



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM/In Person  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
July 21, 2022

ZOOM Meeting Information:  
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Meeting ID: 824 2352 6182  
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 2022
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 9, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2022 Renaissance Block Program

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

#### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022  
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**

June 16, 2022

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 June 16, 2022 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. Loll, and Mr. Sample are present via Zoom. Mr. Winschel is present in person. Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are present in person.

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – May 2022

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

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

There are no comments by any Board member at this time.

## COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Barney: I just want to encourage everyone to stay cool!

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

## PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations at this time.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I reviewed the Treasurer's Report' everything looks fine to me. If there are any questions, I'll try to answer it. On the other hand, I was not available at the last meeting, and I noticed the Board approved the audit. I did have a discussion with the auditors on a couple occasions with questions I had, and they took good care of that. I just wanted to mention that for the record.

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

- b. Strategic Planning Committee:

Mr. Winschel: The Strategic Planning Committee meeting was held on June 7, 2022 at Knowledge Center. In attendance were Mr. Winschel, Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Hess, Mr. Barney, Dr. Wood, Mr. Maggio, Ms. Michali.

Two items were on the agenda: first the director gave an ARPA update, then we spent most of the meeting discussing the Erie County Investment Playbook.

### **ARPA**

- On June 7<sup>th</sup> the Strategic Planning Committee reviewed the progress of the ARPA funding.
- We heard an update from the staff on the small business applications, which are currently coming in, the community center RFP, and talks with rural main streets.
- Next steps: staff will compile the first round of grant applications, summarize them, and open them up to the board for review.

### **Investment Playbook**

- The Erie County Investment Playbook known as Erie Inclusive Recovery is ready to be revealed to the public
- ECGRA staff alongside the Playbook partners are conducting a government relations presentation ahead of the Playbook's release. It will be held today, 2pm at the Jefferson

Educational Society. All board members have received information about that and are encouraged to attend.

- The Playbook calls for the creation of a Nerve Center, to coordinate local funders, nonprofit civic, and government leaders in taking a collective impact approach to competitive state and federal grants.
- The committee discussed the differences between the Nerve Center and the County Executive's proposed Fusion Center. Differences in purpose were clarified. The Committee is satisfied that the two concepts are complementary in nature and not duplicative.
- The committee reviewed a job description for the Nerve Center coordinator and was informed that the Nonprofit Partnership was chosen to act as a fiduciary agent for the concept.
- The committee reviewed a funding support summary for the launch of the Investment Playbook. It contained three recommendations from the executive director:
  - ECGRA should continue to serve on the Playbook Steering Committee with the other funders of Erie County.
  - ECGRA should fund the Nerve Center at a level not to exceed \$81,500 per year for two years. \$81,500 is one third of the cost. The other partners at this same level are Erie Community Foundation and Erie Insurance. After that initial investment of \$163,000, ECGRA should review performance metrics.
  - ECGRA should fund projects in the Playbook consistent with ARPA funding goals, ECGRA's annual grant programs, and mission-related investments in support of collective impact projects.

#### **Committee Recommendations**

- The Committee recommends support of the Playbook, the Nerve Center funding, and continued involvement with the other funders of Erie County.
- Resolution No 7, 2022 reflects this committees' deliberations. It calls for ECGRA to grant \$163,000 to the Nonprofit Partnership over a period of 2 years to get the Nerve Center up and running.

That is coming out of the committee, and I would refer any questions to Dr. Wood. Thank you.

Mr. Barney: Thank you for that excellent report. Are there any questions?

- c. Update from County Council

Mr. Shank is not present to give an update.

- d. Update from County Executive's Office

Mr. Smith is not present to give an update.

#### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. You'll see in your Executive Director's packet that the majority of time this month has been spent on the Strategic Planning Committee. As Mr. Winschel said, we talked shortly about where we are at with the ARPA funds and then more extensively about where we're at with the Erie County Investment Playbook. You'll see a four-page summary that I had prepared for you on the details of the Playbook, why it's important, how it's significant, how it's going

to operate, along with a bit of a profile on what the Nerve Center is going to accomplish. The Investment Playbook calls for this Nerve Center to get up and running. It also explains the financials behind the Nerve Center which we're going to ask you to vote on in Resolution Number 7, 2022.

As Mr. Winschel said, there is a government relations briefing today at 2:00pm at the Jefferson. Everyone on the Board is invited to attend that. We've got a phenomenal response so far; almost all of County Council – six out of seven – is going to be there, the County Executive will be there via zoom, members of the City Administration, two City Council folks, we have Representatives Bizarro and Merski attending, we do have the Chief of Staff from Senator Laughlin's office, we have the Governor's office attending, we have staffers from the U.S. Senator's office attending – including someone who is involved in an appropriations committee who wanted to sit in and understand what we're doing. That briefing will take place at 2:00 today. I'm super excited about that.

Bruce Katz, the one who we had hired along the other funders, will lead the presentation and some local leaders like myself will put some frame and some context around it as we introduce it to local officials. I think it's important to note that this Investment Playbook has not been made public yet and that this government relations briefing is an attempt to communicate with elected officials so that they understand the Playbook before it goes public. This is good government relations – no surprises, we want to have a conversation with them upfront, we want them to see the document, have their questions answered, and that they're in the know before it goes public, which will either be at the end of June or early July; we're still working on that roll-out date.

