



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIA ZOOM/In Person  
Knowledge Park; 5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510  
April 20, 2023

ZOOM Meeting Information:

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- a. Executive Director Contract Renewal

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- a. Resolution Number 7, 2023 – Resolution to enter into agreements with twenty-four (24) Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged in Arts, Culture, & Heritage

### 15. ADJOURNMENT

#### Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, May 18, 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**

**March 16, 2023**

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 March 16, 2023 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 at 8:33 am.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, Ms. Hess, Mr. Oberlander, and Mr. Winschel are present in person. Mr. DiPaolo, and Ms. Loll are present via Zoom. County Executive Davis, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Shank are present via zoom. Mr. Wachter and Dr. Wood are present in person.

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

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 7-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 2023

Mr. DiPaolo makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 7-0.

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

**Ms. Loll:** I will have a question when we get down to the Treasurer's Report.

### COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Barney: I would just like to say that I look forward to a productive meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public present for comments.

### PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations at this time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Cleaver: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We finished the year very well. We are hopefully going to approve the 2023-24 budget, but as far as the 2022 budget, we had discussed that we were overspent in a couple areas throughout the year. We weren't able to handle, we didn't have any hold on it; it was just an increase, increase in two areas. Other than that, everything fell into place, and I'd like to tip my hat to Dr. Wood for the good job. That concludes my report.

Ms. Loll: I would like to know – I see the information for one credit card; are there any more credit cards?

Mr. Cleaver: Yes. Well, I'll let Perry explain.

Dr. Wood: There is only one Visa statement because there is only one Visa card that is used by the office.

Ms. Loll: Okay, but there are other credit cards?

Dr. Wood: There are no other credit cards.

Ms. Loll: Okay, just the one credit card.

Dr. Wood: That is correct.

Ms. Loll: Okay, thank you.

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question too. The girl that does the PR, is she still on board? Are we still paying her? I didn't see her name on there at all.

Dr. Wood: Yes, that's the firm referred to as Parker Phillips in the finances.

Mr. DiPaolo: Are they on contract with us, or how does that work?

Dr. Wood: Their contract was originally approved by this Board, but there are out-clauses to the contract.

Mr. DiPaolo: When does their renewal come up?

Dr. Wood: There really isn't a renewal; they're basically on a month-by-month basis.

Mr. DiPaolo: Okay. And we're still paying \$4,500 a month?

Mr. Cleaver: No, I believe it's \$3,000.

Dr. Wood: Yes, it's \$3,000 a month.

Mr. DiPaolo: \$3,000 a month. Okay. That's all I wanted to know. Thank you.

Ms. Hess makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There are no further questions or discussion of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 7-0.

- b. Strategic Planning Committee: No meeting was held so there is nothing to discuss.
- c. Update from County Council: Mr. Shank: Thank you for the opportunity. From a Council's point of view, we don't have a lot to say other than we appreciate everything that is going on; we see a lot of good movement in the County. I know we need to kind of change things a little bit around but that is something we will all come together and talk about, but for the most part, County Council is behind you, we appreciate what you guys do, and just keep up the good work. We just want you guys to know that we are here and I apologize for the very nasally sound today – I'm coming off of a bad cold so I'm going to keep my comments brief today. So, thank you for the time.
- d. Update from County Executive's Office: Mr. Smith: Good morning, Board, Mr. Wood, and everyone. We just wanted to ask that the Board consider a few things this morning. There have been, of course, a lot of recent comments by the County Executive; I think all of us are aware of the EMS crisis that is facing, not only Erie County, but a lot of counties. That's a situation that's going to take a great deal of money to fix and we are very much interested and believe that ECGRA may be the key to solving that particular situation. We understand that you've worked hard on your mission the last many years and you've done it well but we believe you have the potential for a much greater mission and that is to help fire companies and EMS companies provide better and equal service around the County of Erie. We are very interested in the Board and the Administration and council all coming together and discuss this particular change in mission and that the Board members consider an extensive investment in this project for an ongoing period of years.

We ask today also that any voting on Mr. Wood's contract be held off, for now anyway, while the Board discusses this mission and what it might take to accomplish it. I, for one, will just say publicly that I am very grateful to Perry and have recognized his great work for a long time. But at the same time, we have to be mindful of the future of this Board's direction and the future of its investments and what it might need if it does undertake a greater mission and a different mission related to EMS protection. So, we ask that Board members do hold off on that vote today and that we immediately put our resources together to discuss this ongoing

EMS situation and how the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority can help Erie County residents solve this problem without an additional tax increase.

I think many of us have seen in other areas it's come down to a per household fee. I think we can all agree, especially those of you who reside in the City of Erie that the tax burden is extremely hard right now on most people and this money, we believe, was always intended to help taxpayers and to help solve big issues. We believe that big issue has come along, and we thank you Board members and Mr. Wood, Attorney Wachter and all for your consideration.

Mr. Barney: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Although it is not on the agenda, I see that the County Executive is on the call. Would you like to make a comment at this time?

There is not response from the County Executive, so the meeting continues.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: Good morning, everyone. You'll see in your Executive Director's Report that we did hold an announcement with the Beehives for the Beehive funding; we did have County participation in that announcement. Everything went really well and then there was a nice presentation to the public on the Beehive concept following the press conference. The next thing you will see is that Infinite Erie has moved by expanding its membership. You'll see some information there about how we continue to add new funders and new resources to that group as we move forward to accomplish the projects in the Investment Playbook.

Next, there is a report there showing the activities of Parker Philips for the past 30 days for your perusal, and then you'll see some examples of ECGRA being recognized in the public media. I also put a thank you note in here – I always like to put in the thank-yous we receive to let the Board know that folks are expressing their gratitude for the grant funds.

You'll see an article on a project we funded down in Corry; this is actually an editorial by Steve Bishop who is with the Union City Community Foundation, but a Corry resident, writing a "thank you" editorial that was actually unsolicited. Next you'll see a little bit about downtown Union City and their appreciation for the Main Street grant and it kind of gives you an idea of how they're rolling out the façade improvements and fixing buildings up. Then there is a story about some entrepreneurship money that we put into play; this one focusing on minority owned businesses in particular.

The next article is about one of the Anchor Buildings funds we used to help the Mercy Center and their capital campaign. My report wraps up the editorial I wrote recognizing the value of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor for an economic development project for the region.

The bulk of the staff's work this month was done in getting the Special Events over the finish line. Like I said prior to the meeting starting, we do have one Parks grant that was on hold in Round 1A, so this will be for Round 1B. Along with the Park and Special Events, we have the budget and the discussion of my contract. Are there any questions for me?

Mr. Cleaver: I have a question, Mr. Chairman, pertaining to Mr. Doug Smith. Doug, can you hear me?

Mr. Smith: Is that you, Mr. Cleaver?

Mr. Cleaver: How do we find out exactly what you want? We've got to read between the lines. You're saying you want us to do this or that. What, are we going to sit down and pow-wow or where do we stand on this?

Mr. Smith: That's what I would like is that we sit down and have a discussion about this so we can all put our cards on the table, rather than any sort of rumors or comments be floating around that we sit down and have a discussion and utilize your experience and your help in putting together a concept.

Mr. Cleaver: I hear you that you're looking for some subsidy there. But we have a lot of commitments out in the community now, am I right? It seems to me that you're just trying to say, "We'll just take the rest of your money and . . ." We have commitments out there and that's why, so when are we going to sit down and discuss this?

