



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA ZOOM/In Person
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
October 21, 2021

ZOOM Meeting Information:

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Meeting ID: 836 4223 4391

Password: not required

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 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. Resolution Number 14, 2021 – Resolution to enter into agreements with nineteen (19) Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged in Arts, Culture, and Heritage

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting
Location: 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510; Jordan Room
ZOOM meeting – details to follow



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

September 16, 2021

Meetings for the Board of Directors of ECGRA can begin meeting in a physical location per Governor Wolf's proclamation of June 11, 2021. However, each member and ex-officio has the option to attend in person or virtually. Members of the public can now speak at the physical location of 5240 Knowledge Parkway.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on September 16, 2021 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, and Ms. Loll are present via Zoom. Mr. Paris and Mr. Sample are present in person. Mr. Wachter, Mr. Lee, Mr. Anderson are present via Zoom, and Dr. Wood is present in person. Ms. Loll is unable to hear the conversation, so she is unable to vote on any items at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sample makes a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2021

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments at this time.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Barney has no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I discussed the Treasurer's Report with Dr. Wood; there were just a couple of comments. It's nice that we are underspent on all line items. I questioned one fact of why did we get \$4,648.75 back from the Erie Center on Health and Aging and the answer was a nice one, that they didn't need all that money so they sent it back to us, which is good.

The other thing was that I see the townships got their second quarter settlements as prescribed in the By-Laws, I guess. Other than that, everything else seems to be straight across and fine.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Sample seconds the motion. There are no questions or discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 5-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: There was no meeting held, so there is nothing to report.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Anderson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's an honor to be with you and the Board this morning. I just wanted to give a brief report from County Council. First of all, I would like to thank the Board and staff, particularly Perry Wood, for the assistance all of you have given County Council and County government with the COVID Impact Committee. There has been a tremendous amount of work done that has led County government to be able to institute and pass Ordinance Numbers 65 and 66 dealing with the ARPA funding. In that funding, County Council pushed very strongly for a pool of money for Transformational Grants as we come out of the pandemic for our community to be able to move forward in a positive and strong fashion. It was supported and passed by Council that there was no better organization in the community than our economic development partner, and that's you at ECGRA. We set aside \$4 million in this first tranche of money from this first \$26 million.

With unanimous support, all of that passed in August, and we have great confidence and hope in the execution of those Transformative Grant funds, and we look forward to the ideas and the forward-thinking things that ECGRA comes up with in regards to community benefits with that money. Certainly, you have the support of Council because as I said, it went

through as a unanimous vote, and I believe there will be additions to that as we look to the next tranche of money.

If there are any issues that arise with the process of getting it taken care of through the Administration, please let us know because we would be happy to help in any way. As I said, we have the faith and confidence in your Board, Mr. Chairman, and in the staff you have, and your Director, Perry Wood. That's my report today. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Thank you, again, to all of you for the hard work.

Let me make just one other comment. I was in a meeting not too long ago with a group who was trying to push for additional funding and defend their position. They had claimed that they stepped forward when the pandemic hit and were able to get homeless people off the streets in the first weekend. Since I was the one there working with Director Wood and the forward-thinking of the ECGRA Board in being prepared for what was happening, I know that they had nothing to do with making it happen. It was all with the preparedness and the forward-thinking of ECGRA.

Those things do not go unnoticed, and it is critically important that you continue the mission that you have undertaken and resist, when necessary, the unfortunate things that may happen in the community that stand in the way of progress and moving forward. That particular moment is one example. ECGRA and your staff and your Board shine through like a beacon in this community. County Council, for sure, appreciates the work that is being done. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Wood: Thank you, Chairman Anderson, for those kind words about ECGRA.

Mr. Barney: Thank you Mr. Anderson. Let me open it up to the Board for any questions.

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Chairman, may I ask how the process is going with the Administration and particularly with the Finance Department in the process of the funding?

Mr. Barney: To my knowledge in having talked to Dr. Wood, and I'll let him comment, it's moving along. It's a slow process; we want to be thorough and have everything correct and we're waiting for additional information, but with that amount of money, I guess it's a cautious process. I'll let Dr. Wood make any additional comments.

Dr. Wood: I would just add that we know that County Council has awarded us these Transformative dollars through Ordinance. We have followed up with the Finance Department twice, both times we were told that this is in process and that they needed us to wait. I think the biggest factor is that the Administration wanted to hire an accountability firm to oversee subrecipients. If the Board is not aware, ECGRA would be considered a subrecipient of County funds through ARP. That group happens to be Maher Duessel, which happens to be our auditors. We are waiting to find out when Maher Duessel is on board and has some type of guidance for us.

In the meantime, Tim and I have done an extensive amount of research and studying; we've studied several documents that came from the Federal Government associated with these funds, as well as the US Treasury. I think we are able and ready. We are just waiting for the final direction from Maher Duessel and also the grant agreement from the County.

