



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM/In Person  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
January 19, 2023

ZOOM Meeting Information:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89856274919>

Meeting ID: 898 5627 4919  
Password: not required

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 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. Maher Duessel agreement for additional audit fees (ARPA)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting  
Location: 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie, PA 16510; Board Room  
ZOOM meeting – details to follow



## **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

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

**December 8, 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.

\*\* The recording for the December Board meeting was compromised, therefore the following minutes are a summary of the discussions held at the meeting. \*\*

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on December 8, 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. Cleaver and Mr. Oberlander are present in person. Mr. Barney, 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. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 6-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – November 2022

Ms. Loll 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 states that he would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. He has enjoyed working with everyone this past year and hopes next year will be equally productive.

### 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 states that he has reviewed the financial reports and says everything seems to be in order. He noted that the only category we went slightly over on was the Meeting Expenses, but that was because we have been holding so many meetings recently. He states that if anyone has any questions, he or Dr. Wood will provide an answer.

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 states that since we just had the meeting a few days ago, he will not go into detail as we will be presenting resolutions later in the meeting of things that were discussed at the meeting.
- 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 has a brief report this month so he discusses the Strategic Planning meeting where the Board members reviewed the final rounds of Anchor Building, Multi-Municipal Collaboration, and Renaissance Block grants. The results of Monday's meeting are in resolution form to be voted on later.

Dr. Wood then discusses a letter he received from County Executive Davis last night that stated the County Executive had chosen to veto certain line items of the ARPA budget which included the complete removal of funding to ECGRA. The explanation that was given in the letter was that CE

Davis felt that the County is capable of administering those funds for both Economic Development and the Beehive Network. Dr. Wood tells the Board that he will email them a copy of the letter in order for them to review it. After they read the letter, they are encouraged to ask Dr. Wood any questions or bring up any concerns.

Mr. DiPaolo asks what the total amount was that was in the ECGRA line-item veto, to which Dr. Wood responded that it was about \$4M. Dr. Wood states that although other organizations also received some cuts to their line items, ECGRA was the only organization that had their funds cut completely.

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing to report, but Mr. DiPaolo has a question about Conflict of Interest for a grant that is scheduled to be funded today. Mr. DiPaolo serves on the Board for the Eagle's Nest, which is run by Bishop Brock. Bishop Brock also serves on the Board for the East Side Renaissance, which is scheduled to be awarded funds today. Mr. Wachter confirms that there is no Conflict of Interest for Mr. DiPaolo, since the Eagle's Nest and the East Side Renaissance are two completely different organizations.

### OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 15, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2022 Anchor Building Program

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

- b. Resolution Number 16, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities as the recipients of the 2022 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

- c. Resolution Number 17, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with two (2) entities as the recipients of the 2022 Renaissance Block Program – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

Ms. Hess has to leave the meeting early.

- d. Resolution Number 18, 2022 – Resolution to enter into agreements with three (3) organizations for the Small Business & Ecosystem Grants – Round 2

Dr. Wood reads the resolution. He then explains that the amounts being awarded to Erie's Black Wall Street and the Sisters of St. Joseph are at a prorated amount for a one year cohort. The decision for this was so it could be determined if this was a viable project for these organizations to carry out.

Ms. Loll agrees with the decision for partial funding. Mr. DiPaolo asks for confirmation that there are only three of the four presenters that are receiving funds. Dr. Wood confirms that this is correct; the fourth entity is not yet ready to move forward.

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

- e. Resolution Number 19, 2022 – Resolution to direct the Erie Community Foundation to release \$534,268.00 to the Erie County Lead Assets

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 5-0.

- f. Resolution Number 20, 2022 – Resolution to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2022-23 YTD</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44800 · Gaming Revenue		2,923,876.91		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue		1,767,845.21		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	32,954.54	96,090.21		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Grow	7,666.67	22,833.33		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund		15,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		9,750.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,388.89	19,027.78		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		14.31		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		7,668.00		
46510 · Interest Income - YLI		58,862.80		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>47,010.10</u>	<u>4,920,968.55</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	6,787.51	47,841.20	54,000.00	72,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,372.50	16,493.40	20,997.00	28,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	795.76	10,769.34	13,464.00	17,950.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	1,872.51	25,893.42	35,775.00	47,700.00
65500 · PASCDU	1,169.54	5,852.30	11,439.00	15,250.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	19,469.55	190,494.61	235,530.00	314,050.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	360,558.39	988,897.68	2,999,997.00	4,000,000.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	0.00	12,800.00		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>392,025.76</u>	<u>1,299,041.95</u>	<u>3,371,202.00</u>	<u>4,494,950.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	(345,015.66)	3,621,926.60		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets		(11,942.55)		
70050 · Municipal Settlements		1,172,930.53		
70070 · Special Events		165,097.25		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration	19,000.00	152,328.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street		335,256.18		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program		53,867.10		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing	15,000.00	120,877.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block		120,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building	25,333.00	125,333.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>59,333.00</u>	<u>2,233,746.51</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(59,333.00)</u>	<u>(2,233,746.51)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>(404,348.66)</b></u>	<u><b>1,388,180.09</b></u>		