The roll-out date will include a presentation, mostly to those who contributed as stakeholders to the document itself. Anyone that was interviewed, which was well over 50 individuals and organizations, they will be a part of the meeting. Of course, the Board is invited to attend that as well and then we'll officially roll that document out, we'll have media strategy and such. Are there any questions about the Playbook? I'm super excited about it.

Mr. Barney: Perry, this event this afternoon at 2:00, how long is it going to be? A couple hours?

Dr. Wood: The presentation itself will be 45 minutes to one hour. How long the Q & A will go on is a good question; not sure. If people are really excited and ask a lot of good questions, the steering committee will be there to help answer questions. Bruce Katz and his partner, Florian, will be there via zoom as well. I would say budget 1 ½ hours for it, but if you have to leave after an hour, I completely understand.

The rest of the Director's Report you'll see information in there about how we were recognized by a couple different groups in the community, but the bulk of it is I would like you to pass Resolution Number 7, 2022 to begin our work on the Playbook Nerve Center and then Resolution Number 8, 2022 which is the final and accepted audited financial statements.

Let me comment on those real quick. When those are completed, they are distributed to a series of folks at the County in accordance with our By-Laws, it goes to County Council, the County Executive's Office, we've always sent it to the County Controller as a courtesy, and then it becomes an official artifact document in the history of ECGRA.

Mr. Cleaver: Mr. Chairman, I have a quick comment here. I misread the agenda and I thought that the audited financial statements were approved at the last meeting; I see it's up on the agenda for today's meeting. Basically, I'll comment again that I did talk to the auditors, I had a couple of questions, they answered them, and I was satisfied. I was under the impression that the Board had approved the financial audit at the last meeting. I must have read it wrong. But I just wanted to pass that along.

Mr. Barney: Thank you.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 7, 2022 – Resolution to support the Erie County Investment Paybook Nerve Center through the Nonprofit Partnership as one of three community partners for a period of two years not to exceed \$163,000

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

- b. Resolution Number 8, 2022 – Resolution to accept the 2021-22 audited financial statements

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver moves to accept the resolution. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sample moves to adjourn. Mr. DiPaolo seconds the motion.

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Profit & Loss  
June 2022**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2022-23 YTD</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44800 · Gaming Revenue		327,757.56		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	2,729.18	3,549.78		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Grow	7,500.00	7,500.00		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		3,250.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,250.00	6,250.00		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway				
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		2,556.00		
46510 · Interest Income - YLI	12,408.00	24,816.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>33,887.18</u>	<u>385,679.34</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	4,134.44	18,067.52	18,000.00	72,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	2,897.50	5,667.47	6,999.00	28,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,788.15	3,583.42	4,488.00	17,950.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	4,866.09	8,516.00	11,925.00	47,700.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	32,139.49	73,321.52	78,510.00	314,050.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	6,566.09	15,959.37	1,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>52,391.76</u>	<u>125,115.30</u>	<u>1,119,922.00</u>	<u>4,479,700.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	(18,504.58)	260,564.04		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		(11,942.55)		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	9,013.33	81,939.39		
70070 · Special Events	3,294.53	165,097.25		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration				
70100 · Mission Main Street	2,314.18	181,422.18		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program		53,867.10		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing		105,877.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block		50,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		60,000.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
70200 · Community Enterprise Financing				
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>14,622.04</u>	<u>686,260.37</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(14,622.04)</u>	<u>(686,260.37)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>(33,126.62)</u></u>	<u><u>(425,696.33)</u></u>		



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2022

	<b>June</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	71,743.76
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	2,178,770.30
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,244,756.00
10104 · ARPA Fund	3,973,665.15
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	6,718,474.51
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	<b>16,115,665.96</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	16,187,409.72
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
12003 · NR - CIBA	4,635.00
12004 · NR - BWC - Erie Growth	1,000,000.00
12005 · NR - Progress Fund	1,000,000.00
12010 · NR - 1855 Capital	500,000.00
12050 · NR - EDF Restructured	1,300,000.00
12060 · NR - BWC - Inclusive Erie	2,500,000.00
12070 · NR - 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 · NR - eCAT	500,000.00
12500 · NR - Youth Leadership Institute	124,080.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,530,000.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	<b>6,268,715.00</b>
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	5,323.13
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>6,274,038.13</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>22,461,447.85</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>22,461,447.85</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
20100* · Deferred Revenue	(4,000,000.00)
20300 · Unerarned Revenue	7,989,488.00
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>3,989,488.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	3,989,488.00
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	16,015,592.00
Net Income	(470,696.33)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>18,471,959.85</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>22,461,447.85</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**June 2022**