Mr. Smith: I understand that. For instance, you have about \$3M in ARP funds that are unexpended at this time and we're not looking to put you in a position where you're not following through with your commitments. This will take a little bit of time. We can set a date today, if you like, Mr. Cleaver, to sit down and have this discussion. We're happy to do that.

Mr. Cleaver: I think the whole Board would be interested in knowing what we're facing. That's my opinion.

County Executive Davis: Let me jump in here. I was in a dead spot apparently, I couldn't talk, so I'm unmuted now if you can all hear me. This is the County Executive. I just want to elaborate a little on kind of this crisis and what we're looking at best practices state-wide in terms of what other areas are doing. Lancaster, Pike County, they've already done these EMS Authorities. I mean, they've increased their efficiencies in some places by 30-40%. Last year, we had 1,167 dropped calls for EMS services. Ya know, we've got a major crisis. Ya know, this casino gaming revenue was sold to the taxpayers to reduce their tax burden, ya know, and it's time that we make good on that.

Why we're asking for the hold-off on Perry's contract would be 1) we need to look at the structure of potentially either of a) how these two Authorities could potentially work together and ECGRA could act as the County's fiscal agent for our commitment to the municipalities because this is going to have to be a municipal authority run by the townships. So, to kind of keep our money separate from what they would raise as opposed to what we would contribute, we believe that ECGRA would be the good mechanism for that. So, that's number one.

Like Doug said in his statement, we need to be very deliberate with 1) what we're going to ask of ECGRA. I think it's going to take probably four to six months to figure out exactly how that's going to work out, let the lawyers do their thing, and figure out how this is going to be structured. I think there is other things we also need to consider. What I've seen since taking office is these authorities, I mean they kind of operate in a silo, ya know, and these contracts being one, they're kind of developed in secret. Looking at this proposed contract, I mean, 1) I've learned something at this meeting already that flabbergasts me is that we're spending \$3,000 a month with Parker Philips. I mean, ECGRA has a \$4M a year budget, and we're spending \$3,000 a year on a consultant. I mean, that far exceeds what I spend for the entire County on these matters with a \$600M a year budget. So, I think that's something we need to seriously look at on why we're engaging a consultant for simple press releases or maybe limit the work that they do to save the taxpayers some money.

In relation to the contract, looking at the proposed increase of \$12,000 to Perry's salary, that's a far larger increase than we offered any of our unions and our County employees that make far less. And the extension of the termination out to a year, if you were to terminate that contract due to defunding or anything else, I mean that's going to cost the taxpayers substantially. So, when we know that there's that potential for that change to be there, I think we need to be deliberate so we're not costing taxpayers money unnecessarily. Keep in mind that even at the current salary, that's about \$20,000 more than I make for running a \$600M a year budget and 1,500 employees. I mean, we need to keep these salaries in line with reality and I think the ripple effect and the message we're sending to the community with large pay increases, with responsibilities that aren't commensurate with other jobs in the County, I mean that's something that sets a poor precedent. Ya know, and we can't look at other authorities and what they've done because they've already exhibited what I would call these poor behaviors, done these contract extensions in secret, and there's really not much public

engagement, even engagement with the Administration in these discussions. Ya know, these pay increases affect our union negotiations, which we now have seven or eight unions in the County and only which one of them has closed the contract. So, we have seven ongoing contracts to where these decisions of our Boards, Authorities, and Commissions paying folks can have a drastic effect on the County Budget.

So, what we're imploring this Board to do (CE Davis cuts out)

Mr. Barney: Are you in another dead spot, Mr. Davis? Can anybody else hear him?

Ms. Loll: No.

Mr. Wachter: He seems to have muted himself.

Mr. Shank: That's what it looks like.

Dr. Wood: So, getting back to the EMS issue for a second, as the Board, what would you like to do? Would you like to assign the Director to work with members of the Administration on this, as far as researching it?

Ms. Loll: Well, we could have the whole Board meet with the County Executive so we all know exactly what he's got on his mind and would like to accomplish with this money and how much he's looking for. So, I think the whole Board because they're going to make that decision.

CE Davis: I would agree.

Mr. Wachter: Just so you know, that would be a Sunshine meeting; that would be a public meeting.

Ms. Loll: That's fine.

CE Davis: We would have to, and I think that is in the best interest of everybody to do this – 100% completely out in the open, in a public venue and give the public an opportunity to comment.

Ms. Loll: I don't see anything wrong with doing it that way.

Mr. Wachter: If I could correct one thing though. Mr. Davis, with respect to the comments on the salary, it's not a \$12,000 increase that is in the draft that was provided to the Board. That original figure was from four or five years ago whenever that contract was originally put together. It's been increased 3% every year, so the proposal from last year to this year is only 3%. When you look at it, in a vacuum from it being updated a few years ago, it looks like a \$12,000 increase, but it's not. It is only 3%.

CE Davis: We're just gonna, I think we just have to be deliberate with that messaging and again, I think we need to look at these salaries and keep in mind they're on the other side of six figures. I mean, that's in the top 3% of Erie County earners. But I mean, I think we need to be realistic about these pay increases regardless.

Mr. Barney: I feel we do negotiate contracts in the public. As a matter of fact, last time we visited it, it was in the (inaudible) talked about. So, we're not doing anything secretive here at ECGRA, just for the record. Are there any other questions?



## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wachter has nothing specific to report at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

There is no old business to discuss at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 3, 2023 – Resolution to Adopt the 2023-21 Budget

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Hess makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion.

Ms. Loll: On the meeting expenses, it's gone up \$2,000, the request. I was just wondering why they felt that was needed.

Dr. Wood: We just based it upon last year's expenses. We're coming out of COVID, we're having more meetings, we're having more task forces, so it's just going to cost more.

Ms. Loll: Okay. Now is there a way, for next year at least, for us to know how much was actually spent in each line item before we get the proposed budget?

Dr. Wood: Yes. In fact, the monthly finances will tell you that. That's why we have the Budget vs. Actual statement.

Ms. Loll: Oh. Okay.

Mr. Winschel: I have a question. Is this adoption of this budget, per Mr. Davis and Mr. Smith's request to take a look at the funding, does that prohibit us if we adopt this budget? Or this is more of an operating budget rather than the grant budget?

Mr. Wachter: Mr. Winschel, we are not under the same strictures that a school district would be when they adopt a budget.

Mr. Cleaver: Are we going to include the two employees like we discussed at the last meeting? Not the Executive Director, but the employees?

Dr. Wood: This budget reflects a 3% increase for all three employees. So, if you're adopting this, you're giving us the ability to receive that.

Mr. Cleaver: Alright, I follow you. I agree with that amount.

Mr. Barney: Are there any other questions?

There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 7-0.

- b. Resolution Number 4, 2023 – Resolution to enter into agreements with forty-nine (49) Erie County Special Events grant applicants for events to be held in 2023

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Mr. Cleaver makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Winschel seconds the motion.

Mr. DiPaolo: I have a question. Jefferson Society – how much have we given them since we have been in business here? Do you have a number on that? I can't understand why you give \$3,000 to a church for a bazaar and they get \$20,000 every time we have this. I mean, are we funding salaries up there, or what are we doing? I don't understand it.

Dr. Wood: I don't have the cumulative number on me; I can look that up and get it to you. The Special Events grant is based on a percentage of the total event budget of each of these groups. That's why the Celebrate Erie grant, for example, is right up at about the same amount. They have a larger budget as far as their Special Events go.