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

	<b>December</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	508,509.05
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	2,031,850.00
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,211,533.22
10104 · ARPA Fund	3,071,424.34
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	9,177,127.55
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	<b>17,491,935.11</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	18,000,444.16
<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	188,000.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,542,800.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	<b>6,319,835.00</b>
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	45.11
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>6,319,880.11</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>24,320,324.27</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,320,324.27</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	1,388,180.09
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>20,330,836.27</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>24,320,324.27</b>



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

Expense	Over/(Under)				% of Budget
	December	YTD	Budget	Budget	
<b>62100 · Contracted Services</b>					
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	8,950.00	7,500.00	1,450.00	119.33%
62130 · Professional Services	6,000.00	27,000.00	40,000.00	(13,000.00)	67.50%
62140 · Legal Services	253.50	7,977.00	20,000.00	(12,023.00)	39.89%
62145 · Website Design	447.17	3,088.92	3,000.00	88.92	102.96%
62150 · Payroll Services	86.84	825.28	1,500.00	(674.72)	55.02%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>6,787.51</b>	<b>47,841.20</b>	<b>72,000.00</b>	<b>(24,158.80)</b>	<b>66.45%</b>
<b>62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>					
62840 · Office Equipment	0.00	4,263.90	10,000.00	(5,736.10)	42.64%
62890 · Rent	1,372.50	12,229.50	18,000.00	(5,770.50)	67.94%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,372.50</b>	<b>16,493.40</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>(11,506.60)</b>	<b>58.91%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	251.00	2,858.88	3,000.00	(141.12)	95.30%
65020 · Postage	19.07	171.63	500.00	(328.37)	34.33%
65040 · Office Supplies	100.09	969.23	2,000.00	(1,030.77)	48.46%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	1,094.40	3,000.00	(1,905.60)	36.48%
65060 · Copier Lease	311.35	2,802.15	4,200.00	(1,397.85)	66.72%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	3.70	500.00	(496.30)	0.74%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	375.00	500.00	(125.00)	75.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	350.00	2,000.00	(1,650.00)	17.50%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	79.25	2,144.35	2,000.00	144.35	107.22%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>795.76</b>	<b>10,769.34</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>(7,180.66)</b>	<b>60.00%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	584.69	5,000.00	(4,415.31)	11.69%
65110 · Advertising	163.37	365.04	4,000.00	(3,634.96)	9.13%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	829.47	10,986.36	18,000.00	(7,013.64)	61.04%
65120 · Insurance	879.67	7,917.03	10,200.00	(2,282.97)	77.62%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	5,150.00	5,500.00	(350.00)	93.64%
65150 · Travel	0.00	890.30	5,000.00	(4,109.70)	17.81%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>1,872.51</b>	<b>25,893.42</b>	<b>47,700.00</b>	<b>(21,806.58)</b>	<b>54.28%</b>
<b>65500 · PASCDU</b>	<b>1,169.54</b>	<b>5,852.30</b>	<b>15,250.00</b>	<b>(9,397.70)</b>	<b>38.38%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	16,668.29	161,083.53	276,400.00	(115,316.47)	58.28%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,369.30	13,874.31	17,400.00	(3,525.69)	79.74%
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	15,536.77	18,100.00	(2,563.23)	85.84%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>19,469.55</b>	<b>190,494.61</b>	<b>314,050.00</b>	<b>(123,555.39)</b>	<b>60.66%</b>
<b>67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	0.00	4,263.00	273,274.00	(269,011.00)	1.56%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	356,340.40	932,812.39	3,622,025.00	(2,689,212.61)	25.75%
67025 · Indirect Costs - ARPA	272.54	2,439.20	11,295.00	(8,855.80)	21.60%
67030 · Salaries & Wages - ARPA	3,945.45	49,383.09	93,406.00	(44,022.91)	52.87%
<b>Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>	<b>360,558.39</b>	<b>988,897.68</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>(3,011,102.32)</b>	<b>101.78%</b>
<b>7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,800.00</b>	<b>12,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>392,025.76</b>	<b>1,299,041.95</b>	<b>4,507,750.00</b>	<b>(3,208,708.05)</b>	<b>28.82%</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**December 31, 2022**