Expense	June	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	7,100.00	7,500.00	(400.00)	94.67%
62130 · Professional Services	0.00	6,000.00	40,000.00	(34,000.00)	15.00%
62140 · Legal Services	2,905.50	3,568.50	20,000.00	(16,431.50)	17.84%
62145 · Website Design	1,140.00	1,140.00	3,000.00	(1,860.00)	38.00%
62150 · Payroll Services	88.94	259.02	1,500.00	(1,240.98)	17.27%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>4,134.44</b>	<b>18,067.52</b>	<b>72,000.00</b>	<b>(53,932.48)</b>	<b>25.09%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	147.97	10,000.00	(9,852.03)	1.48%
62890 · Rent	2,897.50	5,519.50	18,000.00	(12,480.50)	30.66%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>2,897.50</b>	<b>5,667.47</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>(22,332.53)</b>	<b>20.24%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	1,179.00	1,325.99	3,000.00	(1,674.01)	44.20%
65020 · Postage	19.07	57.21	500.00	(442.79)	11.44%
65040 · Office Supplies	135.52	369.54	2,000.00	(1,630.46)	18.48%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00%
65060 · Copier Lease	311.35	934.05	4,200.00	(3,265.95)	22.24%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	3.70	500.00	(496.30)	0.74%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	105.00	500.00	(395.00)	21.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	350.00	2,000.00	(1,650.00)	17.50%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	108.21	437.93	2,000.00	(1,562.07)	21.90%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>1,788.15</b>	<b>3,583.42</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>(14,366.58)</b>	<b>19.96%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	84.69	5,000.00	(4,915.31)	1.69%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	3,986.42	5,792.30	18,000.00	(12,207.70)	32.18%
65120 · Insurance	879.67	2,639.01	10,200.00	(7,560.99)	25.87%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	(5,500.00)	0.00%
65150 · Travel	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>4,866.09</b>	<b>8,516.00</b>	<b>47,700.00</b>	<b>(39,184.00)</b>	<b>17.85%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	27,477.41	62,118.63	276,400.00	(214,281.37)	22.47%
66010 · FITW Tax	2,278.90	4,973.86	17,400.00	(12,426.14)	28.59%
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	2,383.18	6,229.03	18,100.00	(11,870.97)	34.41%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>32,139.49</b>	<b>73,321.52</b>	<b>314,050.00</b>	<b>(240,728.48)</b>	<b>23.35%</b>
<b>67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	97.50	604.50	273,274.00	(272,669.50)	0.22%
67025 · Indirect Costs - ARPA	272.54	803.96	11,295.00	(10,491.04)	7.12%
67030 · Salaries & Wages - ARPA	6,196.05	14,550.91	93,406.00	(78,855.09)	15.58%
<b>Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>	<b>6,566.09</b>	<b>15,959.37</b>	<b>377,975.00</b>	<b>(362,015.63)</b>	<b>22.92%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>52,391.76</b>	<b>125,115.30</b>	<b>857,675.00</b>	<b>(732,559.70)</b>	<b>14.59%</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**June 30, 2022**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,244,756.00		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	2,178,770.30		
<b>ARPA Funds</b>	3,973,665.15		
<b>2021 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)</b>			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		327,757.56	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<b>327,757.56</b>
<b>FY Disbursements:</b>			
First Quarter Disbursements	59,622.04	776,260.31	
Second Quarter Disbursements			
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<b>776,260.31</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements**

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FINANCING LOAN</b>			
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>			
<b>Settlements</b>			
Summit Township		36,872.74	
Greene Township		9,013.33	
McKean Township		9,013.33	
Millcreek Township		9,013.33	
Waterford Township	9,013.33	9,013.33	
Erie County		9,013.33	
			<b>81,939.39</b>
<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS &amp; COMMUNITIES</b>			
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
2018 Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.00	
2021 Performing Artists Collective Alliance		50,000.00	
			<b>60,000.00</b>
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
2018 Erie Downtown Partnership		134,108.00	
2019 Preservation Erie	(8,185.82)	(8,185.82)	
SSJ Neighborhood Network	55,500.00	55,500.00	
2020 Borough of Girard		45,000.00	
			<b>226,422.18</b>

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as of  
**June 30, 2022**

	June	YTD	Subtotal
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
2021 Borough of Union City		50,000.00	
			50,000.00

**PILOT PROGRAMS**

**QUALITY OF PLACE**

**Community Assets**

2018 Harborcreek Township		(11,942.55)	
			(11,942.55)

**Special Events**

Albion Area Fair, Inc.		9,560.40	
Asbury Woods Partnership		1,855.16	
Borough of Edinboro		1,315.95	
Borough of Wesleyville		781.53	
CAFE		16,507.50	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc,		2,504.22	
Downtown North East		2,979.26	
Edinboro Arts & Music Festival		3,022.50	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		5,068.04	
Erie Downtown Partnership		6,300.75	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults		930.70	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.		4,650.00	
Erie-Western PA Port Authority		6,165.46	
Film Society of NWPA		6,863.40	
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	841.65	841.65	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		1,655.40	
Harborcreek Township		1,162.50	
Holy Trinity RC Church		6,347.25	
Humane Society of NWPA		4,650.00	
Impact Corry	1,148.55	1,148.55	
Iroquois School District Foundation		1,962.30	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		20,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare		4,394.25	
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society		7,440.00	
Mercy Center For Women		910.24	
Nonprofit Partnership, The		3,514.24	
Presque Isle Light Station		576.60	
Presque Isle Partnership		4,008.30	
Saint Joseph Church		6,783.19	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		4,726.61	
Union City Pride, Inc.		1,209.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association		7,851.76	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		10,481.57	
YMCA of Greater Erie		1,422.90	

