



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIA ZOOM/In Person
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510
November 17, 2022

ZOOM Meeting Information:
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 2022
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6. COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN
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9. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Treasurer’s Report
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 - 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 13, 2022 – Resolution to extend a contract with Roth Marz Partnership to provide building inspections as described in the Erie County Community Facility Assessment Request for Proposal
- b. Resolution Number 14, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreement with two (2) recipients of Small Business Ecosystem grant program totaling \$350,000 for the purpose of strengthening the small business community in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic – Round 1

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022 ****PLEASE NOTE: This is the second Tuesday!**
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

October 20, 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 October 20, 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, and Mr. Oberlander are present in person, Mr. DiPaolo, Ms. Hess, and Ms. Loll are present via Zoom. Mr. Wachter is present via Zoom. Dr. Wood is present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2022

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. DiPaolo 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 has no comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Wood: There are no presentations scheduled for today, but the staff has been discussing the idea of having applicants for the entrepreneurship round come in. The grant binders are done for that, the staff is almost done with our internal review. As soon as we are done with that, we will provide the summaries for you. I think since these grants are bigger grants, two and a half year grants, we definitely want to have some of these folks come in and present in front of the Board and have the Board ask questions and be able to interact. We will get those summaries out to you soon.

We are also asking other funders to participate in this grant review so we are going to provide them with the summaries and see if we can get them on board with co-funding. There are \$2.7 M in requests here and we had budgeted about \$1.2 M and there are a lot of good projects here. So, we went to Erie Insurance, the Erie Community Foundation, and the DEI Commission and said that we would do the initial analysis, send it to them, and if they want to participate and figure out a way to loop their Boards in, we would involve each in the presentations. I told them that the caveat was if the ECGRA Board objects, but I thought you would be amenable to working with other funders in the region.

Mr. Barney: That sounds good to me. Are there any questions from anyone?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I reviewed the Treasurer's Report with Dr. Wood and everything is fine. I notice that we are underspent in every line item with the exception of auditors, but that is sort of a guess in the beginning of the year; you never know what they are going to throw at you. Other than that, everything seems to be in order. If anybody has any questions, I think we can answer them.

I do want to make one comment. I noticed that County Council a week or so ago voted down a request from the County Executive regarding the ARP monies that were earmarked for ECGRA to distribute. That vote turned out 4-3 if I am aware, so we are back in the ballgame I believe. Perry, do you have any comment about that?

Dr. Wood: We continue to follow it and stay in contact with members of County government about it. I think it's important that I tell everyone this – first and foremost we are supportive of Behrend and the plastics project between Gannon and Behrend; it's a good, solid project. I also tell everyone that I think \$5 M is overkill for the project; not because it's not a big-ticket item – it's a \$30 M item, but because typically big projects like that are funded by the State and Federal governments. So, when you need to show local support, you don't put in \$5 M, you put in \$500,000 and then you show the Feds and State the tremendous amount of local buy-in

you have with \$500,000; you don't use your entire basket of eggs. That is an opinion I am giving after having been involved in these projects in the past. And, of course, there is a bit of self-interest there; ECGRA is a good administrator of these dollars.

That's part of the message when I talk to members of County government, which is we fully support the project, it's in the Playbook which we are a big supporter of, and we need to figure out a way to support them and get them to the \$30 M level. But using our local treasury for that, I think, is a strategic mistake. At the end of the day, it would fund a great project, but if we don't have those funds, we won't be able to fulfill the demand of projects that you see in our rural listening report. All of the projects that we cataloged there, there are a lot of boroughs and townships, like the City of Corry, that have given us a lot of amazing projects. These are once in a generational monies; we could do that for these rural areas. That's our government relations talking point.

Mr. Cleaver: So, it's just a matter of wait and see as it plays out.

Dr. Wood: How it's played out so far, and Tim and I have discussed this so Tim you can chime in. We know that last year there was a vote for an ordinance that basically stated where the ARPA monies were at with the 2021 money, which was the current year they had it. Then just like every new Administration, you have to rely on last year's budget and everybody knows that's County Council. That is what they did with the ARPA funds. Now the current Council is saying that they want to take a look at rejiggering those funds. They decided to start with Transformative Grants, which is the bucket that we've been administering. It went up for a vote to move the Transformative Grants from ECGRA to the plastics initiative; the vote failed 4-3. My understanding is parliamentary procedure of Administrative Code rule says that you can't bring it up again for six months. Carol and Whitey, you would know the procedure of this.

Ms. Loll: You can change the wording of it and bring it up again.

Dr. Wood: There you go. Will it be brought up again? We'll have to wait and see. But that is where we're at.

Mr. Cleaver: I just figured I would make a comment on it because it was on the news and we're sort of involved. Just wanted to keep all the Board members up to snuff with what has transpired. That's all I have as far as the Treasurer's Report.

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

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: Dr. Wood: There is nothing to report, but I did want to let you know that I think we will have to meet twice before our next Board meeting in November. There is going to be an opportunity to review both the entrepreneurial grants through presentations and then we will have our final round of Multi-Municipal Collaboration, Renaissance Block, and Anchor Building to review. Those should be ready in November but if not, we can do it in December.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Shank is not present to give a report.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Smith is not present to give a report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: The first thing you will see in the Director's Report is the staff has been busy wrapping up the rural listening tour; you'll see some advisories there of where we have been and who we have been talking to. I have to say, we do this every two to three years and it is tremendously valuable. You get out there and meet with elected officials, business leaders, civic leaders and you hear directly from them how things are going. Then if you saw that just yesterday, we were out in North East announcing funds for their Mission Main Street as well as their joint parks project. Not only do they get to see that we came, listened to them, recognized the projects that were important to them and then we show back up with a check funding their grant application. So, I think it's a good relationship building strategy.

There are also some thank you letters in the Director's Report from Octoberfest and Lake Erie Fanfare and then you will see a couple of instances where we were recognized on advertising material and then the ECGRA news clippings. These are all great things for the archives.

I already mentioned that the entrepreneur monies are in the analysis phase. Also, the facilities analysis RFP which Tom has been working on and that has come back; there were three people that bid on that. Tom, why don't you take a minute and update the Board on who the bids were and how we will decide, because we are going to bring these bids to you all for your discussion at the next Strategic Planning meeting.

Mr. Maggio: Thank you. We received four proposals – one was a bit incomplete, and one was withdrawn after they submitted it. So, we had two very solid proposals; one was Roth Marz Partnership who is very experienced in the matter, and then there was Weber, Murphy, Fox who also has impeccable credentials. The apparent low bidder is Roth Marz and was well under where I thought we would be which is good news, but there is an issue with the reimbursable schedule so we will have to go over that again and try to get an estimate of where they would be. I think that we're still in a very good position. Their bid was \$84,750.00, which is significantly lower than I thought.

This is good news for the community centers and for us. We will go over it a little more in detail and we will be able to present to the Board an opinion of who should get the contract. We are on schedule with the timing because I would like to get this completed before these community centers apply for the community centers grant since they work hand-in-glove.

I think we are in good shape, and I'm pleased with the results so far and we'll have that sorted out very soon.

Dr. Wood: Great. Thank you, Tom. Also on the horizon are Community Assets grants will be opening in December. What is the schedule on Parks, Fields, and Trails Tom?

Mr. Maggio: That is due November 17th and we already have received some early applications. Typically, we do have a lot of applications for that program; this particular round is just for capital projects and not for programming but I think that there are a lot of people that are trying to complete some projects so we will have a full number of applications to review.

Ms. Loll: Back to the bids from Roth Marz and Weber, Murphy, Fox, do they have any percentage built-in for overrun?

Mr. Maggio: No. We have a fixed cost contract.

Ms. Loll: For both of them?