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,211,533.22		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	2,031,850.00		
<b>ARPA Funds</b>	3,071,424.34		
<b>2022 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)</b>			
First Quarter Gaming Revenue		245,818.17	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue		924,773.35	
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue		1,022,316.16	
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			<b>2,192,907.68</b>
<b>2022 Interactive Gaming Revenue</b>			
FY 2021-2022		1,767,845.21	<b>1,767,845.21</b>
<b>FY Disbursements:</b>			
First Quarter Disbursements		776,260.31	
Second Quarter Disbursements		1,047,811.78	
Third Quarter Disbursements	415,673.40	1,301,406.75	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			<b>3,125,478.84</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements/MRIs**

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>			
<b>Settlements</b>			
Summit Township		527,818.73	
Greene Township		129,022.36	
McKean Township		129,022.36	
Millcreek Township		129,022.36	
Waterford Township		129,022.36	
Erie County		129,022.36	<b>1,172,930.53</b>
<b>Multi-Municipal Collaboration</b>			
2022 Edinboro Community & Economic Development		50,000.00	
Erie Area Council of Governments		50,000.00	
Girard Township	19,000.00	19,000.00	
Jefferson Educational Society		100,000.00	<b>219,000.00</b>
<b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT</b>			
<b>Small Business Ecosystem</b>			
Bridgeway Capital	200,000.00	200,000.00	
<b>Erie County Investment Playbook</b>			
The Nonprofit Partnership	33,623.22	33,623.22	<b>233,623.22</b>

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as of  
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	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>NEIGHBORHOODS &amp; COMMUNITIES</b>			
<b>Anchor Building</b>			
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	
2022 Emmaus Ministries, Inc.	76,000.00	76,000.00	
			<b>176,000.00</b>
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
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	
2022 Downtown Girard		75,000.00	
Downtown North East		87,500.00	
Edinboro Community & Economic Development		62,500.00	
Erie Center for Arts & Technology		25,000.00	
			<b>614,422.18</b>
<b>Renaissance Block</b>			
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 Edinboro	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Borough of Union City		100,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	
			<b>320,000.00</b>
<b>QUALITY OF PLACE</b>			
<b>Community Assets</b>			
2018 Harborcreek Township		(11,942.55)	
			<b>(11,942.55)</b>
<b>Special Events</b>			
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 County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
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	December	YTD	Subtotal
<b>Special Events (cont.)</b>			
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	<b>165,097.25</b>

**SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING**

**Beehive Network**

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

**Community Enterprise Financing Loan**

Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		63,920.00	
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**179,797.00**

**YOUTH & EDUCATION**

**Summer Jobs & More**

	22,050.18	156,551.27	
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**156,551.27**

<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	415,673.40	3,230,478.90	<b>3,225,478.90</b>
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**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Schedule of Grant Reserve**  
as of  
**December 31, 2022**

		<u>December</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 2022</b>			
	Borough of Edinboro	50,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
	Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	100,000.00
	<b>Anchor Building</b>			
	19 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 City of Erie		225,000.00	250,000.00
	3 Waterford Borough		84,600.00	249,800.00
	<b>Mission Main Street 2022</b>			
	Downtown Girard		75,000.00	150,000.00
	Downtown North East		87,500.00	175,000.00
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development		62,500.00	125,000.00
<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>			
<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>Total Committed Funds</b>		<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>2,031,850.00</b>	<b>3,589,675.00</b>
<b>ARPA Transformative Funds</b>				
	<b>Subawards</b>	356,340.40	2,760,046.61	3,622,025.00
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	0.00	262,261.00	273,274.00
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	3,945.45	40,526.64	93,406.00
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	272.54	8,590.09	11,295.00
		<b>360,558.39</b>	<b>3,071,424.34</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>
<b>Total ARPA Funds</b>				