Mr. DiPaolo: Isn't there a way we can put a limit? I mean, I don't think that's fair to these other organizations.

Dr. Wood: We do have a limit. We have a cap of \$20,000. No one can apply for more than \$20,000.

Mr. DiPaolo: I'd like to make a motion that our cap be \$10,000.

Ms. Loll: I'll second that.

Mr. Cleaver: Then you affect somebody like the Gertrude Barber Center. You got to look at that before you start throwing those numbers.

Mr. Wachter: Can I ask a question for clarification? The current grant that is being considered today was pursuant to a particular set of guidelines stating there was a \$20,000 cap. So, Mr. DiPaolo, are you projecting for the future, or . . . ?

Mr. DiPaolo: For the future.

Mr. Wachter: So it wouldn't affect today.

Mr. DiPaolo: You do what you did now as far as what you're going to give to these organizations now, but in the future. I mean, this is out of control. I don't think this is right that one organization gets \$4,000 and one gets \$20,000. That's not being fair to the public. Now whether or not \$10,000 is going to affect other organizations, I mean look at the money. I'm 1,000% for the Barber Center, but look at the money they generate on their own. So, we're not hurting them by giving them \$10,000. I'm sure that they would welcome that. That's my opinion and I just think that it's wrong that we're doing this to other organizations.

Mr. Wachter: Before we consider your motion, Mr. DiPaolo, we have a prior motion on the table to approve this. That motion needs to be disposed of first.

Mr. DiPaolo: That's fine.

Mr. Wachter: And then I would say we can come back to that.

Mr. DiPaolo: Sure.

Ms. Hess: Tim, I sit on the Community Engagement for Harborcreek.

Mr. Wachter: Then you should abstain.

There is no further discussion of the resolution.

Mr. Barney: We have a motion and a second. Let's proceed to roll call.

Mr. Wachter: So, this is a roll call to approve the resolution as written.

Motion carries 6-0-1, with Ms. Hess abstaining.

Mr. Wachter: Now Mr. DiPaolo has moved to create a \$10,000 cap in future grant applications. It has been seconded by Ms. Loll. Now would be the appropriate time to call for discussion on that particular item.

Mr. Cleaver: From what I understand, each one of these individual groups send in to you a breakdown of their expenses and then a percentage is given to them, am I right?

Dr. Wood: That is correct.

Mr. Cleaver: Now, when you mention, Dom , the Gertrude Barber Center, they have 10 or 15 events a year. St. Stanislaus has one. I mean it's a fair distribution as far as I can see.

Dr. Wood: The way the current formula works is that it's based on the size of the event. In other words, this grant is scalable. For a small event like the Gathering at French Creek in Union City, it's going to be a smaller amount than the Sunset Series at Presque Isle, which appeals to different size audiences and therefore has different size budgets. It is an objective way to fund the Special Events by doing it by a percentage.

The other thing is, it basically creates a sponsorship level that's appropriate for the event size. So, to do \$3,000 for the Greek Fest is relative to the size of the Greek Fest. Whereas, Celebrate Erie, probably the largest event in the region, caps out at around \$20,000. Now, we did create a cap for the reason that Mr. DiPaolo said. In fact, back when Roar on the Shore was around, they could be potentially eligible for up to \$50,000 because that was a huge event. We put the cap in place in order to give the Board the ability to not spend too much on a sponsorship.

The idea of where the cap is, that's a discussion the Board can have, for sure.

Ms. Hess: Being fair doesn't mean equal.

Dr. Wood: Fair doesn't mean equal. In this case, it's proportional.

Mr. Winschel: So, I think the Board has it at 5% of the operating budget, correct? And because we'll have future discussions around this, I'm just curious to see how many other groups are in that \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Dr. Wood: So, you mean how many would be affected by the cap?

Mr. Winschel: I can see the ones on this list but the ones from the past.

Dr. Wood: This list is a pretty good indication of the past, and probably of the future.

Mr. Winschel: I got you. Okay. Thank you.

Dr. Wood: So, the county fairs, for example, we'd have to bring them down to \$10,000 but in a place like Wattsburg or Albion, that's the biggest thing going. So, it's great for us to be able to go out there and provide them with those funds.

Mr. Oberlander: When would we have to decide? At this point, we've had some discussion.

Dr. Wood: We had a motion and it was seconded. We're discussing it right now. They would either have to approve or deny that motion. But what we could do is we could vote the motion down and we could have some Board discussion. We could have the staff bring you some more options. We can do that.

Ms. Hess: We could table it.

Mr. Wachter: You could table it, as Ms. Hess has just suggested. Perry, when is this grant scheduled to be reopened?

Dr. Wood: It will reopen next January.

Mr. Barney: And we've already voted for today so we've got time to revisit it and decide if we want to adjust the max.

Ms. Hess: This feels a little flippant to do this just right now. It deserves discussion. My recommendation would be to table this until we can discuss it more and really see how it impacts all of these organizations.

Mr. Winschel: And to be fair it affords these organizations time to make adjustments if there is a change.

Mr. Wachter: The appropriate way, if I may, Mr. Chair, is that a motion to table the motion, Ms. Hess?

Ms. Hess: I make a motion to table this.

Mr. Wachter: Now you would call for a second and then there is no discussion on whether to table. If that were to prevail, it would be tabled, if not, you would proceed with the vote on Mr. DiPaolo's motion.

Mr. Cleaver: I'll second that motion to table.

Motion carries 6-1 to table the motion to decrease the cap on Special Events grants, with Mr. DiPaolo voting in the negative.

- c. Resolution Number 5, 2023 – Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) Erie County community organization engaged in Parks, Fields, and Trails as part of the Community Assets, Round 1B

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Hess makes a motion. Mr. Cleaver seconds the motion.

Ms. Loll: Does anybody know what they use this park for?

Dr. Wood: It's a dog park.

Ms. Loll: Okay. So, it's an area that's fenced in to release the dogs so they can exercise?

Dr. Wood: There is a section of it, but it's part of a bigger parks plan that they have on their property.

Ms. Loll: Have we seen that?

Dr. Wood: We've seen pictures of it in the grant application.

Ms. Loll: Okay. I don't remember this.

Dr. Wood: We can go check it out. We do site visits all the time. If there's ever any site visit that anybody on the Board wants to go check something out, let us know. We will either set it up for you or we will go with you.

There is no further discussion of the resolution. Motion carries 7-0.

- d. Resolution Number 6, 2023 – Resolution to Approve the Employment Contract of the Executive Director

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Loll: Are we going into Executive Session now?

Ms. Michali is asked to stop the zoom recording and Dr. Wood, Mr. Maggio, and Ms. Michali leave the room. Any of those on the zoom call that should not stay are removed from the zoom meeting at this time. Executive Session is called at 9:13am for purposes of Personnel.

Executive Session is concluded at 9:45am.

Mr. Wachter: We are out of Executive Session and we are back in public session. Mr. Chairman, I believe there is a motion with respect to Resolution Number 6. I believe that the conversation was that there be a motion to table until no later than the September meeting.

Mr. DiPaolo makes the motion. Ms. Loll seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-2, with Ms. Hess and Mr. Barney voting in the negative.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cleaver moves to adjourn. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 9:47am.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Barney  
Chairman of the Board  
Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

FROM: Kelly Hess  
ECGRA Board Director

DATE: March 16, 2023

RE: Conflict of Interest Disclosure

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On this date, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was presented with Resolution Number 4, 2023, which is a Resolution to enter into agreements with forty-nine (498) Erie County Community Special Events grant applicants for events to be held in 2023. One such entity is the Harborcreek Community Engagement Team.