Mr. Anderson: If I can comment, that is a little concerning to me. I would say that the Finance Department has been a little overwhelmed and they did have the retirement of one of the major management persons in Finance.

There are no restrictions on the funds; both of the Ordinances were passed, and Council put restrictions on each of the funds. There was no restriction of waiting until a consultant came on board. The consultant is to help with the paperwork, not to hold up any policies or funding that you may begin to put into place. Essentially, they are there to work with the Administration to make sure that when you are sending in reports, that those reports follow the guidelines. There shouldn't be anything that stands in the way of you getting the funds.

The reason I asked the question is because there has been other agencies of County government and other specific groups that received approval from Council that were in the same situation and that is just not the case. There should be nothing that should restrict the funds from coming. I would suggest that you send a letter to the Finance Department and cc the County Executive and myself as the liaison and Chair, and you may also want to cc Kim Clear, the Finance Chair, and let them know that you are prepared for the funds and you've done your research, your Solicitor has looked at things, and let them know that that makes the funds free. Them saying that because of the consultant they have to hold up the money, that is just not accurate.

Mr. Barney: Thank you for that additional information, Mr. Anderson.

- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Lee: Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will attempt to be very brief. While we are talking about the American Rescue Plan Act funding, I think it's very important that we place everything in proper context. What I mean by that is the Administration is responsible to provide reports to the US Treasury Department and I think that this may be where the disconnect is coming in. Yes, the Finance team has a contract with Maher Duessel. They also have a contract with Whit O'Brien. Whit O'Brien is handling the program side of it and Maher Duessel is handling the financial requirement side of it. The process continues to be worked out because of the numerous requirements that the US Treasury Department has put in place with this funding. So, the money comes to the County and the County is going to be responsible for it at the end.

In doing that, as far as how we set it up with ECGRA and other entities like the Erie County Redevelopment Authority, they are going to be key administrators of various programs. So, the US Department of Treasury requires the County to have an agreement in writing. The US Treasury requires that an agreement be in place before this money goes out. Now, we can go ahead and do it without the agreement, but that has not been the consultant's feedback. I'm talking about Whit O'Brien. They said, "No, you want these agreements in place." And I would agree. You want these agreements in place so that everyone can understand what the expectations are and make sure that the "I"s are dotted and the "t"s are crossed. In this particular case, ECGRA will be responsible for reporting back to the County and then the County to the US Department of Treasury.

So, it is a very good and wise choice to make sure that everyone understands upfront what the expectations are and what is going to be required to submit these various reports. The Finance teams continues to work through that. I do know that this is a priority. Please keep in mind that they are actually working on the budget, which is due October 1st to County Council, so there are a lot of things going on with that particular team. This is at the top of the priorities as well, so I would just ask for continued patience as we work through this but please know that our reporting requirements with the US Treasury Department is a big part of this particular puzzle. At this point, I will take any questions or concerns that anyone has at this time. Hearing none, that concludes my update, Mr. Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. Thanks for being with us. You'll see in your Executive Director's Report that it contains a letter from the County that second quarter gaming revenue was received and in accordance with the Municipal Settlements, the settlement checks were stroked. You'll see a report from Professional Services, and then you'll see several news clippings of things that came through via newsletters, the Corry Journal, and the Erie Times concerning ECGRA.

The big thing on the agenda today is the Annual Report; it's Resolution Number 13, 2021. The Annual Report, of course, is an important historical artifact for the organization. We file one every year. It comes to the Board for full approval and when it's approved, it is then distributed to various members of County Government including County Council, the County Executive, and the County Controller where it goes on record as it has the activities of ECGRA for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Since we already covered the ARP monies, that is the majority of my report. Does anyone have any questions for me?

Mr. Cleaver: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make a comment. I reviewed the Annual Report and let me tell you, I think it's top notch. There is a lot to be proud of and it is very well put together. It really explains just about anything and everything that goes on. I just wanted to make that comment that it is a really well-done report.

Dr. Wood: Thank you, Mr. Cleaver. That was designed by our firm, Parker Philips.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: I was going to speak about some of the research we had done on the funding; it has already been covered. I know Perry has been looking at that and we will move forward accordingly once we receive those agreements. If there are any questions, let me know.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to cover at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 13, 2021 – Resolution to adopt the 2020-21 Annual Report

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Sample makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sample moves to adjourn.