Mr. Maggio: Yes. Each of them have a different schedule for reimbursables; one just has copying as a reimbursable, which would be extra. But that's not a whole lot of money. Then some have some testing which would be a reimbursable, which would be additional to the base bid. But not every

community center is going to be doing testing, for say, asbestos or lead paint or something like that. It's not too much of a concern but we have 17 community centers so I'm just trying to get a feel.

I will be talking to Bob Marz today hopefully and try to nail it down. It could be that we agree to a ceiling so that we don't exceed that amount either. That's a good question because that is very important.

Ms. Loll: That's a good way of handling that because when they did the library, they forgot part of what needed to be done and so it cost another \$70,000 more than what they bid so that was why I was wondering.

Dr. Wood: To round out the list, in November we will get a statement from the Community Foundation on where the Lead Asset Endowment is at and then we'll make a recommendation to the Board for disbursement in December. That will round out our calendar year.

Mr. Barney: Is Mr. Oberlander up to speed with how that all works?

Dr. Wood: We actually have a legal memo that we drafted at the time of establishing the endowment for perpetuity, so that guides our process. That concludes my report. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter: It's been a slow month which is good for you. Tom and I were just talking about coordinating on the creation of the agreement in order to have the architects do that work. We will coordinate on that and get that out in a timely fashion and if you need anything, let me know.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to discuss at this time, but Dr. Wood states that there will be a lot to approve at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cleaver moves to adjourn. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion.

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

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2022-23 YTD</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44800 · Gaming Revenue		1,560,788.70		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue		1,767,845.21		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	14,691.17	48,446.72		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth		15,166.66		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	15,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct	3,250.00	9,750.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive		12,638.89		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		14.31		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT	2,556.00	7,668.00		
46510 · Interest Income - YLI		50,590.80		
Total Income	<u>25,497.17</u>	<u>3,487,909.29</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	3,617.84	38,938.35	42,000.00	72,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,429.49	13,748.40	16,331.00	28,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,718.28	9,331.84	10,472.00	17,950.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	5,006.95	19,236.77	27,825.00	47,700.00
65500 · PASCDU	1,169.54	3,513.22	8,897.00	15,250.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	17,221.92	152,844.44	183,190.00	314,050.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	119,406.62	622,832.37	2,333,330.00	4,000,000.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	12,800.00		
Total Expense	<u>149,570.64</u>	<u>873,245.39</u>	<u>2,622,045.00</u>	<u>4,494,950.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(124,073.47)	2,614,663.90		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		(11,942.55)		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	441,961.30	832,158.48		
70070 · Special Events		165,097.25		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		133,328.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	103,000.00	335,256.18		
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		120,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		100,000.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>544,961.30</u>	<u>1,833,641.46</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(544,961.30)</u>	<u>(1,833,641.46)</u>		
Net Income	<u>(669,034.77)</u>	<u>781,022.44</u>		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2022

	October
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	294,007.59
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	1,981,850.00
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,239,389.89
10104 · ARPA Fund	3,437,489.65
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	8,438,790.04
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	17,097,519.58
Total Checking/Savings	17,391,527.17
Other Current Assets	
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	188,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,542,800.00)
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	6,319,835.00
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	1,804.45
Total Other Current Assets	6,321,639.45
Total Current Assets	23,713,166.62
TOTAL ASSETS	23,713,166.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
20100* · Deferred Revenue	(4,000,000.00)
20300 · Unerarned Revenue	7,989,488.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,989,488.00
Total Liabilities	3,989,488.00
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	16,015,592.00
Net Income	781,022.44
Total Equity	19,723,678.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	23,713,166.62

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

Expense	Over/(Under)				
	October	YTD	Budget	Budget	% of Budget
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	8,950.00	7,500.00	1,450.00	119.33%
62130 · Professional Services	3,000.00	21,000.00	40,000.00	(19,000.00)	52.50%
62140 · Legal Services	526.50	6,865.50	20,000.00	(13,134.50)	34.33%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	1,471.25	3,000.00	(1,528.75)	49.04%
62150 · Payroll Services	91.34	651.60	1,500.00	(848.40)	43.44%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	3,617.84	38,938.35	72,000.00	(33,061.65)	54.08%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	56.99	4,263.90	10,000.00	(5,736.10)	42.64%
62890 · Rent	1,372.50	9,484.50	18,000.00	(8,515.50)	52.69%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,429.49	13,748.40	28,000.00	(14,251.60)	49.10%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	65.00	2,607.88	3,000.00	(392.12)	86.93%
65020 · Postage	19.07	152.56	500.00	(347.44)	30.51%
65040 · Office Supplies	121.43	899.49	2,000.00	(1,100.51)	44.97%
65050 · Cell Phone	393.78	1,094.40	3,000.00	(1,905.60)	36.48%
65060 · Copier Lease	311.35	2,179.45	4,200.00	(2,020.55)	51.89%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	3.70	500.00	(496.30)	0.74%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	305.00	500.00	(195.00)	61.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	350.00	2,000.00	(1,650.00)	17.50%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	772.65	1,974.85	2,000.00	(25.15)	98.74%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	1,718.28	9,567.33	17,950.00	(8,382.67)	53.30%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	84.69	5,000.00	(4,915.31)	1.69%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	201.67	4,000.00	(3,798.33)	5.04%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	949.09	9,447.04	18,000.00	(8,552.96)	52.48%
65120 · Insurance	879.67	6,157.69	10,200.00	(4,042.31)	60.37%
65130 · Grant Management Software	2,575.00	2,575.00	5,500.00	(2,925.00)	46.82%
65150 · Travel	603.19	890.30	5,000.00	(4,109.70)	17.81%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	5,006.95	19,356.39	47,700.00	(28,343.61)	40.58%
65500 · PASCDU	1,169.54	3,513.22	15,250.00	(11,736.78)	23.04%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	14,420.66	129,035.88	276,400.00	(147,364.12)	46.68%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,369.30	11,135.71	17,400.00	(6,264.29)	64.00%
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	1,431.96	12,672.85	18,100.00	(5,427.15)	70.02%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	17,221.92	152,844.44	314,050.00	(161,205.56)	48.67%
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	441.00	4,263.00	273,274.00	(269,011.00)	1.56%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	112,500.00	576,471.99	3,622,025.00	(3,045,553.01)	15.92%
67025 · Indirect Costs - ARPA	272.54	1,894.12	11,295.00	(9,400.88)	16.77%
67030 · Salaries & Wages - ARPA	6,193.08	40,203.26	93,406.00	(53,202.74)	43.04%
Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	119,406.62	622,832.37	4,000,000.00	(3,377,167.63)	77.29%
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	12,800.00	12,800.00	0.00	100.00%
Total Expense	149,570.64	873,600.50	4,507,750.00	(3,634,149.50)	19.38%

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Schedule of Grant Reserve

as of

October 31, 2022

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	3,239,389.89		
Committed Funds	1,981,850.00		
ARPA Funds			
2022 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		245,818.17	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		924,773.35	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			1,170,591.52
2022 Interactive Gaming Revenue			
FY 2021-2022		1,767,845.21	1,767,845.21
FY Disbursements:			
First Quarter Disbursements		776,260.31	
Second Quarter Disbursements		1,047,811.78	
Third Quarter Disbursements	544,961.30	544,961.30	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			2,369,033.39

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE FINANCING LOAN			
MUNICIPALITIES			
Settlements			
Summit Township	198,882.60	374,471.33	
Greene Township	48,615.74	91,537.43	
McKean Township	48,615.74	91,537.43	
Millcreek Township	48,615.74	91,537.43	
Waterford Township	48,615.74	91,537.43	
Erie County	48,615.74	91,537.43	
			832,158.48
Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
2022 Edinboro Community & Economic Development		50,000.00	
Erie Area Council of Governments		50,000.00	
Jefferson Educational Society		100,000.00	
			200,000.00