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Schedule of Grant Reserve

as of  
June 30, 2022

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>Special Events (cont.)</b>			
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		4,201.74	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	1,304.33	1,304.33	
			<u>163,792.92</u>
 <b>SHAPING TOMORROW</b>			
 <b>SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING</b>			
<b>Beehive Network</b>			
Erie Regional Library Foundation		5,877.00	
Penn State University		100,000.00	
			<u>105,877.00</u>
 <b>YOUTH &amp; EDUCATION</b>			
<b>Summer Jobs &amp; More</b>			
		53,867.10	
			<u>53,867.10</u>
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<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	59,622.04	731,260.37	<b>729,956.04</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**June 30, 2022**

		<u>June</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
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00
	<b>2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce</b>		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2020</b>			
	Borough of North East		30,000.00	60,000.00
	<b>Renaissance Block 2021</b>			
	Impact Corry		50,000.00	100,000.00
	<b>Anchor Building</b>			
	19 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
	<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
	<b>2B Preservation Erie</b>	(8,185.82)	0.00	150,000.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network	55,500.00	0.00	250,000.00
	Impact Corry		28,000.00	202,400.00
	Waterford Borough		84,600.00	249,800.00
<b>MUN</b>	<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
	21 Borough of North East		50,000.00	100,000.00
<b>SB</b>	<b>Beehive Network</b>			
	<b>Community Enterprise Financing Loan</b>			
	Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		63,920.00	188,000.00
<b>PP</b>	<b>Pilot Program</b>			
<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
<b>Y&amp;E</b>	<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
	<b>GECAC - Summer Jobs Program 2022</b>		150,000.00	150,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>		<b>47,314.18</b>	<b>2,178,770.00</b>	<b>4,340,075.00</b>
<b>ARPA Transformative Funds</b>				
	<b>Subawards</b>		3,622,025.00	3,622,025.00
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	97.50	266,056.00	273,274.00
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	6,196.05	75,358.82	93,406.00
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	272.54	10,225.33	11,295.00
<b>Total ARPA Funds</b>		<b>6,566.09</b>	<b>3,973,665.15</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Transaction List Detail**  
**June 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Memo</b>	<b>Amount</b>
06/03/2022	EFT	VISA	2022 May Statement	-2,281.80
06/06/2022	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2022 June Phone/IT	-858.26
06/06/2022	EFT	Waterford Township	2022 Q1 Settlement Payment	-9,013.33
06/06/2022	EFT	Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	2022 Special Events	-1,304.33
06/07/2022	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2022 June Copier Lease	-345.95
06/08/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	05/21/22 to 6/3/22 Payroll and 2021 Back Pay	-22,230.55
06/08/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	5/21/22 to 6/3/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
06/08/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 6/3/22 and 2021 Back Pay	-1,667.20
06/10/2022	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2022 May Legal ARPA	-97.50
06/10/2022	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2022 May Legal General	-2,905.50
06/10/2022	EFT	Impact Corry	2022 Special Events	-1,148.55
06/13/2022	EFT	SSJ Neighborhood Network	2019 MMS - Final Payment	-55,500.00
06/20/2022	EFT	UPMC Health Plan	2022 July Benefits	-3,883.88
06/20/2022	EFT	Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	2022 Special Events	-841.65
06/22/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	6/4/22 to 6/17/22 Payroll	-9,426.87
06/22/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	6/4/22 to 6/17/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
06/22/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 6/17/2022	-715.98
06/23/2022	EFT	Diligent Corporation	2022 June Invoice	-3,213.60
06/23/2022	EFT	Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.	2022-23 Annual Membership	-300.00
06/23/2022	EFT	Penn State University - Knowledge Park	2022 June, July Rent	-3,050.00
06/29/2022	EFT	Erie Bank	Service Charge	-35.00



**SCORECARD** CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/15/2022

**Account Summary**

Billing Cycle		05/10/2022
Days In Billing Cycle		30
Previous Balance		\$951.13
Purchases	+	\$2,281.80
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$951.13
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00

**NEW BALANCE \$2,281.80**

**Credit Summary**

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$37,718.20
Available Cash	\$37,718.20
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

**Account Inquiries**

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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>\$2,281.80</b>
MINIMUM PAYMENT	<b>\$2,281.80</b>
PAYMENT DUE DATE	<b>06/04/2022</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**

<b>TOTAL CORPORATE ACTIVITY</b>				<b>\$951.13-</b>
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
05/02	05/02	1606229811	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$951.13-

**Cardholder Account Summary**

<b>TAMMI MICHALI</b> ####-####-####-9468	Payments & Other Credits <b>\$0.00</b>	Purchases & Other Charges <b>\$2,281.80</b>	Cash Advances <b>\$0.00</b>	Total Activity <b>\$2,281.80</b>
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**Cardholder Account Detail**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
04/19	04/20	PBUS01	24559302109900012005001	NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIP 814-2402490 PA	\$675.00 membership
04/21	04/21	PBUS01	24692162111100446823515	PANERA BREAD #204653 O 814-899-8290 PA	\$72.96 mtg.
04/21	04/22	PBUS01	24692162111100573046625	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07 postage
04/21	04/22	PBUS01	24692162111100937776826	AMZN Mktp US*1Q9OA8ZJ1 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$42.99 O.S.