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

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2021-22 YTD</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue		1,572,600.15		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue	1,946,938.99	1,946,938.99		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	276.29	2,940.69		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Grow	7,666.67	15,250.00		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		6,500.00		
46426 · Int. Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,388.89	12,708.33		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		0.00		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT	2,556.00	7,668.00		
Total Income	<u>1,968,826.84</u>	<u>3,574,606.16</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	3,621.56	30,986.34	39,750.00	79,500.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,998.85	10,282.20	10,248.00	20,500.00
65000 · Office Administration	622.69	6,100.50	8,574.00	17,150.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	6,802.36	22,113.03	24,498.00	49,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	32,455.57	147,483.76	155,676.00	311,352.00
Total Expense	<u>46,501.03</u>	<u>216,965.83</u>	<u>238,746.00</u>	<u>477,502.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,922,325.81	3,357,640.33		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets	11,250.00	120,761.36		
70050 · Municipal Settlements		393,150.04		
70070 · Special Events	25,091.92	142,256.90		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		147,000.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	34,900.00	214,602.00		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program	20,452.25	28,673.92		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing		207,500.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects		40,000.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block		185,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building	100,000.00	100,000.00		
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>191,694.17</u>	<u>1,578,944.22</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(191,694.17)</u>	<u>(1,578,944.22)</u>		
Net Income	<u><u>1,730,631.64</u></u>	<u><u>1,778,696.11</u></u>		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2021

	September
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	647,928.71
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	2,822,766.38
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,469,358.62
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	4,931,433.22
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	11,223,558.22
Total Checking/Savings	11,871,486.93
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	223.48
Total Other Current Assets	6,149,069.73
Total Current Assets	18,020,556.66
TOTAL ASSETS	18,020,556.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	13,318,259.55
Net Income	1,775,232.93
Total Equity	18,020,556.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	18,020,556.66

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
September 2021

Expense	September	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	8,600.00	15,000.00	(6,400.00)	57.33%
62130 · Professional Services	3,000.00	18,000.00	40,000.00	(22,000.00)	45.00%
62140 · Legal Services	494.00	3,135.00	20,000.00	(16,865.00)	15.68%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	717.99	3,000.00	(2,282.01)	23.93%
62150 · Payroll Services	127.56	533.35	1,500.00	(966.65)	35.56%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	3,621.56	30,986.34	79,500.00	(48,513.66)	38.98%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	1,542.18	1,542.18	2,500.00	(957.82)	61.69%
62890 · Rent	1,456.67	8,740.02	18,000.00	(9,259.98)	48.56%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,998.85	10,282.20	20,500.00	(10,217.80)	50.16%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	122.38	2,146.56	3,000.00	(853.44)	71.55%
65020 · Postage	19.07	164.42	500.00	(335.58)	32.88%
65040 · Office Supplies	100.29	732.31	2,000.00	(1,267.69)	36.62%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	(2,200.00)	0.00%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	2,075.70	4,200.00	(2,124.30)	49.42%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	12.69	500.00	(487.31)	2.54%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	210.00	500.00	(290.00)	42.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	649.93	2,000.00	(1,350.07)	32.50%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	0.00	108.89	2,000.00	(1,891.11)	5.44%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	622.69	6,100.50	17,150.00	(11,049.50)	35.57%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	1,246.08	5,000.00	(3,753.92)	24.92%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	223.10	4,000.00	(3,776.90)	5.58%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	817.86	8,817.85	18,000.00	(9,182.15)	48.99%
65120 · Insurance	834.50	6,676.00	10,100.00	(3,424.00)	66.10%
65130 · Grant Management Software	5,150.00	5,150.00	4,900.00	250.00	105.10%
65150 · Travel	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)	0.00%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	6,802.36	22,113.03	49,000.00	(26,886.97)	45.13%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	29,204.88	130,999.74	274,400.00	(143,400.26)	47.74%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,915.35	8,471.98	17,302.00	(8,830.02)	48.97%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
66700 · PMRS	1,335.34	8,012.04	17,500.00	(9,487.96)	45.78%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	32,455.57	147,483.76	311,352.00	(163,868.24)	47.37%
Total Expense	46,501.03	216,965.83	477,502.00	(260,536.17)	45.44%

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
September 30, 2021

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	3,469,358.62		
Committed Funds	2,822,766.38		
2021 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		332,414.20	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,240,185.95	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<u>1,572,600.15</u>
2021 Interactive Gaming Revenue			
FY 2020-2021	<u>1,946,938.99</u>	<u>1,946,938.99</u>	<u>1,946,938.99</u>
FY Disbursements:			
First Quarter Disbursements		782,550.20	
Second Quarter Disbursements	191,694.17	796,394.02	
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<u>1,578,944.22</u>

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements

	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
MUNICIPALITIES			
Settlements			
Summit Township		176,917.54	
Greene Township		43,246.50	
McKean Township		43,246.50	
Millcreek Township		43,246.50	
Waterford Township		43,246.50	
Erie County		<u>43,246.50</u>	<u>393,150.04</u>
Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
Girard Township		17,000.00	
Impact Corry		25,000.00	
Jefferson Educational Society		100,000.00	
West Erie County EMA		<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>147,000.00</u>