I serve on the governing board of the Harborcreek Community Engagement Team. As such, I have abstained from any deliberation or involvement in the process to determine whether to recommend an award to the Harborcreek Community Engagement Team, and I abstain from the deliberation, and vote, regarding the approval of the Resolution. Further, I announced my March 16, 2023 meeting of the ECGRA Board of Directors.

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**March 2023**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2022-23 YTD</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
44000 · ARPA Fund	737,500.00	737,500.00		
44800 · Gaming Revenue		4,249,534.97		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue		1,767,845.21		
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	45,222.10	226,330.22		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growl	7,500.00	30,333.33		
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund	5,000.00	25,000.00		
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		13,000.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive	6,250.00	25,277.78		
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway		168.23		
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		10,224.00		
46510 · Interest Income - YLI		67,134.80		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>801,472.10</u>	<u>7,152,348.54</u>		
<b>Expense</b>				
62100 · Contracted Services	7,318.46	58,883.14	72,000.00	72,000.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,372.50	20,610.90	28,000.00	28,000.00
65000 · Office Administration	1,245.53	14,065.73	17,950.00	17,950.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,486.49	37,309.05	47,700.00	47,700.00
65500 · PASCUDU	584.77	8,776.15	15,250.00	15,250.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	33,158.20	262,707.58	314,050.00	314,050.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	1,030,457.16	2,617,865.10	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	(13,200.00)	(400.00)		
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,063,423.11</u>	<u>3,019,817.65</u>	<u>4,494,950.00</u>	<u>4,494,950.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	(261,951.01)	4,132,530.89		
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets	121,195.60	109,253.05		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	331,414.51	1,504,345.04		
70070 · Special Events		165,097.25		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration		85,656.00		
70100 · Mission Main Street	51,000.00	386,256.18		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program		(26,766.89)		
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing	51,000.00	186,250.00		
70136 · Ignite Erie_Beehive	118,875.00	224,752.00		
70140 · Pilot Projects				
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block		70,000.00		
70180 · Anchor Building		165,333.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
<b>Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements</b>	<u>673,485.11</u>	<u>2,870,175.63</u>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>(673,485.11)</u>	<u>(2,870,175.63)</u>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>(935,436.12)</u></u>	<u><u>1,262,355.26</u></u>		



**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2023

	<b>March</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	467,198.74
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	2,219,350.00
10102 · Restricted Funds	3,187,151.23
10104 · ARPA Fund	1,539,762.91
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	10,498,705.28
<b>Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings</b>	17,444,969.42
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	17,912,168.16
<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	121,824.00
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	(1,529,600.00)
<b>Total 12000 · Notes Receivable</b>	6,266,859.00
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	15,472.28
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	6,282,331.28
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	24,194,499.44
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>24,194,499.44</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>	3,989,488.00
<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	1,262,355.26
<b>Total Equity</b>	20,205,011.44
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>24,194,499.44</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
Budget vs. Actual  
March 2023**

Expense	March	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of 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	36,000.00	40,000.00	(4,000.00)	90.00%
62140 · Legal Services	1,183.20	9,663.00	20,000.00	(10,337.00)	48.32%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	3,088.92	3,000.00	88.92	102.96%
62150 · Payroll Services	135.26	1,181.22	1,500.00	(318.78)	78.75%
<b>Total 62100 · Contracted Services</b>	<b>7,318.46</b>	<b>58,883.14</b>	<b>72,000.00</b>	<b>(13,116.86)</b>	<b>81.78%</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	16,347.00	18,000.00	(1,653.00)	90.82%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>1,372.50</b>	<b>20,610.90</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	<b>(7,389.10)</b>	<b>73.61%</b>
<b>65000 · Office Administration</b>					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	65.00	3,053.88	3,000.00	53.88	101.80%
65020 · Postage	19.07	228.84	500.00	(271.16)	45.77%
65040 · Office Supplies	83.90	1,367.36	2,000.00	(632.64)	68.37%
65050 · Cell Phone	0.00	1,487.10	3,000.00	(1,512.90)	49.57%
65060 · Copier Lease	311.35	4,082.15	4,200.00	(117.85)	97.19%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	71.08	500.00	(428.92)	14.22%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	480.00	500.00	(20.00)	96.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	350.00	2,000.00	(1,650.00)	17.50%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	731.21	2,945.32	2,000.00	945.32	147.27%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 65000 · Office Administration</b>	<b>1,245.53</b>	<b>14,065.73</b>	<b>17,950.00</b>	<b>(3,884.27)</b>	<b>78.36%</b>
<b>65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>					
65105 · Outreach	0.00	627.69	5,000.00	(4,372.31)	12.55%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	597.35	4,000.00	(3,402.65)	14.93%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	942.41	17,775.11	18,000.00	(224.89)	98.75%
65120 · Insurance	1,544.08	11,884.86	10,200.00	1,684.86	116.52%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	5,150.00	5,500.00	(350.00)	93.64%
65150 · Travel	0.00	1,274.04	5,000.00	(3,725.96)	25.48%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>2,486.49</b>	<b>37,309.05</b>	<b>47,700.00</b>	<b>(10,390.95)</b>	<b>78.22%</b>
<b>65500 · PASCDU</b>	<b>584.77</b>	<b>8,776.15</b>	<b>15,250.00</b>	<b>(6,473.85)</b>	<b>57.55%</b>
<b>66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	29,556.47	223,301.52	276,400.00	(53,098.48)	80.79%
66010 · FITW Tax	2,053.95	18,666.86	17,400.00	1,266.86	107.28%
66015 · FUTA Tax	2.41	126.01	150.00	(23.99)	84.01%
66020 · PASUI Tax	113.41	720.54	2,000.00	(1,279.46)	36.03%
66700 · PMRS	1,431.96	19,892.65	18,100.00	1,792.65	109.90%
<b>Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>33,158.20</b>	<b>262,707.58</b>	<b>314,050.00</b>	<b>(51,342.42)</b>	<b>83.65%</b>
<b>67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	4,999.00	51,820.60	273,274.00	(221,453.40)	18.96%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	1,024,843.88	2,504,496.89	3,622,025.00	(1,117,528.11)	69.15%
67025 · Indirect Costs - ARPA	272.54	3,256.82	11,295.00	(8,038.18)	28.83%
67030 · Salaries & Wages - ARPA	341.74	58,290.79	93,406.00	(35,115.21)	62.41%
<b>Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)</b>	<b>1,030,457.16</b>	<b>2,617,865.10</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>	<b>(1,382,134.90)</b>	<b>179.35%</b>
<b>7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes</b>	<b>-13,200.00</b>	<b>-400.00</b>	<b>12,800.00</b>	<b>(13,200.00)</b>	<b>-3.13%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,063,423.11</b>	<b>3,019,817.65</b>	<b>4,507,750.00</b>	<b>(1,487,932.35)</b>	<b>66.99%</b>

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**

**Schedule of Grant Reserve**

as of

**March 31, 2023**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Totals/Subtotals</u>
<b>Restricted Uncommitted Funds</b>	3,187,151.23		
<b>Committed Funds</b>	2,219,350.00		
<b>ARPA Funds</b>	1,539,762.91		
<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		1,325,658.58	<b>3,518,566.26</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		686,260.37	
Second Quarter Disbursements		1,197,811.78	
Third Quarter Disbursements		1,301,406.75	
Fourth Quarter Disbursements	1,698,328.99	2,208,113.62	<b>5,393,592.52</b>