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>New Balance</b>	<b>Total Minimum Payment Due</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>
05/10/22	\$2,281.80	\$2,281.80	06/04/22

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ERIE PA 16510-4672



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CAROL STREAM IL 60197-4517



**Cardholder Account Detail Continued**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
04/27	04/29	PBUS01	24121572118000117270109	KOLDROCK WATERS, INC. 000-0000000 PA	\$8.50
05/04	05/04	PBUS01	24692162124100403757222	PANERA BREAD #204653 O 814-899-8290 PA	\$35.25
05/02	05/04	PBUS01	24789302123206202643351	GANNETT NEWSRPR NE 888-8710686 IN	\$65.00
05/04	05/05	PBUS01	24492162124000034321210	EWS.CO HTTPSWWW.EPIC PA	\$1,140.00
05/05	05/06	PBUS01	24455012125141006909904	SAMSClub #6675 ERIE PA	\$52.13
05/08	05/09	PBUS01	24692162128100233458559	Amazon Prime*1L6CW90E1 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$139.00
05/08	05/09	PBUS01	24692162128100345629964	AMZN Mktp US*1398A10F0 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$31.90

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**ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 05/09/2022**

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 <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	0.60416%(M)	7.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$2,281.80
<b>Cash</b>									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.60416%(M)	7.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00

\* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily  
 \*\* includes cash advance and foreign currency fees  
<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.  
 Days In Billing Cycle: 30  
 APR = Annual Percentage Rate



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

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
JULY  
2022**

**May 2022**

**Meeting with Executive Director**  
**Ongoing Social Media Management**  
**Ongoing Consulting**  
**May Comms**

**IMPLEMENTED**

16 Total May posts  
12 Total graphics created  
2021–22 Annual Report

**IN PROGRESS | 2022 Grant Releases and Graphics**  
Holiday Graphics

**IN PLANNING**

Grants Events  
Parks Fields & Trails 2 year report  
ECGRA Playbook  
Roadshow Tours



**Listening Session**  
**ECGRA/North East**  
**Thursday, June 30, 2022**  
**11:00 am**

- I. Welcome & Introductions (Chairman Brian Shank)**
- II. Summary of ECGRA's Funding in Support of North East (ECGRA)**
- III. Overview of ECGRA funding through ARPA (ECGRA)**
- IV. Review of North East's strategic plans in the following areas: (North East leaders)**
  - a. Support for small business**
  - b. Support for residential revitalization**
  - c. Anchor buildings, problem properties, & main street façade needs**
  - d. Infrastructure**
  - e. Maintenance & development of parks**
  - f. Other matters of strategic importance**



**Listening Session**  
**ECGRA/Union City**  
**Monday, July 18, 2022**  
**10:00 am**

- I. Walking Tour
- II. Welcome & Introductions (Councilman Bayle)
- III. Summary of ECGRA's Funding in Support of Union City (ECGRA)
- IV. Overview of ECGRA funding through ARPA (ECGRA)
- V. Review of Union City's strategic plans in the following areas:  
(Union City leaders)
  - a. Support for small business
  - b. Support for residential revitalization
  - c. Anchor buildings, problem properties, & main street façade needs
  - d. Infrastructure
  - e. Maintenance & development of parks
  - f. Other matters of strategic importance



**Listening Session**  
**ECGRA/Girard & Lake City**  
**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**  
**1:00 pm**

- I. Welcome & Introductions (Councilwoman Schauerman)
- II. Summary of ECGRA's Funding in Support of Girard & Lake City (ECGRA)
- III. Overview of ECGRA funding through ARPA (ECGRA)
- IV. Review of Girard/Lake City strategic plans in the following areas: (Girard & Lake City leaders)
  - a. Support for small business
  - b. Support for residential revitalization
  - c. Anchor buildings, problem properties, & main street façade needs
  - d. Infrastructure
  - e. Maintenance & development of parks
  - f. Other matters of strategic importance

# IN MEMORY

Jean Joyce was the Mercy Center for Women's inaugural board chair. She would also become a volunteer, donor, and our friend.

"Your life was a blessing, your memory is a treasure, and you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure."

JEAN  
JOYCE

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## Community garden receives funding, wins national award



Out of 4,000 entries for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist program which awards \$25,000 each to worthy community projects nationally, the Mercy Center's "Care and Feeding of our Neighbors" project was one of just 100 winners.

Erie County Gaming and Revenue Authority (ECGRA) provided initial funding for the project which is located adjacent to the Mercy Anchor Community Center.