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	September	YTD	Subtotal
NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES			
Anchor Building			
Gaudenzia Erie	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	50,000.00	50,000.00	
			100,000.00
 Mission Main Street			
Borough of Edinboro - 2019	34,900.00	34,900.00	
Erie Downtown Partnership - 2019		45,892.00	
Our West Bayfront - 2019		133,810.00	
			214,602.00
 Renaissance Block			
Borough of Union City - 2021		50,000.00	
Impact Corry - 2019		50,000.00	
Impact Corry - 2021		50,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		10,000.00	
Sisters of Mercy		25,000.00	
			185,000.00
 PILOT PROGRAMS			
Film Society of Northwestern PA		15,000.00	
New Localism Associates		25,000.00	
			40,000.00
 QUALITY OF PLACE			
Community Assets			
2018 CC - Erie Center on Health and Aging		(4,648.76)	
PFT Borough of Edinboro	11,250.00	11,250.00	
Borough of Girard		25,000.00	
Borough of Union City		25,000.00	
City of Corry		12,500.00	
Fairview Prks & Recreation Authority		5,000.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		12,365.12	
Headwaters Natural Resource Trust		9,295.00	
Impact Corry		25,000.00	
			120,761.36

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Special Events	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Albion Area Fair, Inc.		12,268.75	
Asbury Woods Partnership	1,217.50	1,217.50	
Borough of Edinboro		1,000.00	
Borough of Union City		300.00	
CAFE		3,875.00	
Corry Higher Education Council		500.00	
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation		18,820.00	
Edinboro University Foundation		1,212.00	
Erie Art Company	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		4,044.00	
Erie Downtown Partnership		7,500.00	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults	3,077.00	3,077.00	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.		5,000.00	
Film Society of NWPA	5,900.00	5,900.00	
French Creek Council, BSA	1,973.70	1,973.70	
Gaudenzia Erie	200.00	200.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		1,115.00	
Holy Trinity RC Church	7,062.00	7,062.00	
Iroquois School District Foundation		5,200.00	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		20,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare	2,290.00	2,290.00	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society		2,250.00	
Mercy Center For Women		1,201.00	
Sacred Heart Church (2020)		197.23	
Sacred Heart Church	299.92	299.92	
Saint Joseph Church		6,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network	1,821.80	1,821.80	
The Nonprofit Partnership		4,046.25	
Waterford Community Fair Association		8,950.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		9,700.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		3,600.00	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		385.75	
			142,256.90

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	September	YTD	Subtotal
SHAPING TOMORROW			
SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING			
Beehive Network			
Edinboro University Foundation		81,000.00	
Erie Regional Library Foundation		47,000.00	
Gannon University		79,500.00	
			207,500.00
YOUTH & EDUCATION			
Summer Jobs & More			
2020 Summer Jobs	3,258.33	11,480.00	
2021 Summer Jobs	17,193.92	17,193.92	
			11,480.00
Total Funds Disbursements	191,694.17	1,578,944.22	1,561,750.30

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as of
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		<u>September</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
	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
	YMCA of Greater Erie		25,000.00	50,000.00
	Renaissance Block 2021			
	Borough of Union City		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Impact Corry		50,000.00	100,000.00
	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		0.00	70,000.00
	Housing & Neighborhood Development Services		40,000.00	50,000.00
	Impact Corry		60,000.00	75,000.00
	20 Borough of Union City		15,000.00	64,375.00
	Gaudenzia Erie	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
	21 Albion Borough		48,000.00	48,000.00
	Performing Artists Collective Alliance	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
	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		134,108.00	250,000.00
	2A Borough of Edinboro	34,900.00	0.00	250,000.00
	Borough of Union City		4,000.00	200,000.00
	2B Preservation Erie		122,000.00	150,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		55,500.00	250,000.00
	3 Borough of Girard		45,000.00	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		5,000.00	200,000.00
	Erie Regional Library Foundation		5,877.00	200,000.00
	Gannon University		5,000.00	200,000.00
	Mercyhurst University		5,000.00	200,000.00
	Penn State University (Behrend)		100,000.00	200,000.00

Committed Funds (cont):