**Disbursements Detail**

**Grants/Settlements/MRIs**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>			
<b>Settlements</b>			
Summit Township	149,136.51	676,955.24	
Greene Township	36,455.60	165,477.96	
McKean Township	36,455.60	165,477.96	
Millcreek Township	36,455.60	165,477.96	
Waterford Township	36,455.60	165,477.96	
Erie County	36,455.60	165,477.96	
			<b>1,504,345.04</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	
Jefferson Educational Society		100,000.00	
McKean Township		86,500.00	
			<b>305,500.00</b>

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	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT</b>			
<b>Small Business Ecosystem</b>			
Bridgeway Capital		200,000.00	
Erie's Black Wall Street		48,000.00	
Impact Corry		87,500.00	
International Institute of Erie	150,000.00	150,000.00	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		57,750.00	
<b>Mission Main Street</b>			
Union City Pride	150,000.00	150,000.00	
<b>Erie County Investment Playbook</b>			
The Nonprofit Partnership	8,574.48	42,197.70	
			<u>735,447.70</u>

**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	
2022 Christian Ministries		50,000.00	
Emmaus Ministries, Inc.		76,000.00	
Maggie Knox Western		20,000.00	
Mercy Center for Women		100,000.00	
			<u>346,000.00</u>

**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 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	
			<u>569,422.18</u>

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**NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES (cont.)**

	March	YTD	Subtotal
<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	
Borough of Union City		100,000.00	
Downtown Girard		50,000.00	
Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	
			<b>370,000.00</b>

**QUALITY OF PLACE**

**Community Assets**

2018 Harborcreek Township		(11,942.55)	
			<b>(11,942.55)</b>

**Parks, Fields, Trails**

Borough of Edinboro	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Borough of Union City	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc.	12,340.00	12,340.00	
Erie Downtown Partnership	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Fairview School Foundation	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Northwest PA Trail Association	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Washington Township	50,000.00	50,000.00	
			<b>362,340.00</b>

**Special Events**

Albion Area Fair, Inc.		9,560.40	
Asbury Woods Partnership		1,855.16	
Borough of Edinboro		1,315.95	
Borough of Wesleyville		781.53	
CAFE		16,507.50	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc,		2,504.22	
Downtown North East		2,979.26	
Edinboro Arts & Music Festival		3,022.50	
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre		5,068.04	
Erie Downtown Partnership		6,300.75	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults		930.70	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.		4,650.00	
Erie-Western PA Port Authority		6,165.46	
Film Society of NWPA		6,863.40	
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society		841.65	
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		1,655.40	
Harborcreek Township		1,162.50	
Holy Trinity RC Church		6,347.25	

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**Special Events (cont.)**

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
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	
		<u>1,304.33</u>	<u>165,097.25</u>

**SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING**

**Beehive Network**

Edinboro University Foundation	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Erie Regional Library Foundation	96,000.00	101,877.00	
Gannon University	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Mercyhurst University	200,000.00	200,000.00	
Penn State University		100,000.00	

**Community Enterprise Financing Loan**

Youth Leadership Institute of Erie		63,920.00	
		<u>63,920.00</u>	<u>865,797.00</u>

**YOUTH & EDUCATION**

**Summer Jobs & More**

	181,585.90	
	<u>181,585.90</u>	<u>181,585.90</u>

<b>Total Funds Disbursements</b>	1,698,328.99	5,393,592.52	<b>5,393,592.52</b>
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**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
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		<u>March</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
<b>Committed Funds:</b>				
<b>N&amp;C</b>	<b>Renaissance Block 2018</b>			
	1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
	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	100,000.00
	Downtown Girard		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
	22 Christian Ministries		50,000.00	100,000.00
	<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>Small Business Ecosystem</b>			
	Impact Corry		87,500.00	175,000.00
<b>PP</b>	<b>Pilot Program</b>			
<b>QP</b>	<b>Response Fund (COVID)</b>			
	Small Business		680,000.00	1,200,000.00
	Non-Profit		300,000.00	400,000.00
<b>Y&amp;E</b>	<b>Shaping Tomorrow</b>			
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
<b>Total Committed Funds</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,219,350.00</b>	<b>3,964,675.00</b>
<b>ARPA Transformative Funds</b>				
	<b>Subawards</b>	1,024,843.88	1,285,668.10	3,622,025.00
	<b>Contracted Services</b>	4,999.00	214,703.40	273,274.00
	<b>Salaries &amp; Wages</b>	341.74	31,618.94	93,406.00
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	272.54	7,772.47	11,295.00
		<b>1,030,457.16</b>	<b>1,539,762.91</b>	<b>4,000,000.00</b>
<b>Total ARPA Funds</b>				

**Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority**  
**Transaction List Detail**  
**March 2023**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/02/2023	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2023 March Rent	-1,525.00
03/02/2023	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	02/11/2023 to 02/24/2023 Payroll	-7,758.84
03/03/2023	EFT	VISA	2023 February Statement	-790.72
03/07/2023	EFT	Borough of Edinboro	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/07/2023	EFT	Borough of Union City	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/07/2023	EFT	Erie Downtown Partnership	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/07/2023	EFT	Parker Philips	2023 January, February Professional Services	-6,000.00
03/07/2023	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2023 March Phone/IT	-916.31
03/07/2023	EFT	Summit Township	2022 Q4 Settlement	-149,136.51
03/07/2023	EFT	Greene Township	2022 Q4 Settlement	-36,455.60
03/07/2023	EFT	McKean Township	2022 Q4 Settlement	-36,455.60
03/07/2023	EFT	Millcreek Township	2022 Q4 Settlement	-36,455.60
03/07/2023	EFT	Waterford Township	2022 Q4 Settlement	-36,455.60
03/07/2023	EFT	Erie County	2022 Q4 Settlement	-36,455.60
03/09/2023	EFT	Edinboro University Foundation	2023 BBF Beehive	-200,000.00
03/09/2023	EFT	Gannon University	2023 BBF Beehive	-200,000.00
03/10/2023	EFT	Tom M. Maggio	Pay Ending 2/24/2023 Paper Check	-1,742.67
03/13/2023	EFT	Mercyhurst University	2023 BBF Beehive	-200,000.00
03/13/2023	EFT	Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc.	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-12,340.00
03/13/2023	EFT	Fairview School Foundation	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/13/2023	EFT	Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/13/2023	EFT	Northwest PA Trail Association	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/13/2023	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2023 March Legal	-1,183.20
03/15/2023	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	02/25/2023 to 03/10/2023 Payroll	-9,472.39
03/15/2023	EFT	Fidelity Investments	02/25/2023 to 03/10/2023 Simple IRA	-250.00
03/15/2023	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 03/10/2023	-715.98
03/15/2023	EFT	International Institute of Erie USCRI-IIE	2022 BBF Small Business	-150,000.00
03/15/2023	EFT	UPMC Health Plan	2023 March Benefits	-3,883.88
03/16/2023	EFT	Union City Pride	2022 BBF - Mission Main Street	-150,000.00
03/16/2023	EFT	Washington Township	2022 Parks, Fields, Trails	-50,000.00
03/17/2023	EFT	Erie Regional Library Foundation	2022 BBF Beehive	-96,000.00
03/23/2023	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2022 March Copier Lease	-345.95
03/23/2023	EFT	Grise Audio Visual Center, Inc	2023 Special Events Announcement	-220.00
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03/31/2023	EFT	Erie Bank	Security Token	-35.00