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as of
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	October	YTD	Subtotal
NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES			
Anchor Building			
2018 Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		5,000.00	
Performing Artists Collective Alliance		5,000.00	
2019 Housing & Neighborhood Development		40,000.00	
2021 Performing Artists Collective Alliance		50,000.00	
		50,000.00	100,000.00
 Mission Main Street			
2018 Erie Downtown Partnership		134,108.00	
2019 Borough of North East		110,000.00	
Preservation Erie		(8,185.82)	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		55,500.00	
2020 Borough of Girard		45,000.00	
Impact Corry	28,000.00	28,000.00	
2022 Downtown Girard	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Downtown North East		87,500.00	
Edinboro Community & Economic Development	37,500.00	62,500.00	
Erie Center for Arts & Technology	(37,500.00)	25,000.00	
		25,000.00	614,422.18
 Renaissance Block			
2020 Borough of North East		30,000.00	
2021 Borough of Union City		50,000.00	
2021 Impact Corry		40,000.00	
2022 Borough of Union City		100,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	
		50,000.00	270,000.00
 PILOT PROGRAMS			
QUALITY OF PLACE			
Community Assets			
2018 Harborcreek Township		(11,942.55)	
		(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	

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	October	YTD	Subtotal
Special Events (cont.)			
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	
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	
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	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		4,201.74	
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		1,304.33	
		165,097.25	165,097.25

SHAPING TOMORROW

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

Beehive Network

Erie Regional Library Foundation	5,877.00
Penn State University	100,000.00

Community Enterprise Financing Loan

Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	63,920.00
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169,797.00

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Summer Jobs & More

134,501.09

134,501.09

Total Funds Disbursements	544,961.30	2,474,033.45	2,474,033.45
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Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Schedule of Grant Reserve
as of
October 31, 2022

		<u>October</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 2022			
	Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Anchor Building			
	19 Impact Corry		60,000.00	75,000.00
	20 Borough of Union City		15,000.00	64,375.00
	Mission Main Street			
	1 City of Erie		225,000.00	250,000.00
	3 Impact Corry	28,000.00	0.00	202,400.00
	Waterford Borough		84,600.00	249,800.00
	Mission Main Street 2022			
	Downtown Girard	75,000.00	75,000.00	150,000.00
	Downtown North East		87,500.00	175,000.00
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development	37,500.00	62,500.00	125,000.00
	Erie Center for Arts & Technology	-37,500.00	0.00	25,000.00
MUN	Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
	21 Borough of North East		50,000.00	100,000.00
SB	Beehive Network			
	Community Enterprise Financing Loan			
PP	Pilot Program			
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
Total Committed Funds		103,000.00	1,981,850.00	3,717,075.00
ARPA Transformative Funds				
	Subawards	112,500.00	3,116,387.01	3,622,025.00
	Contracted Services	441.00	262,261.00	273,274.00
	Salaries & Wages	6,193.08	49,706.47	93,406.00
	Indirect Costs	272.54	9,135.17	11,295.00
		119,406.62	3,437,489.65	4,000,000.00
Total ARPA Funds				

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Transaction List Detail
October 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/03/2022	EFT	VISA	2022 September Statement	-355.11
10/07/2022	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2022 October Copier Lease	-345.95
10/07/2022	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2022 October Rent	-1,525.00
10/07/2022	EFT	Edinboro Community & Eco. Devel. Corp.	2022 MMS - make up amount from first payment	-37,500.00
10/12/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	9/24/22 to 10/7/22 Payroll	-8,847.50
10/12/2022	EFT	PASCDU	October 2022	-584.77
10/12/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	9/24/22 to 10/7/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
10/12/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 10/07/2022	-715.98
10/12/2022	EFT	Summit Township	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-198,882.60
10/12/2022	EFT	Greene Township	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-48,615.74
10/12/2022	EFT	McKean Township	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-48,615.74
10/12/2022	EFT	Millcreek Township	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-48,615.74
10/12/2022	EFT	Waterford Township	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-48,615.74
10/12/2022	EFT	Erie County	FY 21-22 Interactive Gaming	-48,615.74
10/12/2022	EFT	Impact Corry	2020 MMS - Final payment	-28,000.00
10/12/2022	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2022 September Legal - General	-526.50
10/12/2022	EFT	Grise Audio Visual Center, Inc	2022 Girard Press Conference	-316.75
10/12/2022	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2022 October Phone/IT	-914.91
10/12/2022	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	Perry's Laptop Cord	-56.99
10/13/2022	EFT	Downtown Girard	2022 MMS 1st Drawdown	-75,000.00
10/17/2022	EFT	UPMC Health Plan	2022 October Health	-3,883.88
10/17/2022	EFT	Foundant Technologies, Inc.	2022 Grant Management Software	-2,575.00
10/20/2022	EFT	Emerald Printing & Imaging	Presentation Checks	-441.00
10/20/2022	EFT	Parker Philips	2022 October Professional Services	-3,000.00
10/20/2022	EFT	Perry Wood	2022 Q3 Expenses	-712.02
10/20/2022	EFT	Tammi Michali	2022 Q3 Expenses	-112.86
10/20/2022	EFT	Tom M. Maggio	2022 Q3 Expenses	-281.25
10/28/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	10/8/22 to 10/21/22 Payroll	-8,843.00
10/28/2022	EFT	PASCDU	2022 October	-584.77
10/28/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	10/8/22 to 10/21/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
10/28/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 10/28/2022	-715.98
10/28/2022	EFT	Grise Audio Visual Center, Inc	North East Press Conference	-316.75
10/31/2022	EFT	Erie Bank	Service Charge	-35.00

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SCORECARD	CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE	CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE
	\$0.00	05/15/2023

Account Summary

Billing Cycle		09/09/2022
Days In Billing Cycle		30
Previous Balance		\$569.39
Purchases	+	\$355.11
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$0.00
Payments	-	\$569.39
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
NEW BALANCE		\$355.11

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,644.89
Available Cash	\$39,644.89
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	\$355.11
MINIMUM PAYMENT	\$355.11
PAYMENT DUE DATE	10/04/2022

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

Corporate Activity

Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
09/02	09/02	1609880396	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$569.39-

Cardholder Account Summary

TAMMI MICHALI ####-####-####-9468	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$355.11	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$355.11
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Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
08/10	08/11	PBUS01	24137462223600161179821	WEGMANS #075 ERIE PA	\$29.99
08/16	08/18	PBUS01	24121572229000228160195	KOLDROCK WATERS, INC. 000-0000000 PA	\$23.00
08/21	08/22	PBUS01	24692162233100483602130	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07
08/22	08/23	PBUS01	24055232235812417547500	ATT* BILL PAYMENT 800-331-0500 TX	\$119.62

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AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Closing Date	New Balance	Total Minimum Payment Due	Payment Due Date
09/09/22	\$355.11	\$355.11	10/04/22

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SUITE 201
ERIE PA 16510-4672



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Cardholder Account Detail Continued

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
08/31	08/31	PBUS01	24692162243104762912671	AMZN Mktp US*1V8KF7M61 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$98.43
09/02	09/05	PBUS01	24789302247727402115347	GANNETT NEWSRPRR NE 888-8710686 IN	\$65.00

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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 09/08/2022

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2023

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	0.70833%(M)	8.5000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$355.11
Cash									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.70833%(M)	8.5000%(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.									



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

Knight, Ericka

From: Lichtenwalter, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 4:15 PM
To: Knight, Ericka
Subject: Fwd: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

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From: RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:06:58 PM
To: 'Sparber, James' <JSparber@eriecountypa.gov>
Subject: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Dear Mr. Sparber:

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act 42 of 2017, the Department is required to distribute quarterly the Local Share Assessment collected for interactive gaming and slots to the municipalities in which a licensed gaming entity is located. This distribution is based on the interactive gaming and slots local share assessment amount collected plus the slot machine license operation fee amount collected over Summit Township's budget limitation.