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Transaction List by Date**  
**December 2022**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/02/2022	EFT	VISA	2022 November Visa Statement	-896.58
12/06/2022	EFT	Local IQ	2022 November Meetings	-163.37
12/06/2022	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2022 December Copier Lease	-345.95
12/06/2022	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2022 December Rent	-1,525.00
12/06/2022	EFT	Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2022 Summer Jobs (Sept, Oct)	-22,050.18
12/06/2022	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2022 November Legal	-253.50
12/06/2022	EFT	Parker Philips	2022 October, November Professional Services	-6,000.00
12/06/2022	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2022 December Phone/IT	-914.91
12/06/2022	EFT	Bridgeway Capital	2022 BBF Small Business	-200,000.00
12/07/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	11/19/22 to 12/2/22 Payroll	-8,843.00
12/07/2022	EFT	PASCDU	2022 November	-584.77
12/07/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	11/19/22 to 12/2/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
12/07/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 12/02/2022	-715.98
12/16/2022	EFT	Borough of Edinboro	2022 Renaissance Block - 1st Installment	-50,000.00
12/16/2022	EFT	Girard Township	2022 MMC	-19,000.00
12/20/2022	EFT	UPMC Health Plan	2022 December Benefits	-3,883.88
12/20/2022	EFT	Edinboro University Foundation	Accidental Payment	-5,000.00
12/20/2022	EFT	Gannon University	Accidental Payment	-5,000.00
12/20/2022	EFT	Mercyhurst University	Accidental Payment	-5,000.00
12/21/2022	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	12/03/22 to 12/16/22 Payroll	-8,843.00
12/21/2022	EFT	PASCDU	2022 December	-584.77
12/21/2022	EFT	Fidelity Investments	12/3/22 to 12/13/22 Simple IRA	-250.00
12/21/2022	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 12/16/2022	-715.98
12/21/2022	EFT	Emmaus Ministries Inc	2022 Anchor Building	-76,000.00
12/21/2022	EFT	The Nonprofit Partnership	2022 ARPA Subaward	-33,623.22
12/30/2022	EFT	Erie Bank	Security Token	-35.00



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

**Account Summary**

Billing Cycle		11/09/2022
Days In Billing Cycle		30
Previous Balance		\$4,040.89
Purchases	+	\$3,471.58
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$2,575.00-
Payments	-	\$4,040.89-
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00

**NEW BALANCE \$896.58**

**Credit Summary**

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,103.42
Available Cash	\$39,103.42
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

**Account Inquiries**

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

**Payment Summary**

<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>\$896.58</b>
<b>MINIMUM PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$896.58</b>
<b>PAYMENT DUE DATE</b>	<b>12/04/2022</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>\$4,040.89-</b>
Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount	
11/03	11/03	1611723958	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$4,040.89-	

**Cardholder Account Summary**

TAMMI MICHALI ####-####-####-9468	Payments & Other Credits	Purchases & Other Charges	Cash Advances	Total Activity
	\$2,575.00-	\$3,471.58	\$0.00	\$896.58

**Cardholder Account Detail**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
10/11	10/13	PBUS01	24121572285000284110192	KOLDROCK WATERS, INC. 000-0000000 PA	\$9.00
10/12	10/13	PBUS01	24055232285400648000017	SAMPLE NEWS GROUP 8146658291 PA	\$186.00
10/12	10/13	PBUS01	24492162285000022090541	EWS.CO HTTPSWWWW.EPIC PA	\$447.17

*O.S. subscript website*

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

ERIEBANK  
PO BOX 42  
CLEARFIELD PA 16830-0042

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

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

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED

<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>New Balance</b>	<b>Total Minimum Payment Due</b>	<b>Payment Due Date</b>
11/09/22	\$896.58	\$896.58	12/04/22

\$

BL ACCT 00100029-10000000  
ERIE COUNTY GAMING  
5340 FRYLING ROAD  
SUITE 201  
ERIE PA 16510-4672



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

**Cardholder Account Detail Continued**

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
10/13	10/14	PBUS01	24067202286313191003833	FOUNDANT TECHNOLOGIES-RB 877-2970043 MT	\$2,575.00 <i>grant maint software</i>
10/16	10/17	PBUS01	24692162289105836788869	AMZN Mktp US*HT11N22P0 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$52.98 <i>O.S.</i>
10/21	10/23	PBUS01	24692162294109583445999	STAMPS.COM 855-608-2677 CA	\$19.07 <i>postage</i>
11/02	11/04	PBUS01	24789302307991302228926	GANNETT NEWSPRPR NE 888-8710686 IN	\$65.00 <i>subscript.</i>
11/03	11/06		74067202308303191001183	CREDIT VOUCHER FOUNDANT TECHNOLOGIES-RB 877-2970043 MT	\$2,575.00- <i>credit grant maint software</i>
11/07	11/08	PBUS01	24445002312400154500718	WM SUPERCENTER #3281 HARBORCREEK PA	\$38.11 <i>O.S.</i>
11/08	11/09	PBUS01	24445002313400151681866	WM SUPERCENTER #3281 HARBORCREEK PA	\$79.25 <i>mtg. expense</i>

**Additional Information About Your Account**

MANAGE YOUR CARD ACCOUNT ONLINE. IT'S FREE! IT'S EASY! SIMPLY GO TO [WWW.MYCARDSTATEMENT.COM](http://WWW.MYCARDSTATEMENT.COM) AND ENROLL IN OUR ONLINE SERVICE. YOU CAN REVIEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION, TRACK SPENDING, SET ALERT NOTIFICATIONS, DOWNLOAD FILES, AND MUCH MORE. MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT IS FAST, SECURE AND EASY WITH MYCARDSTATEMENT. ENROLL TODAY!

**ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 11/08/2022**

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 <sup>1</sup>	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
<b>Purchases</b>									
PBUS01001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.833333%(M)	10.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$896.58
<b>Cash</b>									
CBUS01001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.833333%(M)	10.0000%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00
* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily							Days in Billing Cycle: 30		
** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees							APR = Annual Percentage Rate		
<sup>1</sup> FCM = Finance Charge Method									
(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.									





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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT  
FOR  
JANUARY  
2023**



# COUNTY OF ERIE

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Brenton Davis,  
County Executive

December 7, 2022

Chairman Brian Shank, Erie County Council  
County Courthouse  
140 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street Rm. 114  
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Chairman Shank,

Congratulations to you and your fellow Members for the passage of the 2023 Erie County Budget on November 23, 2022. I recognize the significant amount of work put in by your team and all of Council. Having received the budget ordinances on November 28, 2022, we submit vetoed items within the 10-day period referenced in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Erie County Home Rule Charter. Listed below are the action sheets ***I HEREBY VETO*** and reasons for my action. Attached are copies for your convenience.

### **Gaming Fund Budget**

**#10 - Veto \$30,000 in Gaming Funds for MECA.** This organization is not up-to-date with 990 reporting, and their record of accomplishment in delivering services is poor. Other well-funded agencies, including Erie County Care Management already perform MECA's stated mission with much more efficiency.

### **General Fund Budget:**

**#28- Reduction of County Executive Travel line by \$10,000.** This reduction interferes in my ability to lobby for state and federal funding, to market Erie County around the Country, to learn new and better ways to operate and network with County and Municipal Leaders. Travel is currency for bringing positive change to our region. Requiring the Administration to come back to County Council for additional funding next year is not appropriate, as it places Council in the role of arbiter over my work.

**#30 – Reduction of Travel line in Economic Development by \$35,000.** A majority of Council Members took the crucial step to create the Economic Development Department on May 3, 2022. In order for the Department to function effectively, it must meet with other professionals in the field, attend conferences, and visit potential businesses in an effort to promote commerce or location. Travel is currency for accomplishing our goals and upholding our promise to bring economic change to our community.

**#31- Reduction of Professional Fees Line in Economic Development from \$100,000 to \$26,036.** The County is in dire need of infrastructure; whether one speaks of broadband, sewer, water or transportation. In order for the Department to pursue different opportunities there must be some flexibility and ability to pivot and bring funding to bear. Council has clearly stated that it prefers two readings on all ordinances, which amounts to 30 days. Reduction of this funding

erodes our ability to react to opportunity and once again places Council as the arbiter for all Administration economic development initiatives. Any project referenced above would need a project consultant or professional. The ability to spend up to \$24,000 is reasonable for County business. Amounts exceeding that must align with the requirements of the Purchasing Code. The Department must have resources to operate effectively.

**#32- Reduction of Economic Development Initiatives Line from \$100,000 to \$20,000 Restricted.** This funding is vital to the ability of the Department to react and bring resources to a situation. The Purchasing Code acts as a control for expenses over \$25,000, so this line is not an open checkbook by any means. This action sheet is an overreach into the operations of an Administrative Department that requires agility. This action sheet places Part-time Council Members as defacto Cabinet Members running the Economic Development Operation.

**#37- Elimination of HR Position Number #002200-010.** The HR Department recently received eight applicants interested in this significant recruitment and DEI position. The County as with all large employers is in competition to fill many vacancies. In order to continue the current upward trend we need to keep our team at full complement. County Council created positions last year to improve our recruitment of a more diverse staff. The Department is delivering results in that area and in the improvement of employee culture. The position title change to generalist was done only to most efficiently use staff in all areas of the operation. The Director has aligned the titles consistent with her experience at Erie Insurance.

**#39- Elimination of new Deputy Director Position in Tax Revenue.** Erie County is one of only a few counties in the Commonwealth without a Deputy in Tax Claim. This operation successfully collects and processes hundreds of millions of dollars each year without incident. It is essential in terms of succession and continuation of operations in the case of any adverse circumstance. The Department is utilizing brand new software that will bring new responsibilities and work into the office. There has been a trend of smaller municipalities turning over tax collecting duties due to lack of qualified candidates. To accommodate this trend the Department needs a second managerial position.

**#45-Elimination of IT Position Number #002812-005.** This position will serve the Department of Human Services specifically. The position is 80% funded by State dollars. DHS has the remaining 20%, so they do not need additional County funds. The IT operations in DHS are very significant and this position brings with it a new set of duties important to the operation.