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

Account Summary		
Billing Cycle		02/07/2023
Days In Billing Cycle		28
Previous Balance		\$187.03
Purchases	+	\$827.72
Cash	+	\$0.00
Balance Transfers	+	\$0.00
Special	+	\$0.00
Credits	-	\$37.00-
Payments	-	\$187.03-
Other Charges	+	\$0.00
Finance Charges	+	\$0.00
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>		<b>\$790.72</b>

Credit Summary	
Total Credit Line	\$40 000.00
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Available Cash	\$39 209.28
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NEW BALANCE	\$790.72
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PAYMENT DUE DATE	03/04/2023

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01/27	01/27	PBUS01	24431063027083314676984	CHIPOTLE ONLINE 949-524-4000 CA	\$94.00
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02/03	02/05	PBUS01	24445003035400148191362	SAMS CLUB #6675 ERIE PA	\$19.91

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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>									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	0.93750%(M)	11.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$790.72
<b>Cash</b>									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	0.93750%(M)	11.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00
* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily							Days In Billing Cycle 28		
** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees							APR = Annual Percentage Rate		
<sup>1</sup> FCM = Finance Charge Method									
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## Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
12:00 noon  
5240 Knowledge Parkway  
Erie, PA 16510

### AGENDA

1. Community Assets – Arts, Culture, Heritage Review
2. Good of the Order



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

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

**March 2023**

**Meeting with Executive Director**

**Ongoing Social Media Management**

**Ongoing Consulting**

**March Comms**

**IMPLEMENTED**

- 39 Total March posts
- 33 Total graphics created
- Strategic Marketing Planning with Kate Philips and Executive Director
- Press Release and Distribution
  - Beehive Network
  - Special Events
- Press Events
  - Beehive Network Recipients
  - Special Events

**IN PROGRESS | 2023 Grant Releases and Graphics**

- Holiday Graphics
- 2022 Annual Report

**IN PLANNING**

- Parks Fields & Trails 2 year report
- ECGRA Playbook
- Roadshow Tours

**Tammi Michali**

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**From:** Mary Wassell <wassell@parkerphilips.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 11:03 AM  
**Cc:** Kate Philips  
**Subject:** RELEASE: ECGRA Grants Drive Economic and Community Development Through Regional Events



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **ECGRA Grants Drive Economic and Community Development Through Regional Events**

*Invests Over \$200,000 In 2023 Erie County Special Events*

**Erie, PA (March 16, 2023)** – The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) awarded \$211,997.18 for their 2023 Special Events Grants, which will be distributed to 49 Erie County nonprofits and municipalities.

“Since 2008, ECGRA has been committed to making transformative investments across Erie County — and through these special events we are igniting economic and community development,” said Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA. “Every single one of these organizations help to foster civic pride by bringing our community together and driving Erie forward.”

The Special Event Grants Program, which funds up to 5% of events that take place within Erie County, promote the region economically and culturally. They are driving tourism, attracting talent to the region, and helping sustain Erie traditions that make Erie County a special place to visit and call home.

“As a nonprofit organization celebrating 110 years of serving the most vulnerable in our region, EHCA is grateful to all of our community partners for their role in our mission,” said Samantha Giddings, Development Specialist, Erie Homes for Children and Adults (EHCA). “And ECGRA is one of those caring partners that provide EHCA with funding opportunities to help us assist individuals with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives.”

**Below is a breakdown of the 2023 Special Events Grants approved:**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Albion Area Fair	Albion Area Fair	\$12,707.00
AmeriMasala	AmeriMasala	\$2,116.00
Asbury Woods Partnerhsip	2023 Series of Events	\$1,520.11
Borough of Edinboro	Boro with the Works	\$1,625.00
Borough of Union City	UC Police Deptment National Night Out	\$230.00
Borough of Wesleyville	Wesleyville Community Days	\$965.50
CAFE	Celebrate Erie/Lights over Lake Erie	\$20,000.00
Community Blood Bank of NWP	Donor Appreciation Day	\$1,400.00
Crime Victim Center of Erie County	50th Anniversary Celebrations	\$4,594.55
Downtown North East	Gibson Park 2023 Open Market	\$887.00
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundations	Barber National Institute Events 2023	\$17,683.00
Edinboro University Foundation	2023 Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$2,525.00
Erie Bird Observatory	Celebrate Spring Birding	\$265.00
Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	Dedication of Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	\$300.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	2023 Event Series	\$6,000.00
Erie Homes for Children & Adults	Golden Gatsby Gala/Victory Ride/MOVE Show of Talents	\$3,011.20
Erie Lions Club Save An Eye Fund	Save An Eye All-Star Football Game	\$1,068.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	Erie Homecoming 2023	\$5,000.00
Erie-Western PA Port Authority	ERIEBANK 8 Great Tuesdays	\$6,866.00
Film Society of NWP	Eerie Horror Fest	\$9,255.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2023 Series of Events	\$2,050.00
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team	Harborcreek Community Events	\$915.00
Harborcreek Township	Concert in the Park, Light Up Night	\$1,400.00
Holy Trinity RC Church	30th Annual Zabawa	\$6,925.00
Humane Society of NWP	The Mutt Gala, Rock & Rescue, Trails & Tails 5K	\$7,500.00
Jefferson Educational Society	JES Programming/Global Summit	\$19,300.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	40th Annual Drum Corps Competition; 27th Annual German Heritage Festival	\$5,000.00
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	Panegyri	\$3,000.00
Lawrence Park Township	Laser Lights and Music Events	\$37.50
McKean Community Development Group	McKean Community Day	\$500.00

Mercy Center for Women	Women Making History, Pedal for Mercy, Music Trivia Night	\$1,200.00
Mercy Hilltop Center	Community Outreach Fair	\$400.00
Nonprofit Partnership, The	22nd Annual Keystone Nonprofit Conference	\$3,882.00
Orthodox Church of the Nativity	Troika Festival	\$2,287.50
Pinracks	Guys & Dolls	\$750.00
Presque Isle Light Station	Tower Tuesdays & Erie Land Lighthouse Events	\$297.00
Presque Isle Partnership	2023 Events	\$4,692.50
SafeNet	Community Outreach and Big Backyard Events	\$3,942.50
Saint Joseph Church Bread of Life Community	Oktoberfest 2023	\$4,450.00
Saint Patrick's Church	Erie Irish Festival	\$7,746.92
SSJ Neighborhood Network	St. Paul's Italian Festival	\$5,412.74
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church	Taste of Poland/Parish Festival	\$250.00
Union City Pride	Purse Bingo, French Creek Festival, Festival of Trees	\$1,273.00
Waterford Community Fair Association	2023 Waterford Community Fair	\$9,250.00
Wattsburg Agricultural Society, Inc.	Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$12,345.06
YMCA of Corry	Block Party Chainsaw Carving and Music Festival	\$3,072.10
YMCA of Greater Erie	YMCA Apple Festival	\$400.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2023 Series of Events	\$4,500.00
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	Global Youth Service "Health Awareness Day"	\$1,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$211,997.18</b>

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ECGRA  
5340 Fryling Rd # 201  
Erie, PA 16510

April 10, 2023

ECGRA Staff & Board of Directors,

Thank you for awarding a Special Events Grant to Mercy Hilltop Senior Center. The \$400 award will help us hold a successful Community Outreach Event on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the center. We hope that some of you will be able to attend.