An ACH for the 3rd quarter of 2022 payment in the amount of \$3,029,084.91 should be deposited in your bank account within 7 - 10 business days. This payment includes the interactive gaming local share assessment of \$15,374.87, the slots local share assessment of \$513,710.04 and the slot machine license operation fee of \$2,500,000.00. Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Jennifer Heckert | Division Chief
PA Department of Revenue
Bureau of Fiscal Management | Gaming Division
1147 Strawberry Square | Harrisburg PA 17128
Phone: 717.346.4004 | Fax: 717.787.6738
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EUGRA 3,029,084.91 X .45 = 1,363,088.21

067-021050-042100

Total 3,029,084.91

September 2022

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

IMPLEMENTED

- 8 Total September posts
- 2 Total graphics created
- Copyedit/Design Rural Listening Report
- Edinboro Event (Sep. 13th)
 - Media Advisory, distribution, and pitching
 - Press Release and distribution
- Union City Event (Sep. 27th)
 - Media Advisory, distribution, and pitching
 - Press Release and distribution

IN PROGRESS | 2022 Grant Releases and Graphics

Girard Event
North East Event
Holiday Graphics

IN PLANNING

Parks Fields & Trails 2 year report
ECGRA Playbook
Roadshow Tours



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MEDIA ADVISORY

October 20, 2022

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Media advisory: Erie Area Council of Governments announces launch of broadband expansion study

Erie, PA – The Erie Area Council of Governments will hold a press conference on October 25 to share information about the launch of a countywide broadband expansion feasibility study. Presenters will include Erie County Executive Brenton Davis; Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA); Jessica Horan-Kunco, Director of the Erie County Department of Planning; and Michelle Jaggi, Executive Director of the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG).

The broadband expansion study will analyze existing broadband infrastructure and coverage gaps and recommend implementation strategies for expanding and improving local internet access throughout Erie County. The project is funded via grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission and ECGRA, as well as additional funding from the County of Erie.

The press conference will take place Tuesday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Erie County Department of Planning, 150 East Front Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA, 16507.

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About EACOG:

The Erie Area Council of Governments was founded in 1993 as a voluntary association of Erie County municipalities. The EACOG works to improve the lives of Erie County residents through multi-municipal projects, programs, and services that enhance operations, reduce duplication, decrease costs, improve efficiency, and leverage resources for all Erie County municipalities.

Erie County Broadband Expansion Feasibility Study Press Conference

Erie County Department of Planning

150 East Front Street, Suite 300

October 25, 2022 • 1:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS:

Michelle Jaggi, Executive Director, Erie Area Council of Governments (Welcome, project overview, announcement of grants awarded and funding for this project)

Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Jessica Horan-Kunco, Director, Erie County Department of Planning

Brenton Davis, Erie County Executive

(Closing Michelle Jaggi)



Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

11:00 am

5240 Knowledge Parkway

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:30am

ECGRA business – RFP agreement
Eligibility Review

PRESENTATIONS

11:30 – 11:50

Bridgeway Capital – Dawn Seckler, TJ Bogdewick

11:50 – 12:10

GECAC – Danny Jones

LUNCH BREAK (12:10 – 12:30)

12:30 – 12:50

International Institute – Dylanna Grasinger

12:50 – 1:10

Paramount Pursuits – Marcos & Trish Digliodo



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October 24, 2022

Dear Friends,

Let me start with a sincere **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to this summer's 29th 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 30th Anniversary Festival!**

Sincerely,

Edie Luniewski, Sponsorship Chair

Union City 'gateway' project taking shape

BY STEVE BISHOP
Contributing writer

The past few years of talking, planning and fundraising for the transformation of the northern "gateway" to Union City's downtown has turned in recent weeks to noticeable action.

The former Union City Diner has been removed, the site filled and capped, a new courtyard at the site is taking shape inside the construction fence, and the adjacent building's north-facing façade is being given a "diner-like look" in homage for the former diner.

Additionally, an entrance is being fashioned at the rear of the site for a new stairway to the municipal parking lot, and trees have been removed from the borough's small "Industrial Park" green space across West High Street from the site in preparation for improvements.

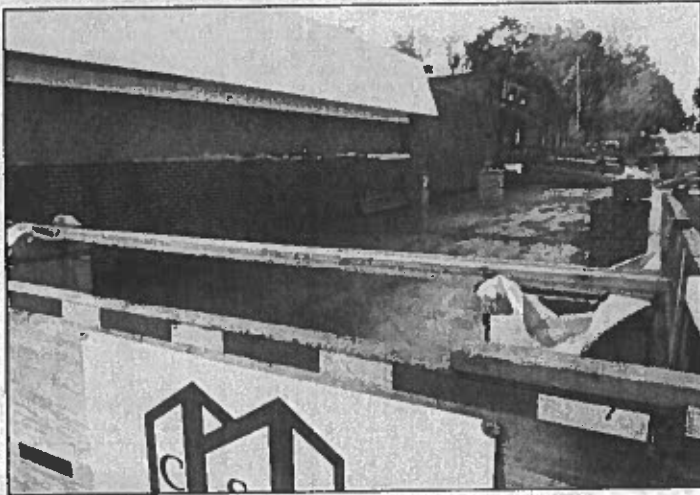
The projects are being coordinated by local nonprofit Union City Pride, which

owns the former diner site and adjacent building, and which was awarded the funding for the overall scope of work.

"We're very pleased with the progress, and appreciate the community's patience while we've worked through this process," said Pride President Terri Migliaccio. "This is the culmination of a lot of thought, public input and funding solicitation over the past four years. We understand the importance of getting this right, and look forward to establishing a new downtown entrance that will serve the community for generations to come."

Union City-based Construction Services of Pennsylvania (CSI) was awarded the bid for the portion of work that required bidding because of the use of state funds, and then was also tasked with complementary project components funded by other sources.

Those complementary projects include completing the courtyard with brick piers and metal rails, replac-



Contributed photo

The north-facing façade of the building adjacent to the former Union City Diner is being given a "diner-like look" in tribute to the former diner. That work includes brickwork, an awning-like roof treatment and window treatment. The former diner site itself is being transformed into a concrete courtyard with brick piers and metal railings, with an entrance to new parking lot stairs at the rear of the site.

ing the stairs to the parking lot, restoring the Main Street-facing façade of the adjacent building to a more historical look, and improvements to the Industrial Park

that are all scheduled to be done this year as the weather allows.

The trees were removed from Industrial Park for a variety of reasons, including that they weren't particularly attractive, created an ongoing mess, and didn't fit with the improvements to come, said Borough Manager Cindy Wells.

"It already looks so much better, so much cleaner," she said, noting that the "Welcome to Union City" sign in the middle of the park has deteriorated and is being removed as well.

The additional improvements planned for the park this year include brick piers and metal railings around the park to match the courtyard at the former diner site across the street, and a concrete walkway into the green space that will culminate in a circular pad at the middle of the park for a future attraction. That attraction is yet to be announced, pending additional funding that is being sought.

◀ See Gateway, P.3

Gateway

(Continued from front page)

All of this work is considered Phases II and III of Union City's downtown enhancements, following Phase I improvements that included purchasing the diner and adjacent building, a new parking lot and mural on South Main Street, downtown trees, interpretive panels and historic markers, and structural analyses of most of the downtown's buildings.

Phase IV downtown improvements are also planned and funded, and will take place over the next year through a \$150,000 grant

awarded to Union City Pride through the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority's (ECGRA) Mission Main Street program, and a \$37,500 local match.