The State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant will enable the Mercy Center to complete the community garden project which will include areas for fresh fruit and vegetables, a meditation garden, mural-painted retaining wall, and park benches. The new community center will also offer ongoing classes in gardening and nutrition to residents and neighbors.

State Farm **Neighborhood Assist**



"We are grateful to so many people for this project," says Jennie Hagerty, executive director at the Mercy Center. "Our project was up against thousands from across the country, and State Farm felt ours was worthy to place it in the top 200."

From there, it was a social media blitz to obtain votes, as only the top 100 would receive \$25,000.

"We're grateful to ECGRA, to all of our supporters who voted for us on social media, and of course State Farm. We're thankful to Yardmaster, too, who has been doing the work and donated a pear tree, a symbol of longevity, fruitfulness, and strength," she said.

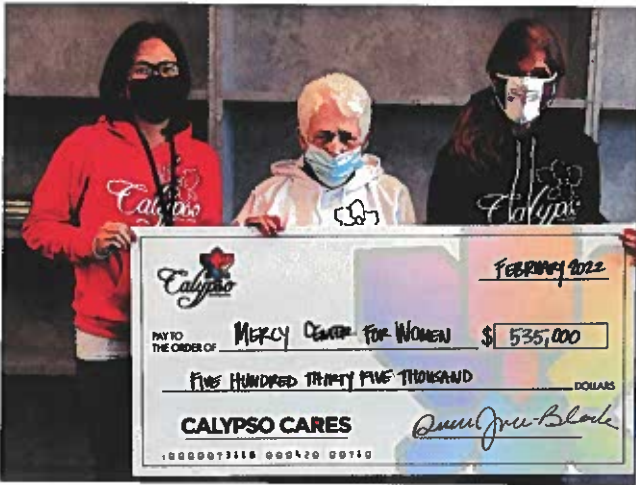
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**09.10.22**



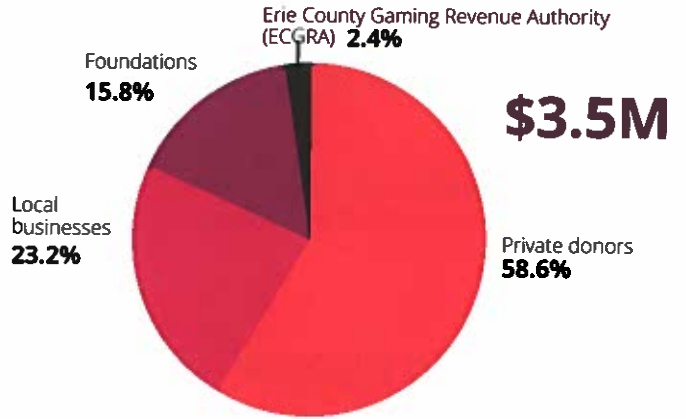
Our second annual Pedal for Mercy is set for Sat., Sept. 10 at Penn Shore Winery & Vineyards in North East, Pa. Cyclists can choose to bike the 12-, 25-, or 50-mile course in beautiful wine country. Afterwards, riders will enjoy a catered meal outdoors in the

winery pavilion with live music. Those who register by July 31 will receive an event t-shirt. To register, volunteer or sponsor Pedal for Mercy, visit [mcwerie.org](http://mcwerie.org).



# VISION 2020 Capital Campaign

## Funding Sources



With funding from the state's Neighborhood Assistance Program, Calypso Enterprises presents the single-largest corporate donation in the Mercy Center's 28-year history. On hand are, left to right, Sumi James-Black, Calypso owner, Mercy Center Board Member Sister JoAnne Courneen, and Jennie Hagerty, MCW executive director. Calypso is one of eight local businesses that supported the Holy Rosary School renovation project using the tax credit program.



Each of the community center's 13 apartments has its own stackable washer/dryer, kitchen, living room and bathroom. The MACC can accommodate as many as 36 residents, all previously homeless, for up to two years.



Touring the community center to see firsthand the plans for the facility are, second from left, Perry Wood, executive director of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, (ECGRA), along with staff and board members of ECGRA and the Mercy Center. Mercy Center's Executive Director Jennie Hagerty, right, continues to reach out to both City of Erie and Erie County government entities to obtain additional funding support for this community resource, funded to-date primarily through private and corporate donations.



Extensive work was conducted on the exterior of the facility including new water lines, sidewalks and a community garden.



Showing his reimagined work of art is local artist Doug Bailey. Sarah and Antonio Howard organized an art auction/fundraiser for the Mercy Center last December using furniture found in the former Holy Rosary School.





