the trajectory here? How are we going to truly look back and say we

significantly changed the trajectory of this community by using this money in the most powerful way we could?”

The county sent out a survey to all participants in the first meeting of the workgroup, which plans to meet again soon, Dahlkemper said.

### Who’s getting what?

Erie County government is projected to receive \$52.3 million, while the city of Erie is expected to get \$79.1 million.

Millcreek Township is in line for \$6.5 million and all other townships and boroughs will receive more than \$12 million combined.

Erie County school districts will get a total of \$123 million, which includes \$70 million for the Erie School District alone.

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Dahlkemper

Above: The skyline of downtown Erie is seen from the State Street railroad overpass.  
CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

# Stimulus

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The American Rescue Plan funding is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to really transform this region, and I'm very excited about it," Erie Mayor Joe Schember said. "You add our \$79 million to what the county is getting, to what other municipalities are getting, to what school districts are getting, and there's a chance to really multiply the effect to benefit citizens."

## How can the money be used?

Rick Schuettler is executive director of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for policies and programs that benefit third-class cities throughout the state, including Erie.

Schuettler said that PML — which is affiliated with the National League of Cities — has been lobbying the federal government for more than a year to sign off on the type of COVID-19-related direct aid to municipalities that the American Rescue Plan provides.

"This level of direct funding to municipalities is something that's unprecedented in today's political environment," Schuettler said. "For those who weren't in a great (financial) position when the pandemic hit, this is a tremendous boost to them."

While the U.S. Treasury is finalizing American Rescue Plan guidelines, Schuettler said some eligible uses for the funding are already clear.

"Water, sewer and broadband projects appear to be eligible," he said. "Some folks are looking at housing and funding for the homeless. There is money for assistance for small businesses, and it can be used for revenue losses. Those are things a lot of municipalities can start to look at pretty quickly in terms of using the money."

David Sanko, executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, said there are "four pots" into which the money can be put: COVID-19 response, revenue losses, premium pay for essential government workers and infrastructure work.

Revenue replacement is especially critical, Sanko said. It was not an eligible use of funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding.

"You had folks who stayed on the job and worked through this," he said. "Local government was an essential service. You didn't get to stay home. There was still an expectation to go plow the roads and pick up the trash and to make sure the toilets flushed and the water came out when we'd turn the tap."

"As many other people were forced to stay home, you saw traditional revenues not come in, whether it was sales tax or income tax. Peoples' spending patterns changed. People were driving less, so the liquid fuels (tax) collections — the gas tax — was generating less money. But you still had to fix the roads. You still have to plow — all those things. So being able to replace that lost revenue was important."

Because there are fewer "strings attached" to the American Rescue Plan funding than there were with the CARES Act, counties would have the flexibility to use the money in a variety of ways, including addressing the mental health crisis that worsened with the pandemic, said Lisa Schaefer, executive director of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

"We've talked about the need for increased mental health funding, for instance, for a while," she said. "I'd have to go back and double-check the language to see if that's something under the statute, but that's something that you can kind of start building that investment over time. We've certainly seen case-loads increase during the pandemic."

## Ideas for Erie

Among the ideas being discussed is how Erie County communities can improve access to high-speed internet. Erie County used CARES Act funding to



The skyline of downtown Erie is shown Aug. 18 looking south on State Street from Perry Square.

CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS



Erie Mayor Joe Schember.

CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

state-mandated moratoriums on construction during the pandemic.

In addition, parking ticket and parking tax revenues dropped, collectively, by nearly \$500,000 in 2020, according to city financial figures.

Erie City Councilman Michael Keys said he hopes to see the money used to create "something tangible," such as recreational facilities or park improvements for young people in the city.



Keys

Keys would also like to see much of the city's American Rescue Plan funding go toward fighting homelessness.

"We need to help people," Keys said. "And we need to create things that are still here when (the pandemic) is gone."

## 'Is this real?'

Schember said his administration participated in a conference call with representatives of U.S. Sen Bob Casey's office last week to ask questions about the American Rescue Plan's guidelines and eligible uses for funding.

"They couldn't really answer a lot of our questions yet," Schember said. "But from what we understand so far, the primary purpose of this money is to help people and businesses impacted by COVID-19. And we can use it to deal with some of our revenue losses in city gov-

ernment."

Schuettler said PML will host webinars in the coming months to better explain the American Rescue Plan's guidelines and nuances to officials from across the state.

"People are looking for that information," he said. "We want to provide some clarity."

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors held two virtual meetings earlier this week for 700 people about ARP funding guidelines.