We strive to reach out to the older adults of the region and offer services and programs to support their independence. We appreciate ECGRA's assistance in furthering this mission.

Gratefully,



Dina Scribner

Executive Director

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## ERIE SEIZES OPPORTUNITY



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James Grunke



Charles Hagerty



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Gary Lee



Chris Marsh



Rhonda Matthews



Tina Mengine



Joe Schember



Perry Wood

### *Erie leaders unite to invest in inclusive growth*

In order for a community to understand when it's winning, it has to establish its goals. Right now, Erie County is winning. And, we know this because community and economic development leaders are committed to moving Erie toward the financing and implementation of a clearly defined Playbook — Erie's Investment Playbook. • The Playbook is a set of 35 tangible initiatives and transformational projects that keep Erie's collective eyes on the infinite horizon toward renewed economic and community growth. • The Playbook spells out exactly what Erie needs to put plans into action. Infinite Erie — designed to ensure ongoing collaboration between the public, private, and civic leaders — is led by the Erie Action Team, which is charged with coordinating Erie County's inclusive growth strategies to deliver transformative change.

See THOMAS, Page 3B



**Your Turn**  
Kim Thomas  
Guest columnist

An influx of federal investments has created an opportunity for cities and counties to secure long-term, sustainable, and equitable growth.

# Thomas

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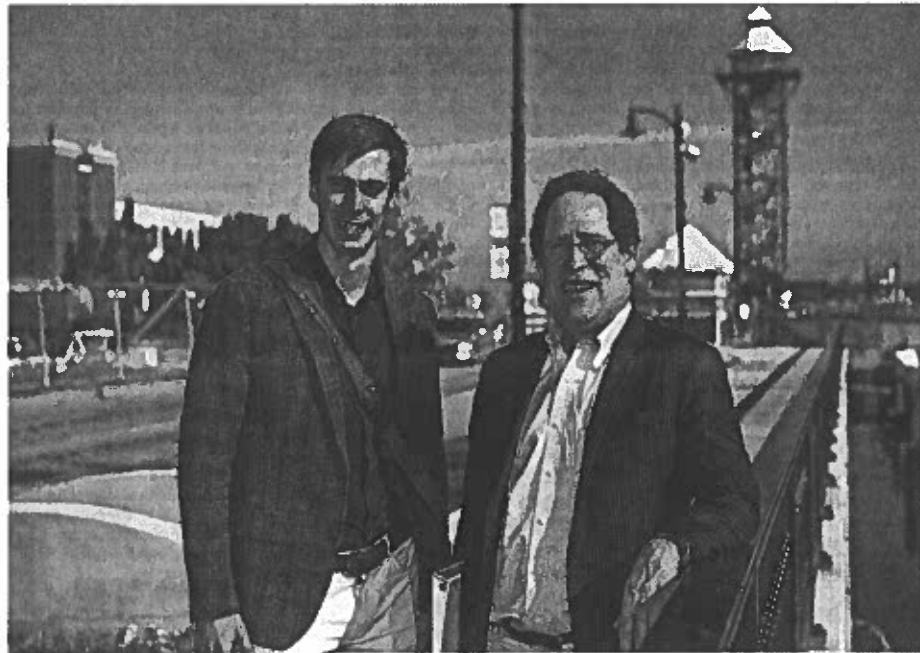
The members of the Action Team are: Chairwoman Karen Bilowith, president and CEO of the Erie Community Foundation; Chris Marsh, chief diversity and community development officer at Erie Insurance; Perry Wood, executive director of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority; Ferki Ferati, president of the Jefferson Educational Society; Gary Lee, the chief administrative officer of Diverse Erie, otherwise known as the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission; Erie Mayor Joe Schember; James Grunke, CEO of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership; Gerald Blanks, CEO of the Greater Erie Economic Development Corp.; and Tina Mengine, CEO of the Erie County Redevelopment Authority. Also on the Action Team are Rhonda Matthews, Ph.D., founding board member of Erie's Black Wall Street, who leads the Infinite Erie Inclusive Entrepreneurship Delivery Team; Charles "Boo" Haggerty, president of the Hamot Health Foundation, who leads the Infinite Erie permanent supportive housing and homelessness initiative; and Gary Horton, founder and CEO of the Urban Erie Community Development Corp., who leads the Infinite Erie Burton School Revitalization Delivery Team.

A historic influx of federal investments has created a once-in-a-generation opportunity for cities and counties to make transformational investments that can secure long-term, sustainable, and equitable growth. Erie County is ahead of similarly sized communities thanks to this collaborative effort. Driven by a thorough process, which included more than 50 Erie stakeholders and the review of Erie's many community-informed strategic plans, Erie's Investment Playbook was created by urban policy experts Bruce Katz and Florian Schalliol of New Localism Associates.

One of the 35 priorities identified in the Playbook is the Millcreek Township Presque Isle Gateway District. The project is considered transformational and able to attract outside funding — case in point, \$3.5 million of state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding awarded already.

Millcreek Township should celebrate its latest win — considered a milestone in any transformational economic development project — securing the sites. The \$3.5 million RACP grant showcased the commonwealth's confidence in the project, and it enjoys the support of the district's legislative leaders including state Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-49th Dist., and Rep. Ryan Bizzaro, D-3rd Dist. Through the purchase of various blighted or soon-to-be blighted properties along West Eighth Street, Millcreek Township asserted its commitment, which will leverage even more funding.

Big things are happening that can help Erie County define its future. Infinite Erie leaders were optimistic after reading recent op-ed, "Erie Co. must connect every corner with elevated broadband service," by Joel Deuterma-



Florian Schalliol, left, and Bruce Katz are shown July 8, 2022, on lower State Street on Erie's bayfront, near the Bicentennial Tower, background. Katz and Schalliol are the authors of a newly released comprehensive plan called Erie's Inclusive Growth: A Framework for Action, created by New Localism Associates. Among other things, the plan champions more bayfront development in Erie. Katz is the founder and Schalliol is a project director of New Localism Associates, based in Arlington, Virginia. FILE/ERIE TIMES-NEWS



Perry Square is shown July 15, 2021, in Erie. State Street bisects the east side, left, and west side of the popular park. GREG WOHLFORD/ERIE TIMES-NEWS FILE

president and CEO of Velocity Network, Inc. (VNET). Deuterma points out that Erie has a chance to get it right as we meet a pivotal economic development juncture — deploying infrastructure funding to install future-proof fiber across the entire county.

Infinite Erie leaders are optimistic because companies like VNET — an Erie-grown company employing nearly 100 people — care about providing Erie County with the absolute best broadband available as well as building toward a more equitable future.

Like so many other things, the COVID-19 pandemic shed a light on the wide broadband infrastructure gaps, exposing deficiencies and shortfalls.

Depending on where they live in Erie County, there are families facing permanent equity barriers due to lack of access to reliable broadband. As part of our Infinite Erie goals, every family deserves reliable, high-speed internet access, which is exactly what Deuterma is advancing. We applaud the idea that we should approach this opportunity with, as Deuterma calls it, future-proof implementation.

Excellent and accessible broadband is a necessity that impacts nearly every aspect of life. Broadband has the power to deliver true equity to our communities and ensuring this basic need to the hardworking families and businesses across our county is of grave impor-

ance. While we do not all start at the same starting line, we deserve to make it across the same finish line. And, through the key investment of broadband, the equity gap separating Erie County will begin to close.