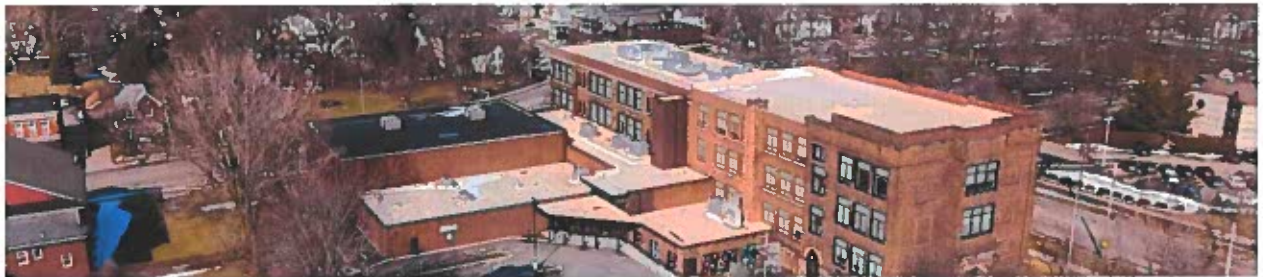


# BRIDGEWAY CAPITAL

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Erie Center for Arts and Technology



Reinvesting in Education — and a City's Future

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*The former school that now houses the Erie Center for Art and Technology had been vacant for two years, except for a small health center in the basement. "It was rotting away in this big old building," said ECAT Executive Director Daria Devlin. But there was a larger vision at work.*



ECAT is modeled after the Manchester Bidwell Corporation, a Pittsburgh nonprofit that provides youth and in-transition adults with education, career training, and social enterprise support. It's an educational philosophy that prioritizes people, creativity, and a pleasing environment to end cycles of poverty and lift up individuals and their communities.

“It’s really about providing hope,” Devlin said. “But to do that work, you need a place.”

A core tenant of the Manchester Bidwell model is that a person’s environment shapes their behavior. In Erie, that meant a school building that had deep roots in the city’s East Side, an area that has experienced disinvestment over the past 50 years and is now slower to see the regrowth happening in more affluent areas. With a combination of public and private funding, ECAT purchased the school in 2019 and began renovations that would make the space feel fresher and brighter, including a water feature in the main entrance.



“It’s intended to make you stand up a little straighter and feel like you’re in a special place that was created for you, that reflects your value,” Devlin said.

Bridgeway Capital provided a loan to bridge a grant ECAT received for the final phase of renovation: a new home on the third floor for UPMC Jameson School of Nursing. In the middle of a pandemic, the school’s 16-month training program would be more important than ever. Bridgeway’s loan allowed ECAT to accelerate its construction schedule and get the nursing school open as soon as possible.

“The first class was over 100 nursing students, and 33 percent were students of color, which in healthcare is pretty much unheard of,” Devlin said. “We attribute a lot of that to the space itself. It’s a familiar place in the community.”

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## **Erie County Community College to expand**

### **Board approves new campus location on the west side of city**

**'This opportunity to add this fourth campus and rebrand ourselves sends a strong message to our students that we are where you need us...'**

**Christopher Gray**

**Erie County Community College President**

A.J. Rao

Erie Times-News

USA TODAY NETWORK

The Erie County Community College will now have a campus on the west side of Erie.

On Thursday, the college's Board of Trustees voted to make the building that formerly housed the Villa Maria Academy, at 2403 W. Eighth St., the college's fourth campus location.

The site will be rebranded as EC3 Erie West and will join the college's other campus locations at:

The St. Benedict Education Center on the east side of Erie, or EC3 Erie East The Erie County Technical School in Summit Township, or EC3 Erie Summit The Corry Higher Education Council in Corry, or EC3 Corry

Erie County Community College President Christopher Gray said the vote represented a 'monumental moment' that aims to give students greater access to the college and accommodate the school's growing academic programs.

'This opportunity to add this fourth campus and rebrand ourselves sends a strong message to our students that we are where you need us,' Gray said at a Thursday press conference. 'No student in Erie County should be 30 minutes away from access to changing the trajectory of their life.'

To acquire the property, the board approved a 15-year lease — at a cost of \$500,000 a year — with the Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory Catholic School System, Gray said. He added the college is eligible to receive a 50% reimbursement from the state since it qualifies as a start-up. The lease gives the board an option to extend the lease or to buy.

Board President Ron DiNicola on Thursday praised the board's approval of the lease, calling the new campus an 'indicator to the public that the community college is on solid ground and moving forward.'

'We embrace the mandate of the Community College Act of 1963, which basically says that every student should be within commuter distance,' DiNicola said at the press conference. 'One of the things that is automatically and readily apparent is that the Villa Maria property is a good fit for that, with nearby thoroughfares that connect the county and provide that sort of access.'

He added, 'We deeply respect the standards of Villa Maria — its education, its legacy grounded in excellence and high purpose. Villa Maria's record of success, both academically and athletically and in every way inspires us to replicate what they have created.'

Villa Maria Academy graduated its final class of students on June 5. The all-girls parochial school will consolidate into the all-boys Cathedral Preparatory School beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

Board Trustee Kate Sintal, who chaired the site selection committee, said more than 21 locations were reviewed for selection. Top criteria for selection were student access, parking and proximity of food outlets, she said.

DiNicola said he anticipates classes to begin at the site this fall.

Thursday's vote was taken during a special board meeting at the Gannon University Center for Business Ingenuity.

Regarding accreditation, Grey announced Thursday the college has been approved for a site visit, which, if successful, will make the college an official candidate for accreditation.

For more information on the Erie County Community College, visit: [ecccpa.org](http://ecccpa.org) .