**American Rescue Plan Fund Budget**

**#5 - \$750,000 to the Savocchio Park project administered by the Erie County Redevelopment Authority.** This speculative investment of \$750,000 in ARPA funds does not show a significant return on investment. To allocate such a large portion of the County's ARPA dollars into a fish farm that may only yield a dozen jobs is imprudent. I have the utmost confidence in the work of the ECRDA and their partners but in the final analysis, these valuable funds could be more impactful elsewhere.

**#6- \$3,000,000 to ECGRA for Building Better Future Program.** I have been negotiating in good faith all year to reach an ARPA Budget through your committee and the whole of Council. This action removes the County's ability to make its own funding decisions, which was at the heart of my objections to the 2022 ARPA Budget. This was also decided very quickly and without much debate. The Gaming Authority received \$4M 2021 ARPA Funds that is sufficient. I believe real economic impact comes through the expenditure of ARP monies on allowable infrastructure projects. In order to coordinate our efforts most efficiently, the County should make the final spending decisions not a third party. There is no need to rush this money out of the ARPA Fund Balance.

**#13- \$737,500 for ECGRA to fund the Beehive Network.** I agree 100% that the Beehive Network should receive these funds, but see no need for ECGRA to administer them. I favor giving the funds to the Beehive directly. The four universities have worked cooperatively to grow the Beehive. The County can negotiate an agreement with Beehive members and administer these funds without issue. I brought this idea to Council with my ARPA budget proposal. Let us work directly with the Beehive.

**Summary**

The restoration of these vital funds to General Fund will require the transfer of \$436,166 in Unassigned Fund Balance as required by the Home Rule Charter. The County General Fund is on pace to have another positive year. There has been a steady cash increase since January and more cash in bank this year than this time last year. Erie County's Audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports show a yearly increase in the Unassigned General Fund Balance.

These facts stand against suggestions that County expenditures are outpacing revenues. Erie County is financially healthy and any interpretation to the contrary is simply not factual. I therefore respectfully request your support in allowing these vetoes to stand unchallenged.

Regards,



Brenton Davis  
Erie County Executive

Cc: Members of Erie County Council; Douglas Smith- DOA; Solicitor William Speros; Paul Lichtenwalter-Finance Director; Amy Swartzfager-CPA; Solicitor Tom Talarico; Solicitor Jay Stranahan

**AGENDA**

**Erie County Council**

View More at  
[www.eriecountypa.gov](http://www.eriecountypa.gov)

Public is invited to attend.



Brian Shank, Chairman  
Mary Rennie, Vice Chairwoman  
Charlie Bayle  
André R. Horton  
Ellen Schauerman  
Terry M. Scutella  
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse  
140 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 117  
Erie, PA 16501

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

View Live: <https://www.youtube.com/c/eriecountypa>

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
  - A. Bruce Kern
  - B. Tina Mengine
  - C. Laura Eaton
  - D. Carl Anderson
  - E. Perry Wood
  - F. Sam Talarico
  - G. Wendy Neckers
5. **COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTIONS FOR OVERRIDE CONSIDERATION**
  - A. Gaming Fund Veto- \$30,000 grant to MECA.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**11-23-22 vote: 7-0**

- B. General Fund Veto- Reduction of County Executive Travel line by \$10,000.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**With this reduction, there will be \$15,000 budgeted. This is an increase of \$9,750 from the 2022 budget.**  
1/23/22 vote: 6-1(Bayle)
- C. General Fund Veto- Reduction of travel line in Community Relations & Economic Development Bureau by \$35,000.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**With this reduction, there will be \$15,000 budgeted. The Administration originally requested \$50,000 which is an increase of \$43,750 from the 2022 budget.**  
11/23/22 vote: 7-0
- D. General Fund Veto- Reduction of Professional Fees Line in Community Relations & Economic Development from \$100,000 to \$26,036.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
11/23/22 vote: 5-2(Bayle and Shank)
- E. General Fund Veto- Reduction of Economic Development Initiatives by \$80,000 and restrict \$20,000 in Community Relations & Economic Development Bureau.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**With this reduction, there will be \$20,000 budgeted. The request from the Administration was \$100,000, which is an increase of \$47,000 from the 2022 budget.**  
11/23/22 vote: 6-1(Bayle)
- F. General Fund Veto- Elimination of HR Position Number #002200-010.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**The position is presently vacant.**  
11/23/22 vote: 5-2(Scutella and Winarski)
- G. General Fund Veto- Elimination of new Deputy Director Position in Revenue/Tax Claim Office.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**The position is presently vacant.**  
11/23/22 vote: 7-0
- H. General Fund Veto- Elimination of IT Position Number #002812-005.  
**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.**  
**The position is presently vacant.**  
11/23/22 vote: 7-0
- I. American Rescue Plan Fund Veto-\$750,000 to Savocchio Park project with the Erie

County Redevelopment Authority acting as the fiscal agent.