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
September 30, 2021

		<u>September</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
PP	Pilot Program			
	Partnership for a Healthy Community		50,000.00	100,000.00
	New Localism Associates		25,000.00	50,000.00
QP	Response Fund (COVID)			
	Small Business		680,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00
Y&E	Shaping Tomorrow			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
	GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2020	3,258.33	0.00	150,000.00
	GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2021	17,193.92	132,806.08	150,000.00
Total Committed Funds		<u><u>138,158.33</u></u>	<u><u>2,822,766.38</u></u>	<u><u>7,044,451.50</u></u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Check Detail Report
September 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
09/01/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	8/14/21 to 8/27/21 Payroll	-8,776.80
09/01/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	8/14/21 to 8/27/21 Simple IRA	-250.00
09/01/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 8/27/21	-667.67
09/01/2021	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2021 September Rent	-1,456.67
09/01/2021	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2021 September Copier Lease	-345.95
09/01/2021	EFT	French Creek Council, BSA	2021 Special Events Round 2	-1,973.70
09/01/2021	EFT	Film Society of Northwestern PA	2021 Special Events Round 2	-5,900.00
09/01/2021	EFT	Sacred Heart Church	2021 Special Events Round 2	-299.92
09/01/2021	EFT	Gaudenzia Erie	2021 Special Events Round 2	-200.00
09/01/2021	EFT	Erie Art Company	2021 Special Events Round 2	-1,250.00
09/01/2021	EFT	Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc	2021 Special Events Round 2	-3,077.00
09/01/2021	EFT	Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.	2021 Special Events Round 2	-1,217.50
09/01/2021	EFT	SSJ Neighborhood Network	2021 Special Events Round 2	-1,821.80
09/01/2021	EFT	Borough of Edinboro	2021 Community Assets - PFT	-11,250.00
09/01/2021	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2020 Summer Jobs - Final Payment	-3,258.33
09/01/2021	EFT	Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2021 Anchor Building - 1st Installment	-50,000.00
09/02/2021	EFT	Borough of Edinboro	2019 MMS - Final Payment	-34,900.00
09/02/2021	EFT	Gaudenzia Erie	2020 Anchor Building - In Full	-50,000.00
09/02/2021	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2021 September Phone/IT	-794.36
09/03/2021	EFT	VISA	2021 August Statement	-265.24
09/07/2021	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2021 Summer Jobs - 1st Payment	-17,193.92
09/09/2021	EFT	Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	2021 Special Events Round 2	-2,290.00
09/09/2021	EFT	Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church	2021 Special Events Round 2	-7,062.00
09/09/2021	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2021 August Legal	-494.00
09/13/2021	EFT	Parker Philips	2021 August Services	-3,000.00
09/13/2021	EFT	Foundant Technologies, Inc.	2022 Grant Management Software	-5,150.00
09/17/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	8/28/21 to 9/10/21 Payroll	-8,776.80
09/17/2021	EFT	Fidelity Investments	8/28/21 to 9/10/21 Simple IRA	-250.00
09/17/2021	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 9/10/21	-667.67
09/17/2021	EFT	UPMC Health Plan	2021 October Health Insurance	-3,417.39
09/23/2021	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	Phone/IT	-1,542.18
09/30/2021	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	9/11/21 to 9/24/21 Payroll	-8,776.80
09/30/2021	EFT	Erie Bank	Security Token Fee	-35.00

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING
Account Number: ####-####-####-8643
Page 1 of 3



SCORECARD CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 06/15/2022

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		08/10/2021
Days In Billing Cycle		30
Previous Balance		\$544.59
Purchases	+	\$265.24
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$544.59-
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
NEW BALANCE		\$265.24

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,734.76
Available Cash	\$39,734.76
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

Account Inquiries

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

Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE	\$265.24
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$265.24
PAYMENT DUE DATE	09/04/2021

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	\$544.59-
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount	
08/03	08/03	1598600145	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$544.59-	

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

ERIEBANK
PO BOX 42
CLEARFIELD PA 16830-0042

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

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

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date	
08/10/21	\$265.24	\$265.24	09/04/21	\$

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

e-Statement



MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
VISA
PO BOX 4517
CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517

Cardholder Account Summary				
TAMMI MICHALI #### #### #### 8023	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$265.24	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$265.24

Cardholder Account Detail					
Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
07/15	07/16	PBUS01	24492161196000008349697	DOWNTOWN DEVEL CENTER WWW.ALEXCOMM NJ	\$49.50 <i>book</i>
07/17	07/18	PBUS01	24431061198083736073049	AMAZON.COM*2E69N44P2 AMZN AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$15.25 <i>book</i>
07/21	07/22	PBUS01	24692161202100026368818	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07 <i>postage</i>
07/25	07/26	PBUS01	24493981206083026527716	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$23.50 <i>Phone IT</i>
07/26	07/28	PBUS01	24692161208100234451186	AMZN Mktg US*2P64X6NT1 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$39.49 <i>O.S.</i>
07/28	07/29	PBUS01	24431061209083356993887	AMAZON.COM*2P2TX7000 AMZN AMZN.COM/BILL WA	\$27.27 <i>O.S.</i>
08/02	08/03	PBUS01	24789301214063402105828	ERIE TIMES NEWS CIRCULATI 814-8701600 PA	\$57.63 <i>subscript.</i>
08/07	08/08	PBUS01	24906411219127559297462	At-A-Glance US 800-6439923 IL	\$33.53 <i>O.S.</i>

Additional Information About Your Account
 MANAGE YOUR CARD ACCOUNT ONLINE. IT'S FREE! IT'S EASY! SIMPLY GO TO WWW.MYCARDSTATEMENT.COM AND ENROLL IN OUR ONLINE SERVICE. YOU CAN REVIEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION, TRACK SPENDING, SET ALERT NOTIFICATIONS, DOWNLOAD FILES, AND MUCH MORE. MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT IS FAST, SECURE AND EASY WITH MYCARDSTATEMENT. ENROLL TODAY!

ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 08/09/2021					
SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2022

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%	\$265.24
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							Days In Billing Cycle: 30		
** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees							APR = Annual Percentage Rate		
¹ FCM = Finance Charge Method									
(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.									

2021 Community Assets Grants

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Albion Area Fair	Water and Sewer Lines	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
AmeriMasala	The AmeriMasala Movement	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Dafmark Dance Theatre	Creative Arts Center @ John Horan Garden Apartments	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Downtown North East	North East 2022 Joint Programs	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Edinboro Highland Games	Edinboro Highland Games	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	Collaboration with the Erie Philharmonic for "The Nutcracker"	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	Erie County Veterans Memorial Park Enhancements	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Erie PAL	Unlocking the Power of the COP-KID Relationship	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Erie Yesterday	A Collaborative Application of Seven Heritage Organizations	\$11,501.00	\$11,501.00
Film Society of NWPA	Eerie Horro Fest	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	39th Season of Drum Corps Activities	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Maggie Knox Western	2021-2022 Program at 1020 Collective	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2021-22 Theatrical Season	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Presque Isle Light Station	Presque Isle Light Station Strategic	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
United Way of Erie County	Transforming Urban and Every Day Spaces into Early Learning Places	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Wattsburg Wrestling Club	Wattsburg Wrestling Club Event Series	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
WQLN Public Media	Erie Chronicles: Pilot Season	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	YADO's 17th Season, Comprising the New Prelude Strings Outreach Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL		\$270,001.00	\$181,001.00



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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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

September 2021

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

IMPLEMENTED

33 Total September posts
22 Total graphics created
Press Release | Second round of Special Events and anchor building grant

IN PROGRESS

Erie County COVID Report
Holiday Graphics
Parks Fields & Trails 2 Year Report
ECGRA Playbook
ECGRA Playbook Event
Roadshow Tours with ECAT, PACA, and Train Station Corry

IN PROGRESS | 2021 Grant Releases and Graphics

Community Assets - Arts Culture Heritage
Community Assets - Community Centers

September 24, 2021



Perry Wood
ECGRA
5340 Fryling Rd Ste 201
Erie, PA 16510-4672

Dear Perry,

The inaugural Pedal for Mercy was a day full of sunshine, good food, and friendship. We are grateful to the 110 cyclists who "pedaled forward" for a great mission. The smell of the vineyards and scenic routes added to the fun-filled day. September weather is perfect to enjoy the beginning of fall foliage and end of summer weather.

The event welcomed sponsors, food vendors, volunteers, musical entertainment, and delicious stops along the way. The local wineries were exceptional in embracing all cyclists and opened their doors to



the event. The 50-mile riders had a glorious stop at Findley Lake with food to enjoy. Our mission was to make sure the ride was safe, pleasurable, and picturesque.

We are grateful and thankful to everyone who donated. Thanks to your sponsorship of **\$1,192.98**, we raised over \$20,000.00! We couldn't have done this without any of you! A big THANK YOU to Penn Shore Winery and Vineyards for allowing us to host this event at their beautiful venue. Dave and Ruth Dennis mapped out the entire ride- this is never an easy task.

We always appreciate hearing from you. Please, let me know any recommendations you have for next year by emailing me at jhagerty@mcwerie.org. Yes, we will be riding again, and the date will be announced soon!

Our clients' journeys take courage to battle and share with others. We are grateful to each of you for your wonderful support to the women and children at the Mercy Center for Women- you are the light at the end of the ride to restore faith and passion for the future.

Stay Safe and Well,

Jennie Hagerty
Executive Director, MCW

Dear Perry,
Pedal for Mercy was a wonderful event. We are grateful to ECGRA for their generosity and support of the women and children. We appreciate you!

In accordance with section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, I certify that Mercy Center for Women is a 501(c)3 charitable organization to which contributions are tax deductible. Since no goods or services were given in exchange for your gift, the entire amount is tax deductible. This letter serves as documentation of your gift and is necessary for your income tax records.



HOLY TRINITY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

2220 Reed Street • Erie, PA 16503-2196 • (814) 456-0671

September 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

Thank you!

Let me start with a sincere **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to this summer's 28th Annual Zabawa Program! We were very happy to have received such great corporate support from so many businesses and advertisers. **On behalf of the entire Zabawa committee, I am enclosing a copy of your ad in the program book and we hope you are pleased with it.**

Over the three days of Zabawa, we were blessed with great weather. Ever so many people flocked to our church campus to reunite with their friends, their heritage AND great food and drink! By our estimates, near 40,000 people attended over the 3 day period and your support was a key factor in their enjoyment and our success!