*A.J. Rao can be reached at*



**Villa Maria Academy is shown on May 25, the final day of classes for graduating Villa Maria seniors at the Millcreek Township building. On Thursday, the Erie County Community College Board of Trustees voted to make the building the college's fourth campus location. BENJAMIN CHAMBERS/ERIE TIMES-NEWS FILE**

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This is a rendering, commissioned by the Erie County Redevelopment Authority, of a design for the former Erie Malleable Iron facility located on the southwest corner of West 12th and Cherry streets. PROVIDED

## New investment playbook aims to seize opportunities, fuel growth



### Your Turn

Brenton Davis, Joe Schember, Karen Bilowith  
Guest columnists

In Erie and across the nation, communities continue to struggle with a host of challenges, including the ongoing effects of the pandemic. In response, the federal government has embarked on a massive effort to spur equitable economic recovery, creating new possibilities for older industrial cities like Erie. However, the federal funding is arriving through dozens of different programs and agencies, making it essential that cities and counties get organized to navigate and leverage these federal funding opportunities.

In our view, failing to plan is planning to fail. In Erie, Pennsylvania that is simply not an option.

To help our community master this moment, we, alongside several other community leaders, have created "Erie's Inclusive Growth: A Framework for Action." This effort begins with a customized investment playbook containing a portfolio of about 35 specific projects that can maximize federal investments, spur long-term growth and reduce long-standing inequities in our community. These projects are grounded in local expertise, emerging from interviews with nearly 50 local stakeholders and the review of more than a dozen strategic plans.

The playbook first includes a series of projects that stretch across Erie County. These projects would boost Erie's distinctive position in next-generation industries such as plastics recycling and advanced manufacturing, help upgrade our region's critical digital, transportation and energy infrastructure and grow the number and size of minority-owned businesses.

The playbook also includes a series of "catalytic" projects in the greater core of Erie and other areas of the county that have an outsized impact on job growth. These projects would leverage the region's concentration of anchor institutions and continue the revitalization of the downtown, the waterfront, the 12th Street industrial corridor as well as the East and West Bayfront neighborhoods. These place-focused projects leverage distinctive Erie opportunities around housing, small business, brownfield remediation and more.

To facilitate access to federal funds, the investment playbook lays out a detailed process for matching local

uses and federal sources and staging and sequencing public, private and civic capital. Erie's Inclusive Growth framework will be held up by a central "nerve center" that helps to align the work across sectors. Meanwhile, the county has created, staffed and launched a complementary approach, the Fusion Cell, which will coordinate with this effort, working upward and outward across county and state lines to maximize collaboration throughout the entire region.

The investment playbook is structured to scale initiatives already underway: the revival of the Bayfront and Perry Square, the reuse of long-dormant industrial factories and the regeneration of town cores and corridors throughout the county.

Throughout, we particularly focus on strategies that can:

- Build on the Erie region's unique assets and advantages;
- Scale up success by leveraging market momentum and promising initiatives throughout the greater core;
- Drive an inclusive recovery by baking in community wealth strategies and projects throughout; and
- Unlock local capital to ensure the highest access to — and return on investment from — federal funds.

This work has been guided by a dedicated steering committee made up of leaders from the city of Erie, Erie County, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Jefferson Educational Society and Diverse Erie as well as funders including the Erie Community Foundation, Erie Insurance and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

This playbook is a living document — it is not perfect. It is designed to evolve and crafted with a bias toward action. We created this playbook because we knew that if we didn't act swiftly and decisively, Erie County could miss out on millions of dollars of investment that will have a considerable impact on not only our downtown, or the city, but across Erie County and the surrounding region.

We believe that this moment rewards those communities that are not only aspirational and ambitious, but also clear-eyed and focused. We believe that the investment playbook gives Erie the potential to shine amongst its peers and across the nation. We look forward to collaborating with each other and the community to make this playbook — and inclusive and equitable growth — in Erie, a reality.

*Brenton Davis is the Erie County executive. Joe Schember is the mayor of the city of Erie. Karen Bilowith is chair of Erie's Inclusive Growth Steering Committee.*

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 9, 2022**

### **Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2022 Renaissance Block Program**

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

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of reinvigorating neighborhoods and main corridors, combatting blight, and maintaining a strong housing market; and

Whereas, ECGRA seeks to use gaming funds as a catalyst to address and reverse housing blight in Erie County;

Whereas, ECGRA believes that community efforts to remove housing blight and reverse deterioration will incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more walkable, safe and attractive, increase market values of homes, and improve the municipal tax base; and

Whereas, the two (2) recipients are identified as the following primary applicants: Borough of Union City, and Our West Bayfront;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$200,000 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 two (2) recipients of the Renaissance Block Program so the communities served may flourish, create an economic impact on the region and continue to improve upon local neighborhoods on behalf of the people of Erie County.

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

This resolution was passed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 21, 2022

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA



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## *2022 Renaissance Block*

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Awarded</i>
Borough of Union City	Cindy Wells	Renaissance Grant 2022-2023	\$100,000.00
Our West Bayfront	Anna Frantz	Liberty Street North Renaissance Block	\$100,000.00
		<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>