Those projects include a façade and structural improvement matching program for downtown property owners for which applications are already being taken, a marketing initiative for the downtown, and additional improvements to the new South Main Street parking lot.

The anticipated parking lot improvements include an interpretive panel for the new mural, replacing the public sidewalk along the length of the lot, steps mid-lot between

the lot and sidewalk, and electrical pedestals around the lot that would allow it to be used for public activities.

The total investment in Phases II, III and IV is approximately \$608,000, with funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, ECGRA, the Union City Community Foundation, the Erie County Redevelopment Authority and MFG Corp. of Union City.

"In addition to these projects, we've applied for funding for more downtown enhancements that would really kick us over the top," said Migliaccio. "It's important we keep pushing forward as a community."

Funding eyed for Erie effort

Project Resolve raises enthusiasm, questions

A.J. Rao

Erie Times-News USA TODAY NETWORK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Perhaps no project in recent months has generated more enthusiasm — or more questions — from Erie County government officials than Project Resolve.

The ambitious, long-term strategy championed by Penn State Behrend to spark advanced manufacturing in Erie County has garnered bipartisan praise from County Executive Brenton Davis and members of Erie County Council.

But funding for the project has been a point of contention.

On one hand, the Davis administration wants to use American Rescue Plan funds toward the project's key development: the construction of a 60,000-square-foot innovation and battery-testing center at Behrend's Knowledge Park.

See **PROJECT, Page 2A**

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On the other hand, Democrats on County Council question whether Rescue Plan funds should be used toward a capital project, especially since the funds were intended to help those most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Davis has argued the center will help COVID-impacted businesses and reverse a "brain drain" of talent to the area. Democrats say the project is still too vague to invest much-needed COVID-19 relief. Erie-area minority leaders accuse Davis of playing favorites and employing a double standard when it comes to Rescue Plan funding.

On one hand, Davis wants to take away \$3.5 million in Rescue Plan funds from the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission because it hasn't shown a meaningful return on investment.

On the other hand, Davis has been eager to invest \$5 million in Rescue Plan funds toward Project Resolve, which, at this point, is merely a concept, with no construction plans drawn, no proof that jobs will be created and no website for the public to view.

"There are so many unanswered questions — it's ridiculous," Democratic County Councilman Terry Scutella said at a recent council finance meeting.

On Nov. 1, council members advanced an ordinance to a second reading that approves \$2.5 million in Rescue Plan funds and another \$2.5 million in unrestricted gaming revenue toward the construction of the innovation center. A vote has yet to be scheduled but is expected after the county budget is approved at the end of November.

The Erie Times-News sat down with Behrend officials to learn more about Project Resolve: its purpose, its benefits and why Davis believes a county investment is

needed sooner rather than later.

What is Project Resolve?

Project Resolve started as an umbrella term for multiple complementary projects in Erie County that “joined forces” in 2021 to better compete for federal Build Back Better funding, said Amy Bridger, senior director of corporate strategy and external engagement at Behrend.

These projects included the Corry Area Technology Center and Hub, and a water quality and climate change project — dubbed Project NePTWNE, or Nano & Polymer Technology for Water and Neural-networks in Erie — by Gannon University.

Behrend’s piece was a proposed Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness, an innovation center that would consist of plastics and metal-casting laboratories and the nation’s first heavy-haul battery testing site.

While the joint strategy didn’t amount to Build Back Better money, Bridger said each of the partners continued to move forward with their ideas.

Project Resolve now refers to the overall 10-year strategy to create jobs, entrepreneurship and investment in Erie County through advanced manufacturing and by capitalizing on local industrial clusters like plastics.

Erie is a ‘national hot spot’ for plastics

“The plastics industry in Erie is really strong — we’re a national hot spot,” Bridger said.

Using cluster mapping data, Bridger showed how Erie County sits in a regional cluster of plastics and plastics product manufacturing, stretching from eastern Ohio to central Pennsylvania.

The data showed Erie County with roughly 3,000 employed in the plastics industry and with a high degree of specialization. The data also showed the county’s plastics industry touching or overlapping with similar industrial clusters in the region, from metalworking technology and foundries to mold makers and resin manufacturers.

Bridger said these factors collectively make the region primed for growth over the coming 30 years, particularly as electric vehicles — of which plastic is a primary material — become a more prevalent form of transportation.

However, Erie County is falling short because of its dwindling advanced manufacturing, Bridger said.

From 2010 to 2021, the county was one of the three lowest-performing counties when it came to its share of Pennsylvania’s advanced industry jobs, according to data from the Brookings Institute.

Even as the county produces talent at its schools, many students move away to places that are investing in advanced manufacturing and that are able to snatch up contracts and attract state and federal grants. Bridger said the majority of manufacturers in Erie County are small- to medium-sized businesses that don’t have the ability to go offline to test and implement new technology.

That's where the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness comes in.

Center would modernize tech, reverse spiral of advanced manufacturing

The proposed center would serve as a test center or "sand box" for next-generation technologies, Bridger said.

By acting as a test bed, the center would allow manufacturers to test new technology and best practices before implementing them in their plants. The idea is that companies would see what works — and what doesn't — in the lab setting, without interrupting the workflow and efficiencies at their worksites.

Bridger said the Wabtec Corp. plant in Lawrence Park Township has expressed interest in the battery testing site, and the center overall, and told Behrend they will use the facility for \$1 million in research annually.

She said Behrend has also received more than 60 letters of support from local manufacturers and that 20 industry partners have pledged more than \$21 million of investment in their own businesses if Project Resolve comes to fruition.

A center for manufacturing competitiveness and a heavy industrial battery- testing center were both projects included in the investment playbook that urban policy experts Bruce Katz and Florian Schalliol of New Localism Associates of Arlington, Virginia, designed for the Erie region.

Bridger estimated that Project Resolve would create roughly 5,000 jobs in the region over the next 10 years.

Construction plans expected in spring, projected 18-month build

Bridger said schematic designs for the center are expected to be done by spring and early estimates have construction costs at around \$18 million.

Initially, Davis sought to use \$5 million in Rescue Plan funds — along with \$5 million from Penn State University — as part of a local match for a state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant of at least \$8 million toward the project.

The state instead awarded the project a \$1.5 million RACP grant in October and approved a line item of \$10 million. That means Behrend can re-apply multiple times and be awarded in installments toward the final \$10 million amount.

"The goal is not necessarily to grow Penn State," she said. "The goal is to move manufacturers along and update the plastics manufacturers and metalcasting manufacturers and get people to locate here for the battery test center. We don't want the jobs at Penn State. We want the jobs in the manufacturing area. That's where those 5,000 jobs are going to go."

"As you prove out your project, you can apply for parts up to \$10 million," Bridger said. "So the money is waiting for us in various tranches. We'll apply again in the spring for an additional amount."

The county's share of \$5 million — revised by County Council to be \$2.5 million from the Rescue Plan and \$2.5 million from unrestricted gaming revenue — along with \$5 million from Penn State University and \$10 million from the state would total \$20 million.

Bridger said Behrend is hoping to partner with Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, which is seeking a National Science Foundation grant of \$160 million for the next 10 years. She said if a partnership is reached, the funds could help staff and equip the innovation center. Bridger added that Behrend will seek approval from Penn State's Board of Trustees once the building's construction plans are finished by spring. After approval, Bridger said she anticipates an 18-month build.

Critics say Davis is favoring long-term project over immediate community needs

The \$2.5 million in Rescue Plan funds would come from a \$5 million Transformative Grants budget line intended for the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

In an earlier interview with the Times-News, ECGRA Executive Director Perry Wood said his agency uses this money toward much-needed community projects, and that cutting the amount in half could hinder those allocations.