Infinite Erie is working to implement the Investment Playbook by positioning Erie to attract and secure more public and private sector funding than like-size regions. Identified as one of the initial 35 priorities, Erie County is prepared to optimize the tremendous broadband investment opportunity on the horizon. I encourage readers to check out the Playbook at <https://bit.ly/41SQQ6o> and learn more about the exciting projects in various stages of development identified as our region's top priorities, already positioned to attract funding.

Deuterma proposes that we set the bar high — which is happening across Erie County in places like Millcreek Township — and it is now our job to ensure that momentum continues. Eyes from around the state are on Erie County — we must continue to take a leadership role and execute in unison from our northwest corner of the commonwealth.

Erie County got it right when Erie Insurance, the Erie Community Foundation, and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority funded an effort that resulted in the formation of Infinite Erie and our leaders coalesced around the Playbook — now is the time to lean in further.

Kim Thomas is the executive director of Infinite Erie.

# Local organizations awarded ECGRA grants for special events

BY REBEKAH WALLACE  
rebekah@thecorryjournal.com

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority announced its 2023 Special Event Grants on March 16, and listed among the recipients were Union City Pride for several different events, Union City Borough for the police department's National Night Out and YMCA of Corry for its upcoming chainsaw carving festival.

Corry YMCA is getting

\$3,072.10 toward its Chainsaw Carving and Music Festival. The event is scheduled for June 15 to 18 in Corry City Park and will be held in conjunction with CorryFest, which is sponsored by Corry Area Chamber of Commerce, and an annual alumni weekend put on by the Corry High School Alumni Association.

The woodcarving event was approved by City Council on Feb. 20.

According to Lisa Cox, the Y's director of properties and development, ECGRA pro-

vides a specific portion of the budget, which for this event was roughly \$50,000. The money will help pay for the carving company, Bear Hollow Carving out of French Lick, Indiana, along with other expenses such as renting a dumpster and portable toilets.

Besides the main attraction of chainsaw carving, the event will include live music, vendors, artisans and family-friendly activities for children.

◀ See ECGRA, P.2

# UC Borough Council OKs 14 apps for Renaissance Grant funds

BY MARYANN MOOK  
Staff writer

Union City Borough Council, during its March 13 meeting, approved 14 applications for round two of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Renaissance Grant. The recommendations are based on properties that will help fight blight by making improvements.

The remaining balance of funds available is \$48,785, and the total amount requested on the applications is \$49,968. It was recommended to Council that all applications be approved and the last recipient, based on previous awards of the Renaissance Grant, receive a reduced amount of the total amount the applicant requested.

"We were able to issue money to all ap-

plicants for the amount requested, except one will be a reduced amount because there weren't enough funds," Borough Manager Cindy Wells said. "We will be reapplying for more funds during the next grant round."

The purpose of the Renaissance Grant Program is to remove housing blight, reverse deterioration, incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more attractive, increase the market value of homes and improve the municipal tax base.

This second round of funding includes residential properties on North Main Street, Route 97 within the borough limits, South Main Street, East High Street, West High Street, South Street and First Avenue through Sixth Avenue.

◀ See Funds, P.2

# ECGRA

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Y staffers are looking forward to putting on the event, Cox said.

"What excites me about it is, it's a new event that's never been held in this area," she said. "Our excitement is the possibility of the economic impact it's going to have on the community. We are hoping that it will draw thousands of people. So, not only will it help the economy

downtown and in the local area, but it will also help to collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce and build CorryFest back up."

Union City Pride was awarded \$1,273 for three different events, which member Cindy Wells said was the amount the group applied for. The events being supported by the grant funds are an annual Purse Bingo, French Creek Festival and a Festival of Trees.

Purse Bingo took place on Saturday, Wells said, so part of the funding will be used to offset the costs for that fundraiser.

Typically, the money raised by Purse Bingo is used to sponsor fireworks at the French Creek Festival, which is scheduled for July 7 and 8. There is also a color run, car cruise-in, music and games for kids.

The Festival of Trees takes place in early December and is also used as a fundraiser.

Union City Pride is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring pride in and celebrating the heritage of the Union City community.

Wells, who is also Union City Borough manager, applied for an additional special events grant for the po-

lice department's National Night Out, which happens on the first Tuesday of August. ECGRA awarded the borough \$230 to be put toward the community event, which includes free food and prizes for those who attend.

"Anything they do, there's no charge whatsoever," Wells said.

The Special Events Grants Program funds up to 5% of events that promote the region economically and culturally, drive tourism, attract talent to the region and help sustain Erie-area traditions.

# Funds

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The grant is made on a 1:1 matching basis, and the maximum grant award is \$5,000.

The following types of improvements are permitted: doors and windows visible from the street; roofs, soffits, gutters and down-

spouts; exterior lighting; porches, stairs and steps; painting, siding and shutters; and chimney and masonry repairs.

Grants will be awarded based upon the level of improvements and the vitality and significant impact the project would make to a neighborhood.

Applications must be approved by Union City Borough Council

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 7, 2023**

**Resolution to enter into agreements with twenty-four (24)  
Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged  
in Arts, Culture, and Heritage**

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

Whereas, there were twenty-eight (28) applicants for Community Assets funding and the Board of Directors affirms that twenty-four (24) applicants have met the threshold for funding including being in good standing with taxing bodies and other reporting requirements;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$229,082.00 to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit “A”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Bylaws, resolves to enter into agreements with twenty-four (24) Erie County Community Assets so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region through tourism and continue to enrich the quality of life for Erie County residents.

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

This resolution was passed on 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
April 20, 2023

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, ECGRA

# 2022 Community Assets

ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE			
Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Albion Area Fair	Albion Area Fair	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
AmeriMasala	The AmeriMasala	\$15,000.00	\$9,875.00
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	Three Forts of Presque Isle Feasibility Study	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Borough of Union City	North Gateway Mural Project	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Community Resources for Independence	Art for People with Disabilities	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Crime Victim Center	Barb's Childcare Center ADA Accessibility	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Dafmark Dance Theatre	Creative Arts & Library Center at Horan Garden Apartments	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Downtown North East	North East Collaborative 2023	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Highland Games and Scottish Festival	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker with Live Music	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Erie Yesterday	A Collaboration of Six Heritage Organizations	\$8,325.00	\$8,325.00
Film Society of NWPA	Eerie Horror Fest	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	Heating & Cooling System Replacement	\$5,935.00	\$5,935.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Interpretive Signage & Labyrinth Installation	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Harborcreek Historical Society	Educational Pavillion Project	\$9,822.00	\$9,822.00
Impact Corry	Corry Rails & Trail Park Mural	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	40th Season of Drum Corps Activities	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Lawrence Park Township	Independence Day Celebration	\$14,000.00	\$1,400.00
North East Arts Council	Updates to Technology	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Our West Bayfront	2023 Community Events Series	\$12,449.00	\$6,225.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	Front Door Security Project	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	Building Bike Culture in Erie	\$15,000.00	\$8,000.00
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie	Piano Restoration Project	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
Waterford Community Fair Association	Improvements to Exhibition Buildings	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Wattsburg Agricultural Society	Cattle Barn	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
WQLN Public Media	Chronicles Docuseries: Season 2	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	18th Season with New Pre-Summer Boot Camp	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$352,031.00</b>	<b>\$229,082.00</b>