We hope you are pleased with our program and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call us! Again we value your support and we hope you plan on staying with us as we move into next year and our **29th Annual Festival!**

Sincerely,

Julie + Edie

Julie Slomski & Edie Luniewski, Sponsorship Chairs



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lefanfare@verizon.net or ErieOma@verizon.net

September 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

First let me start with a sincere **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to our 2021 25th Anniversary German Heritage Festival! We were very happy to have received such great corporate support from so many businesses and advertisers.

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

This year's Festival was held on the Labor Day weekend and with pleasant weather, it drew very nice crowds. We know in all that 4,000 or so attendees really enjoyed the great family fun in the old world German tradition that our Fest has become noted for.

We hope you are pleased with our progress and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call us! Again we value your support and we hope you plan on staying with us as we move into next year and our 26th Annual German Heritage Festival!

Sincerely,

The German Heritage Festival Committee



COMPASSION IN ACTION



This certificate is given to

ECGRA

for Victory Ride 2021 sponsorship and for continued support of EHCA's mission to assist individuals with disabilities to live a life full of hope, promise, and care.

Thank you for caring!

CHUCK WALCZAK

CEO

JONATHAN BILLING

VP Marketing, Advancement & Communications

PACA building joins register of nation's historic places

Downtown Erie property was constructed in 1899

Dana Massing

Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Built by a Civil War veteran and once home to a typhoid ward, the Performing Artists Collective Alliance building in downtown Erie has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

"I was ecstatic," PACA Executive Director Mark Tanenbaum said about learning of the honor.

The National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, according to information on the NPS website. The register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic and archeological resources, the website states.

PACA's building, known as the Mayer Building, 1501-1509 State St., was among 17 properties listed on the register between Sept. 3 and 10, according to an email from the NPS that PACA received. Only one other site — in Philadelphia — was from Pennsylvania.

The Mayer Building was constructed in 1899 by Henry Mayer, who was wounded while serving as a Civil War drummer in Pennsylvania's 91st Regiment, Tanenbaum said. Mayer, who started a construction business and

built several other buildings in downtown Erie, had an office in his five-story namesake structure that also included a food market and a paper company, Tanenbaum said.

He said the building's age and architecture were among the features landing it on the Register. The grand staircase is made of Pennsylvania black slate. There's a birdcage elevator that was installed in 1913. An I-beam that

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The Mayer Building, 1501-1509 State St., shown here on Jan. 17, 2020, was built in 1899. It is owned by the Performing Artists Collective Alliance and is now home to a theater, art galleries and studios, and more. The building is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

Historic

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sticks out the back was bent in the Mill Creek flood of 1915.

Significant things that happened in the 70,000-square-foot building also were considered.

"It was used as a typhoid ward during the typhoid pandemic of 1913," Tanenbaum said.

He has a photograph of a nurse beside a row of beds on the fourth floor and said there's still a sink that was installed for the nurses to use to wash their hands.

PACA, which has owned the building for several years after renting space there, has put on a new roof and sign and put in a new fire suppression system and windows. Tanenbaum said the windows were done with the historic architecture in mind.

He said PACA hired a professional from Pittsburgh two years ago to apply for the Register of Historic Places because it's a complicated process.

But the nonprofit, which features a progressive theater and community performance space, pursued the designation as part of a mission that included restoring a historically significant property in Erie, he said.

Tanenbaum said being on the list also can help stimulate the local economy by bringing in outside money to be used for work and programs at the building.



Performing Artists Collective Alliance Executive Director Mark Tanenbaum is shown March 11 near the PACA building in the 1500 block of State Street in Erie. Known as the Mayer Building, the site was added on Friday to the National Register of Historic Places. GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

"It does open us up for (state and federal) grants," he said.

PACA's theater is set to open a new drama, "Alabaster," on Sept. 24 and the nonprofit also hosts music events in the building. The new City Gallery opened there Friday with three arts shows. Tanenbaum said the building has 34 arts and entrepreneur tenants and five more studios are in the works on the fifth floor.

Contact Dana Massing at dmassing@timesnews.com. Follow her on Twitter @ETNmassing.

ECGRA awards more than \$150,000 to Corry

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority recently awarded more than \$150,000 in grant funds to the city of Corry and Impact Corry.

Throughout Erie County, \$462,110 was awarded to communities via the Renaissance Block Program, the Multi-Municipal

Collaboration Grant and the 2021 Parks, Fields, and Trails Grant.

Impact Corry was awarded \$25,000 to collaborate with the city, Concord Township, Corry Redevelopment Authority and Strategic Solutions Inc. for Corry-Lawrence Airport

◀ See ECGRA, P.2

ECGRA

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The Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant was created in 2012 to spur cooperation among the county's 38 municipalities in support of economic growth and to bring back vibrancy to communities.