Participants asked how the money could be spent and what accountability reporting procedures they'll be required to follow.

"There's a couple of things (they asked)," Sanko said. "First off, 'Is this real?' Because local communities have not gotten direct federal funding for decades. It's always gone some other way," such as through a state agency.

About \$1 billion of the \$13 billion headed to Pennsylvania is targeted to communities of fewer than 50,000 people, which in Erie County is every municipality except the city of Erie and Millcreek Township.

Those 36 communities will receive a combined \$12 million.

Harborcreek Township Supervisor Dean Pepicello is among those who are in disbelief. Harborcreek stands to receive a projected \$1.68 million.

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# Stimulus

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"I find it hard to believe," Pepicello said Monday, "that they're just going to hand us those numbers. I don't know."

CARES Act funding allowed the township to address most of its personal protective equipment needs, but it did not plug the quarter of a million dollars in lost revenue since the start of the pandemic.



Pepicello

That would be Harborcreek's priority, he said.

"We're looking for clarity as to how we can use it, but I will tell you, there is plenty of work that has been put off simply because the money wasn't there," Pepicello said. "So can we certainly improve our roads, number one, our stormwater system, our parks? You bet."

### When will the money arrive?

State and local governments are expected to receive the first distribution of funds within 60 days of the American Rescue Plan being signed into law by President Joe Biden, but no later than May 10.

The balance of the funds will be sent a year from the first distribution, but no sooner.

### More time to spend it

One complication with the funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was that, initially, the money had to be spent by the end of 2020.

Erie County officials spent the summer prioritizing how to spend \$24.3 million.

By late summer the county was



Erie firefighters and EmergencyCare personnel respond to an accident at 12th and State streets in Erie on Dec. 8. Personal protective equipment for emergency responders can be covered by the city's American Rescue Plan funding.

JACK HANRAHAN/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

forced to deploy the funding to a range of nonprofit and governmental entities.

"Last year, counties only had until the end of the year," said Schaefer of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. "That was ultimately extended at the last minute, but by the time the deadline was extended those counties had pretty much spent down their funds."

American Rescue Plan funding must be spent by the end of 2024.

"Those were chief goals of counties and local governments — trying to make sure that we had that extra flexibility to invest in our communities and to keep our governments running and provide the services that people need," Schaefer said.

### What not to do

Sanko, of the Association of Township Supervisors, notes that municipal-

ities will continue to incur costs from the pandemic in the years ahead, both direct and indirect. There will still be a need to equip employees with personal

protective gear, such as masks and sanitizers, and to adhere to the strict cleaning standards of facilities and vehicles demanded of the pandemic, he said.

There's also no guarantee that revenue from sales, income or property taxes, among other sources, will return to pre-pandemic levels soon, he said.

It might appear that there's much more money being sent to local governments than what they need right now, he said.

"One of the things that makes it look like there's more is that you have five years — 2020 through 2024 — to spend this money," he said. "It's not as though it's all one year's worth of expenses."

That's why Sanko and others are urging caution and patience when it comes to spending the money.

"Do it right, not fast," Sanko said. "You don't need to go out and let this money burn a hole in your pocket and start spending it, not knowing whether it's eligible. I think it's smart for communities to use this money to help build capacity and to pay for non-recurring, one-time expenses, not recurring expenses, because look, the money's not going to be there forever."

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2, 2021**

**Resolution to Adopt the 2021-22 Budget**

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, hereby adopts its 2021-22 Budget, to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

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

This resolution was passed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

April 15, 2021

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA

# Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

## Draft Budget

2021-22

Expense	<u>2020-21</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2021-22</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>		
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	20,000.00
62145 · Website Design	3,000.00	3,000.00
62150 · Payroll Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<u>93,689.38</u>	<u>79,500.00</u>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>		
62840 · Office Equipment	1,000.00	2,500.00
62890 · Rent	18,000.00	18,000.00
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>20,500.00</u>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>		
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	2,000.00
65090 · Meeting Expenses	4,000.00	2,000.00
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	250.00	250.00
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<u>22,850.00</u>	<u>17,150.00</u>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>		
65105 · Outreach	8,000.00	5,000.00
65110 · Advertising	7,000.00	4,000.00
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
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<u>54,750.00</u>	<u>49,000.00</u>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>		
66005 · Salaries, Wages, Benefits	233,000.00	274,400.00
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
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>268,452.00</u>	<u>311,352.00</u>
<b>7000 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u><u>458,741.38</u></u>	<u><u>477,502.00</u></u>