Former council Chairman Carl Anderson — who helped spearhead the budgeting of the 2022 Rescue Plan budget — added that “large capital projects intended for general economic development or to aid impacted industries” were not eligible for Rescue Plan funds.

He said the construction of the innovation center should be funded by other means, like the Rescue Plan's revenue replacement option, as opposed to taking money away from ECGRA.

County Council Solicitor Tom Talarico, who also said it still wasn't clear how the project will benefit those impacted by the pandemic, called the use of Rescue Plan funds “inappropriate.” He was requested by council at a recent meeting to compose a written legal opinion on the matter.

Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation CEO Gerald Blanks further called out Davis for committing Rescue Plan dollars to Penn State University — a multi-billion-dollar brand — instead of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission.

“You don't want to give \$3.5 million more to the Black, Indigenous and people of color community?” he asked of Davis.

Blanks also said Project Resolve would do little to help employment numbers among minority communities.

“You know how many minorities get those jobs? Not a lot,” Blanks said. “That's why we're in the business that we're in now — trying to get minorities and women into the construction trade because they can't penetrate that arena.”

Greater Erie Community Action Committee CEO Danny Jones also said Davis was holding organizations like GECAC to a different standard.

Davis's proposed 2023 budget eliminates nearly \$1 million in grant funding to GECAC. Davis insisted GECAC sits on \$12 million in reserve assets and doesn't need additional county dollars.

Jones questioned why Penn State — with its hefty reserves — was worth taxpayer dollars.

Davis, Penn State say Project Resolve will reduce inequities through jobs

In response, the administration has pointed to two firms hired by the county for Rescue Plan consultation, both of which indicated that funding Project Resolve with Rescue Plan dollars was legal.

Documentation from those firms — ArentFox Schiff LLP, a Washington, D.C. based law firm, and Witt O'Brien's — were provided to council and indicated the project would benefit COVID-impacted industries and businesses.

Former U.S. Rep. Phil English, who represented Erie County in Congress from 1995 to 2009, and who also was a campaign contributor to Davis, works at ArentFox Schiff LLP.

Davis has also said investing Rescue Plan money makes sense because Project Resolve is about “modernizing the workforce,” a goal that will increase wages and help re-staff businesses that may be underemployed as a result of the pandemic.

He also said Project Resolve is a transformative project that looks to the future, as opposed to a project with a short-term gain.

“You can give a gallon of milk today but it’s gone tomorrow,” he said. “If we retool our economy and retool our workforce, you can buy the cow.”

Bridger added that increasing the sustainability of manufacturing operations will reduce plastic and waste pollution which “disproportionately affects communities of color and communities of poverty.”

“The manufacturers in this region are something like 17% of the jobs in this region as a whole,” she said. “If those go away, it’s going to be felt for a long time in the community and that throws more people into that poverty cycle.”

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A railyard full of dozens of locomotives is shown at Wabtec Corp., Oct. 21, 2019, in Lawrence Park Township. CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS FILE

'A SOURCE OF PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY'***Fund RESOLVE, programs for minorities, seniors, writes Behrend chancellor***

The strength of Erie's economy has always been based in technological innovation, and the products that have been built here — the ships for Commodore Perry's fleet, advanced locomotives, and the plastic and metal products that support the automotive, aerospace and pharmaceutical industries — are a source of pride for our community. But we are losing our competitive edge. Pennsylvania reduced its investment in innovation programs by nearly two-thirds during the Great Recession, according to "Commonwealth of Innovation," a new report by the Brookings Institution. Pennsylvania now ranks sixth out of nine peer states in advanced industry job growth. We trail Indiana and Massachusetts by nine percentage points, and Michigan by 23.

See FORD, Page 2B What is Project RESOLVE?

Project RESOLVE is a long-term strategy to advance our region's competitiveness by shifting the plastics, metal-casting and transportation industries to a sustainable model.

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Manufacturing employment in Pennsylvania decreased by 0.5% between 2009 and 2020, according to the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Advisory Council.

That shift has hit Erie especially hard: Across the commonwealth, only Chester County has lost more jobs. Our overall job and wage growth is well below the national average.

By contrast, where there is economic growth, it is shown to be directly sparked by university-based research and design activity.

In Pennsylvania, all but 1% of that investment occurs in three areas: Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and State College. We have an opportunity to change that.

Project RESOLVE is a long-term strategy to advance our region's competitiveness by shifting the plastics, metal-casting and transportation industries to a sustainable model.

By leveraging our strengths — a skilled workforce, and the expertise at our region's universities — we can build more competitive businesses while reducing the plastic and waste pollution that can negatively affect our air and freshwater, including Lake Erie.

Project RESOLVE also will enhance our diversity-and-inclusion efforts, including our Excelerate partnership with Erie Insurance, by creating new engagement and place-based internship programs.

The first phase of Project RESOLVE involves the construction of a Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness, which will include plastics and metal-casting research labs and the nation's first fullservice heavy-haul battery testing facility.

Companies need these resources. And we need those companies to thrive: The region's plastics, metal-casting and transportation companies provide

approximately 17% of all jobs in the Erie region. They employ nearly 25% of the new Americans in Erie County.

Our political leaders understand that: In January 2021, a committee led by members of Erie County Council explored how to best leverage Erie County's share of federal funding for a postpandemic recovery. The first recommendation in the committee's report was a call for "transformative projects," such as Project RESOLVE.

The funding formula for the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness includes three sources: grants from the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, or RACP; Erie County support; and investments by Penn State. Recently, Gov. Tom Wolf allocated the first \$1.5 million of RACP funding for RESOLVE, drawing from an approved, multi-year \$10 million line item. That's a tremendous endorsement of the project.

Project RESOLVE is a long-term strategy to advance our region's competitiveness by shifting the plastics, metal-casting and transportation industries to a sustainable model.

Penn State will match up to \$5 million in county funding for Project RESOLVE. The university is investing in Behrend, and Erie, to build an innovation hub that will grow our economy and support our citizens.

Our industry partners have pledged to invest in the technologies that will be developed at the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness. To date, they have committed to making \$21 million in investments in their businesses as part of this initiative.

The resolution before Erie County Council is about more than money. It's about vision — the willingness to invest in innovation that will make our region competitive.

That requires committed partners. We know the model works: In 2019, a \$6 million grant from the Erie Community Foundation linked four partner institutions — Penn State Behrend, the Hamot Health Foundation, UPMC and the Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation — with the goal of bringing clinical medical research trials to Erie. Each of the partners agreed to contribute an additional \$5 million. This partnership is now bringing clinical trials, research funding and new jobs to the region, all while improving the health of women in Erie County.

We appreciate that every member of Erie County Council supports Project RESOLVE. The question before the council is how to allocate funding to support it. That discussion has been complicated by a separate debate about the funding of programs that support Erie's seniors and minority communities. Those vitally important programs should be funded. We believe it is possible for county officials to agree on an approach that supports both underserved communities and economic development.