"Corry is very grateful to ECGRA and the leadership of Dr. Perry Wood," said Corry Mayor Dave Mitchell in a press release. "With these funds we will really be able to keep the community progressing at a very high speed. Corry would to thank ECGRA for supporting this grant and our endeavors as we move forward."

Impact Corry was also awarded \$90,000 for its next round of Renaissance Block funds.

The Renaissance Block Program is based on neigh-

borhood cooperation to fight blight within a community. The strategy is that where neighbors are organized and willing, aging and neglected areas of town can be improved, block by block.

Renaissance Block Grant funding has already targeted Corry streets and more than 20 homes have been renovated over the last several years, with more neighborhoods and residents willing and able to work on improvements to their properties.

Under the Parks, Fields, and Trails Grant, Corry was awarded \$12,500 for improvements at North Hills Municipal Golf Course, and \$25,000 was given to Impact Corry for its work to fill an Erie to Pittsburgh trail gap in town.

Salt Church benefits from MMS grant

BY CAROL FIELDING
carol@thecorryjournal.com

The former National Guard Armory on East Washington Street has been the home of the Salt Church for the last 10 years, and thanks to a Mission Main Street grant from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), the building has received a much-needed exterior makeover.

Built in 1906 as an armory, the structure is a T-shaped brick building in the Romanesque style. In its original usage, the three-story building housed administration offices and a drill hall, which now houses the sanctuary of the church.

A decade ago, congregants put in approximately \$50,000 and hundreds of volunteer

hours to get the sanctuary remodeled with carpeting and pews, as well as renovations to restrooms and offices and the installation of an elevator," said Al Gernovich, pastor of the church.

But the exterior was low on the list of priorities. However, thanks to the MMS grant, the church was able to focus on restoration of the outside of the historic building over the summer.

"We were able to add a portico to the street-level entrance and wrap all of the building's 105 window frames with aluminum," Gernovich explained. "You can't tell now, but they were in really bad shape. The wood around the windows was rotting."

See Church, P.3



Carol Fielding/The Corry Journal
Al Gernovich (front, right) stands on the steps of Salt Church with some of the volunteers who helped renovate the church exterior with the assistance of Mission Main Street grant funds.

Church

(Continued from front page)

The church also put a new roof over part of the building this year, but that project was not part of the grant.

"Thanks to the money saved during the grant project work, the church was able to pay for a new roof this year," Gernovich said.

Gernovich estimates that 25% of the work was done by volunteers and the rest was done with hired help.

"Most of the people we hired attend the church and provided extremely good rates," Gernovich said.

He also expressed that the

Salt Church is grateful for the MMS grant which helped save the historic building, and they hope to apply for future grants with the assistance of Charles Gray, executive director of Impact Corry, and administrator of the MMS grants.

"When we got the grant, Chuck came and said, 'Wow, you guys did so much with the amount of money that you had! We gave you this much but what you got out of it was way more.'" Gernovich said. "And that's thanks to the volunteers."

The church has long-term future projects planned, including repaving the parking lot, repointing the front steps, putting up a new sign and possibly building another portico over the front steps that lead to the second floor.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14, 2021

**Resolution to enter into agreements with nineteen (19)
Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged
in Arts, Culture, and Heritage**

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

Whereas, there were twenty-one (21) applicants for Community Assets funding and the Board of Directors affirms that nineteen (19) applicants have met the threshold for funding including being in good standing with taxing bodies and other reporting requirements;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$181,001 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 nineteen (19) Erie County Community Assets so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region through tourism and continue to enrich the quality of life for Erie County residents.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on 21st day of October 2021 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
October 21, 2021

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

2021 Community Assets Grants

ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE

Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Albion Area Fair	Water and Sewer Lines	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
AmeriMasala	The AmeriMasala Movement	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
Dafmark Dance Theatre	Creative Arts Center @ John Horan Garden Apartments	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Downtown North East	North East 2022 Joint Programs	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Edinboro Highland Games	Edinboro Highland Games	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	Collaboration with the Erie Philharmonic for "The Nutcracker"	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	Erie County Veterans Memorial Park Enhancements	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Erie PAL	Unlocking the Power of the COP-KID Relationship	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Erie Yesterday	A Collaborative Application of Seven Heritage Organizations	\$11,501.00	\$11,501.00
Film Society of NWPA	Eerie Horro Fest	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	39th Season of Drum Corps Activities	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Maggie Knox Western	2021-2022 Program at 1020 Collective	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2021-22 Theatrical Season	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Presque Isle Light Station	Presque Isle Light Station Strategic	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00
United Way of Erie County	Transforming Urban and Every Day Spaces into Early Learning Places	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Wattsburg Wrestling Club	Wattsburg Wrestling Club Event Series	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
WQLN Public Media	Erie Chronicles: Pilot Season	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	YADO's 17th Season, Comprising the New Prelude Strings Outreach Program	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL		\$270,001.00	\$181,001.00