**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.  
11/23/22 vote: 6-1(Bayle)**

J. American Rescue Plan Fund Veto-\$3,000,000 to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for Building Back Better Future Program.

**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.  
11/23/22 vote: 7-0**

K. American Rescue Plan Fund Veto-\$737,500 to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority to fund the Beehive Network.

**To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one(5 votes) is needed.  
11/23/22 vote: 7-0**

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

December 14, 2022

*Board of Directors*

To Honorable Members of Erie County Council,

**Dale E. Barney**  
Chair

This Erie County Council is facing a defining moment. In the days ahead, it will decide whether it made the right decision when it voted to approve a budget containing a well-deliberated mix of funding two weeks ago. Now, you'll have to decide whether to change course under political pressure from the County Executive when - as far as I can see - nothing has changed.

**Dominic D. DiPaolo**  
Vice-chair

**Whitey Cleaver**  
Treasurer

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the County Executive vetoed several line-items negotiated and effectively compromised County Council's budget plan, which thoughtfully considered many organizations and citizens in several public hearings. Two of those items placed ARPA dollars in the capable hands of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) for the purposes of municipal infrastructure, small business development, and maintenance on community facilities.

**Perry N. Wood**  
Secretary

**Kelly S. Hess**

**Carol Loll**

The justification: the County Executive's new economic development department should hand out the funding. The problem: the County Executive's plan disregards the fact that ECGRA was created in 2008 by County government for this express purpose.

**David S. Sample**

**Gary J. Winschel**

**Douglas Smith**  
Ex-officio

This approach creates an expensive duplication of services wasting ARPA dollars that could be invested in communities and thereby slowing the progress of these local projects. ECGRA is a county asset, not a competitor or third-party vendor, as asserted in the veto message. ECGRA has well-tested infrastructure to effectively distribute ARPA funds within the guidelines right away to the communities that need it the most. ECGRA is a county authority, a legal appendage of county government, appointed by County Council - its charter breathed into life by County ordinance and its board appointed by elected officials.

**Perry N. Wood**  
Executive Director

The infrastructure for grantmaking at this level was purposely established outside the courthouse, through an authority, to depoliticize the process. ECGRA has built a grant writing application process that reacts to planning, community support, matching funds, and studies based on data. Local leaders have touted the model over the years because of the results. ECGRA has invested in every community in Erie County and made those investments count. Ten years into this grand experiment, we all know that **ECGRA works.**

Although I was an early critic of ECGRA, I now consider myself an advocate. When I was serving on County Council, I voted to support the creation of the Authority. Initially, I regretted my decision when the Authority became entangled in legal challenges. However, that cloud lifted years ago. After serving on the Board, I can attest that ECGRA has a sterling reputation amongst both urban and rural areas, nonprofits and municipal governments, local and state leaders - and it's earned it!



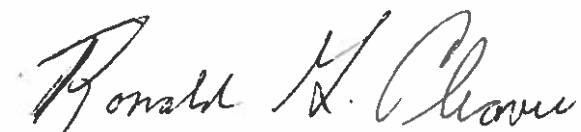
While duplication of government services is reason enough for the County Council to stick to its decision, our communities are counting on us to help them through the ARPA process and ECGRA is well-positioned to do this right now. Small and large communities across Erie County are familiar with the ECGRA process – the County Executive’s plan would cause these communities to engage in an unnecessary learning curve to access funding. ARPA adds a layer of regulation that requires strict adherence to guidelines – guidelines already integrated in the ECGRA distribution/reporting process. ECGRA’s transparency and attention to the federal guidelines during the first round of ARPA grants is what gives people confidence that our funding was being used properly and that our communities would not be at risk of losing any funding that didn’t fit within the ARPA guidelines.

ECGRA has been a partner – listening to our communities and responding to their needs. It effectively invested millions into Erie County main streets, small businesses, building renovations, joint sewer, and water projects, and most recently a rural broadband study. This summer, the ECGRA staff crisscrossed Erie County talking with boroughs and townships about their critical infrastructure needs and aspirational competitive projects. Most of the three million in ARPA dollars being vetoed by the administration were slated to meet those needs.

I encourage County Council to assert its role as the balancing arm of county government and weigh the good of the people over the good of the politician. While, I don’t doubt the intention of the County, this work has been underway for more than a year and moving the funding would be unintentionally punitive to our communities.