Now is the time to look forward. We have a rare opportunity to come together and support our much-needed economic growth and our diverse community needs. It can be done in a sustainable and environmentally beneficial way that keeps our community competitive in the decades ahead. If we fail to capitalize on that,

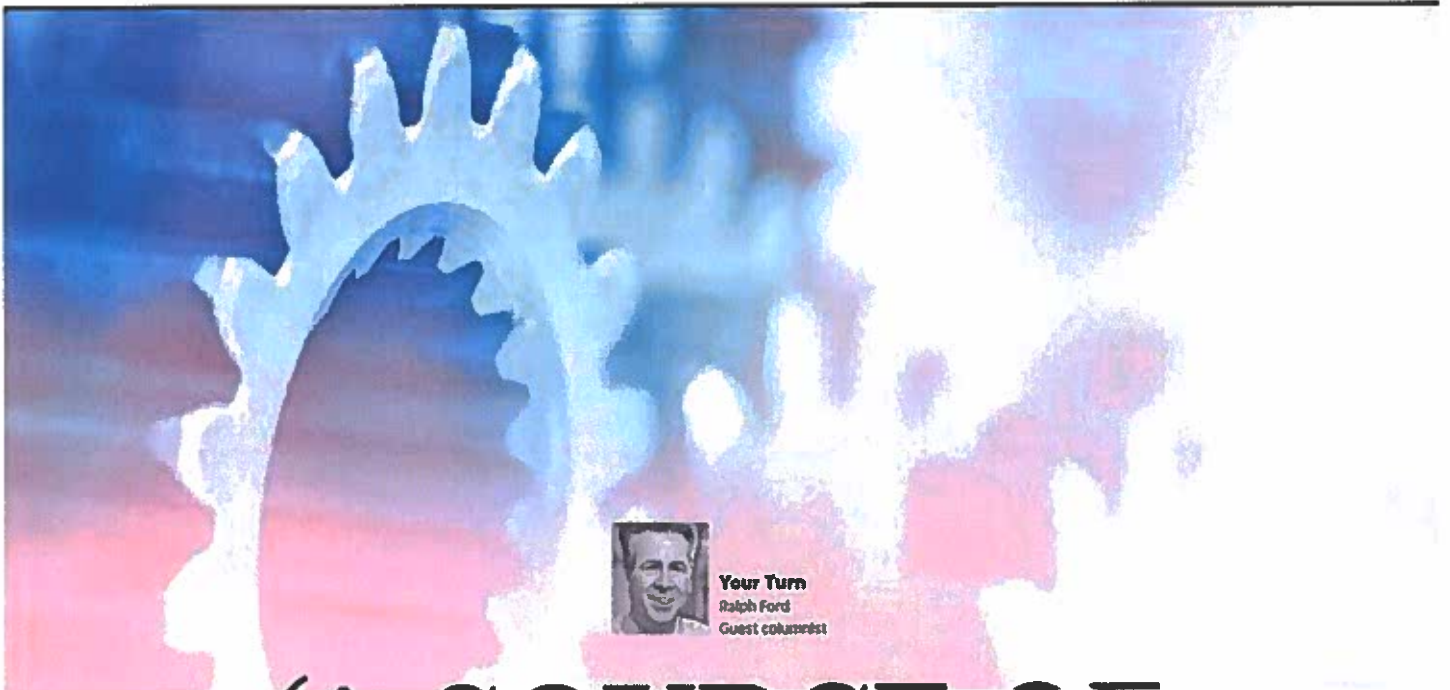
leveraging the opportunity to match and expand on local investment, the generations that follow us will only fall further behind.

Ralph Ford is the chancellor of Penn State Behrend.

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Erie County Executive Brenton Davis and members of Erie County Council tour an engineering facility at Penn State Behrend on Oct. 13. From left are Davis, council members Charlie Bayle, Ellen Schauerman, Brian Shank, Terry Scutella, and Greg Dillon, chair of polymer engineering and science at Behrend. A.J. RAO/ERIE TIMES-NEWS Your Turn Ralph Ford Guest columnist



RESOLUTION NUMBER 13, 2022

Resolution to enter into a contract with Roth Marz Partnership to provide building inspections as described in the Erie County Community Facility Assessment Request for Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED that, ECGRA, in the implementation of its mission to promote economic and community development in partnership with federal agencies, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and other entities in national and state government, 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 a contract with Roth Marz Partnership not to exceed \$84,750 to provide seventeen (17) building inspections as described in the Erie County Community Facility Assessment Request for Proposal (RFP).

One the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 17th day of November 2022 by a vote of _____ - _____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
November 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



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Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect

AGREEMENT made as of the First day of November in the year Two Thousand Twenty-two
(In words, indicate day, month and year.)

BETWEEN the Owner:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
5340 Fryling Road
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510
Telephone Number: 814-897-2694

and the Architect:
(Name, legal status, address and other information)

Roth Marz Partnership P.C.
3505 Chapin Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16508
Telephone Number: 814-860-8366

for the following Project:
(Name, location and detailed description)

Inspection and Assessment of 17 Community Centers (Please see attached list)

The Owner and Architect agree as follows.

GOALS

In order to maintain the safety and efficiency of their buildings, offer high quality services to their clients, and structure the needed financing, ECGRA seeks to assist the centers with the development of a ten-year capital improvement plan for the participating Community Centers. This project will include:

- Identification of conditions in terms of deferred maintenance and building condition.
- Identification of issues related to compliance with any federal requirements such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, any specific regulations for child-care facilities, and environmental issues.
- Creation of a clear and concise capital improvement plan with an analysis of current conditions and other plans community centers may have. This includes the provision of cost estimates and recommended prioritization for the above items.
- Identification and brief description of modifications that would better emulate best practices for child-care facilities, especially pandemic related projects.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:

The author of this document has added information needed for its completion. The author may also have revised the text of the original AIA standard form. An *Additions and Deletions Report* that notes added information as well as revisions to the standard form text is available from the author and should be reviewed. A vertical line in the left margin of this document indicates where the author has added necessary information and where the author has added to or deleted from the original AIA text.

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

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SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work includes a thorough assessment of the building and exterior property and a final report.

Inspection and Assessment

Consultant will visually inspect facilities and properties. Inspections shall be conducted using applicable codes and accepted industry standards. Specifically, the assessment will focus on the following components:

- Site structure. Provide a description of the building structure such as materials used in construction including the foundation, floors, walls, windows, and roof, etc.
- General building systems. Provide a description of building systems noting any visible deficiencies.
- Mechanical/electrical systems/HVAC. Provide information regarding the electrical service going into the building (i.e. overhead or underground). The HVAC system should be described and include data on the equipment's specific location, age and life expectancy, and condition. It should be noted if the system is adequate for heating/cooling air distribution. The assessment should include information regarding ventilation.
- Plumbing. Assessment should detail the condition and note any deficiencies in the plumbing systems for the building.
- Life/Safety/Fire Protection. The consultant will report any immediate life and/or property safety issues upon discovery separately from the overall building report.
- Infrastructure. Provide assessment of all infrastructure exterior to the building to include parking lots, playground surface and equipment, drainage, sidewalks.
- Americans with Disabilities (ADA). Review building for compliance with the most recent ADA accessibility standards noting areas of non-compliance. If areas of obvious non-compliance are noted, include costs to create compliance.
- COVID-19. Assess building for mold and excess moisture. Additionally, identify modifications or enhancements that could be made to the building to maximize health and safety related to the transmission of communicable diseases.
- Lifecycle. Provide lifecycle data on components listed above including estimated life remaining, and cost to repair or replace at conclusion of life.

FINAL REPORT

A final report that includes:

- A general description of the property, including the condition, for the items identified for Inspection and Assessment.
- A description of components that are or will be in need of maintenance over the next ten years based on observed conditions, available maintenance history and industry-standard useful life estimates.
- A prioritized ten-year schedule for recommended replacement or repairs and a summary of improvement options.
- Cost estimates based on a standardized, nationally recognized, cost estimating system.
- A summary of other needed improvements that would improve service delivery at the facility and estimated cost.

ARTICLE 1 ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Architect shall provide architectural services for the Project as described in this Agreement. The Architect shall perform its services consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by architects practicing in the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances. The Architect shall perform its services as expeditiously as is consistent with such professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Project. The Architect shall assist the Owner in determining consulting services required for the Project. The Architect's services include the following consulting services, if any:

(Paragraphs deleted) Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering services.