At this point the decision is in County Council’s hands to decide. If the county moves this funding to a new department, it will require building infrastructure that doesn’t exist - an unnecessary duplication of services that would cost taxpayers. Should the county utilize one time grant dollars from the federal government to build a new agency within the Courthouse? Or shall we invest prudently in an existing appendage of County government with a proven track record?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronald G. Cleaver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ronald G. "Whitey" Cleaver



**Inclusive Entrepreneurship Delivery Team Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023**

*11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
ERCGP Small Conference Room*

- 1. Welcome/Overview**
- 2. Problem Statement**
  - a. Review of Major Issues Raised (Discussion)**
    - i. Outreach/Connection to ED System & Tools
    - ii. Financing
    - iii. Financial Literacy
    - iv. Business Planning
    - v. Start-Ups vs. Existing
    - vi. Grant Funding
    - vii. Technical Assistance
    - viii. Other
  - b. Priority Areas of Focus (Discussion)**
- 3. Concept Definition**
- 4. Other Team Members (*Large Group/Working Group*)**
- 5. Meeting Schedule**
- 6. Next Steps**
- 7. Adjournment**

# Inclusive Entrepreneurship

## Background Information

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### Delivery Team Members

Infinite Erie, led by the Action Team, is supported by a series of delivery teams who lend crucial expertise on some of the most pressing challenges in the Erie Area. The Inclusive Entrepreneurship Delivery Team is made up of representatives from several organizations, all working in unique ways to invest in the the entrepreneurial success of all of Erie's residents.

This delivery team currently include representatives from:

- PennWest Edinboro
- Gannon University
- Mercyhurst University
- Bridgeway Capital
- Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership
- Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation (GEEDC)
- Penn State University
- City of Erie
- Erie County Public Library
- The Erie Community Foundation
- Erie County Gaming & Revenue Authority (ECGRA)
- Erie's Black Wall Street
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners
- Erie County Redevelopment Authority (ECRDA)
- Diverse Erie
- Paramount Pursuits
- Impact Corry

Please note that these teams are meant to grow and evolve with the work of Infinite Erie; this list is not meant to be exhaustive.



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# NOTICE

FROM: Tim Wachter, Esquire

DATE: December 21, 2022

## **2023 Bidding Thresholds**

The 2023 bidding thresholds for local government agencies were published in the December 10, 2022 Pennsylvania Bulletin. Effective January 1, 2023, the bidding thresholds are as follows:

<b>\$0 - \$12,199</b>	<b>No quotes or bidding required</b>
<b>\$12,200 - \$22,499</b>	<b>Three telephonic or written quotes required</b>
<b>\$22,500 and above</b>	<b>Formal, public bidding required</b>

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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**December 2022**

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

**IMPLEMENTED**

28 Total December posts  
27 Total graphics created  
Talking Points:  
    County Council meeting  
Press release and distribution:  
    Lead Assets

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

Holiday Graphics

**IN PLANNING**

Parks Fields & Trails 2 Year Report  
ECGRA Playbook  
Roadshow Tours



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January 5, 2023

Mr. Perry Wood, Executive Director  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
5340 Fryling Road  
Suite 201  
Erie, PA 16510

RE: 2023 Rates

Dear Mr. Wood:

Please know that we value our relationship with you, and look forward to continuing to serve you throughout 2023. The Knox Law Firm appreciates the public service that you provide, and as such, we have traditionally charged our public sector clients a deeply discounted rate for legal services. In the past, our rate increases have averaged less than 3% a year.

While we are able to continue to charge you our deeply discounted rates, due to the increase in costs that we have all experienced, we are increasing our rates for 2023 by 5%. Accordingly, rates for attorneys and paralegals who provide general solicitor services will be increased five percent to \$204.75 and \$115.50, respectively.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I remain,

Very truly yours,

KNOX McLAUGHLIN GORNALL &  
SENNETT, P.C.

By:   
Timothy S. Wachter

## Tammi Michali

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**From:** Amanda Jaros <ajaros@md-cpas.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 8:29 AM  
**To:** Tammi Michali  
**Subject:** RE: ARPA Audit  
**Attachments:** ECGRA 22-25.pdf

Good morning Tammi!

I do apologize for the delay in getting back to you regarding this matter. The Engagement Letter, which I'm including in this email, has the below for the fee arrangement:

### Fees

The professional fees for the scope of services will be:

2022	\$ 7,450
2023	7,800
2024	8,150
2025	8,500

If a single audit is required to be completed for the Organization, the additional fee would be \$5,500/per year.

So, for fiscal year ended 2023, the fee would be \$13,300.

Thank you!  
Amanda

Amanda Jaros  
Manager

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