ARTICLE 2 OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Owner shall provide drawings and maintenance history of the building existing conditions. The Owner shall furnish required information as expeditiously as necessary for the orderly progress of the Project. The Architect shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy and completeness of the Owner's information. The Owner shall furnish consulting services not provided by the Architect, but required for the Project, such as surveying, which shall include property boundaries, topography, utilities, and wetlands information; geotechnical engineering; and environmental testing services, if required.

ARTICLE 3 USE OF DOCUMENTS

Drawings, specifications and other documents prepared by the Architect are the Architect's Instruments of Service, and are for the Owner's use solely with respect to constructing the Project. The Architect shall retain all common law, statutory and other reserved rights, including the copyright. Upon completion of the construction of the Project, provided that the Owner substantially performs its obligations under this Agreement, the Architect grants to the Owner a license to use the Architect's Instruments of Service as a reference for maintaining, altering and adding to the Project. The Owner agrees to indemnify the Architect from all costs and expenses related to claims arising from the Owner's use of the Instruments of Service without retaining the Architect. When transmitting copyright-protected information for use on the Project, the transmitting party represents that it is either the copyright owner of the information, or has permission from the copyright owner to transmit the information for its use on the Project.

ARTICLE 4 TERMINATION, SUSPENSION OR ABANDONMENT

In the event of termination, suspension or abandonment of the Project by the Owner, the Architect shall be compensated for services performed. The Owner's failure to make payments in accordance with this Agreement shall be considered substantial nonperformance and sufficient cause for the Architect to suspend or terminate services. Either the Architect or the Owner may terminate this Agreement after giving no less than seven days' written notice if the Project is suspended for more than 90 days, or if the other party substantially fails to perform in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall terminate one year from the date of Substantial Completion.

ARTICLE 5 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

This Agreement shall be governed by the law of the place where the Project is located. Terms in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those in AIA Document A105-2017, Standard Short Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor. Neither party to this Agreement shall assign the contract as a whole without written consent of the other.

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall create a contractual relationship with, or a cause of action in favor of, a third party against either the Owner or the Architect.

The Architect shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of, or exposure of persons to, hazardous materials or toxic substances in any form at the Project site.

ARTICLE 6 PAYMENTS AND COMPENSATION TO THE ARCHITECT

The Architect's Compensation shall be:

\$84,750.00

The Owner shall pay the Architect an initial payment of zero (\$ 0.00) as a minimum payment under this Agreement. The initial payment shall be credited to the final invoice.

The Owner shall reimburse the Architect for expenses incurred in the interest of the Project, plus ten percent (10 %).

Payments are due and payable upon receipt of the Architect's monthly invoice. Amounts unpaid forty-five (45) days after the invoice date shall bear interest from the date payment is due at the rate of .5 % per month, or in the absence thereof, at the legal rate prevailing at the principal place of business of the Architect.

ARTICLE 7 OTHER PROVISIONS

(Insert descriptions of other services and modifications to the terms of this Agreement.)

Roth Marz Partnership P.C. has not included the following services in the basic compensation:

1. Environmental surveys/testing including but not limited to mold, asbestos, lead paint, storage tanks, contaminated soil, etc.
2. Testing of existing mechanical systems/components.
3. Camera investigation of plumbing systems.
4. Structural testing/monitoring.
5. Measure and creating existing drawings/floor plans of any buildings (RMP assumes each of the community centers have drawings of their facilities).
6. Geotechnical testing/concrete coring and roof coring.

These services if needed can be provided via a cost plus 10%

This Agreement entered into as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER *(Signature)*

(Printed name and title)

ARCHITECT *(Signature)*

Mr. Robert L. Marz, AIA President

(Printed name, title, and license number, if required)

Community Center	Address	City	ST	ZIP	SF	Contact Email	Contact
Benedictine Sisters Campus	330 East 10th St.	Erie	PA	16501	42,896	nsabol@stben.org	Nancy Sabol
InnerCity Neighborhood Art House	201 East 10th St	Erie	PA	16501	8,500	kstolar@neighborhoodarthouse.org	Kelly Stolar
St. Mary's School & Auditorium	345 East 9th	Erie	PA	16503	30,796	mkloecker@emmauserie.org	Margaret Kloecker
Boys and Girls Club	1515 East Lake Road	Erie	PA	16511	45,000	messina1895@gmail.com	Al Messina
YMCA Erie	31 West 10th Street	Erie	PA	16501	43,709	gvandemerwe@ymcaerie.org	Gary Vandemerwe
Martin Luther King Center	312 Chestnut St.	Erie	PA	16507	34,364	jsherrod@mlkcentererie.org	James Sherrod
YMCA Corry	906 North Center Street	Corry	PA	16407	32,000	edwardobrien.ymcaofcorry@gmail.com	Ed O'Brien
John F. Kennedy Center	2021 East 20th Street	Erie	PA	16510	31,030	shudsonbrewton@thejfkcenter.org	Samella Hudson-Brewton
Booker T. Washington	1720 Holland Street	Erie	PA	16503	29,000	shilliard@btwcenter.org	Shantel Hilliard
Saint Martin Center	1701 Parade Street	Erie	PA	16503	28,000	dgonzalez@stmartincenter.org	David Gonzalez
Mercy Center for Women	1039 East 27th Street	Erie	PA	16504	25,000	jhagerty@mcwerie.org	Jennie Haggerty
Bethany Outreach Center	254 East 10th Street	Erie	PA	16503	25,000	mabel@bethanyoutreachcenter.org	Mable Howard
Multi-Cultural Resource Center	554 East 10th Street	Erie	PA	16503	23,559	kkretz@mrcerie.org	Katie Kretz
Corry Hi-Ed	221 North Center Street	Corry	PA	16407	22,524	bhoward@corryhied.org	Brody Howard
International Institute	517 East 26th Street	Erie	PA	16504	12,570	djackson@uscree-erie.org	Dylanna Greisenger
Eagle's Nest	1129 Pennsylvania Avenue	Erie	PA	16503	6,500	oljackson@hotmail.com	Onjanette Jackson
Community Shelter Services	655 West 16th Street	Erie	PA	16502	71,000	kconfer@communityshelter.org	Katie Confer

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14, 2022

Resolution to enter into agreement with two (2) recipients of Small Business Ecosystem grant program totaling \$350,000 for the purpose of strengthening the small business community in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states that “a minimum level of unemployment and maximum level of business opportunity, and the elimination or prevention of blight can best be provided by the promotion, attraction, stimulation, rehabilitation and revitalization of industry, commerce and other activities in the Commonwealth”; and,

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law expressly states that entities like ECGRA have as a purpose to “promote industrial, commercial and other economic development”; and,

Whereas, ECGRA has been appointed by County Council as a Subrecipient to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the purposes of building entrepreneurial opportunities for small businesses; and,

Whereas, ECGRA established the Small Business Ecosystem grant program in response to County Council’s request in accordance with guidance from the ARPA guidelines; and,

Whereas, those grant applicants are hereby identified as Bridgeway Capital, a community development financing institution, and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, formerly the International Institute of Erie, a refugee resettlement agency (USCRI); and,

Whereas, through the ARPA funding provided by ECGRA, Bridgeway Capital and USCRI will provide technical assistance to small businesses and small business entrepreneurs who were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

Whereas, to further leverage the ARPA funding, ECGRA shall also provide funding to grant applicants through non-federally sourced capital which would include a revolving loan fund focused on the same category of small businesses and small business entrepreneurs.

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 ECGRA Bylaws, awards grants totaling \$350,000 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 17th day of November 2022 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
November 17, 2022

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

Building a Better Future Entrepreneur & Small Business



ROUND 1

Organization	Project Name	Amount Awarded
Bridgeway Capital	(re)Making Erie	\$200,000.00
International Institute of Erie (USCRI)	R3 Revolving Loan Fund	\$150,000.00
TOTAL		\$350,000.00