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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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

## Tammi Michali

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**From:** RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:50 AM  
**To:** Perry Wood  
**Subject:** FW: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Here is the 1Q23 email. Once I am able to locate the emails from 2022, I will send them to you.

Thank you.

**Jennifer Heckert** | Division Chief  
PA Department of Revenue  
Bureau of Fiscal Management | Gaming Division  
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**From:** RV, BFM Gaming  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2023 9:12 AM  
**To:** 'plichtenwalter@eriecountypa.gov' <plichtenwalter@eriecountypa.gov>  
**Subject:** Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Dear Mr. Lichtenwalter:

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

Erie County: \$667,211.34  
Land Bank Jurisdiction: \$667,211.34

An ACH for the 1st quarter of 2023 payment in the amount of \$1,334,422.68 should be deposited in your bank account within 7 - 10 business days. This payment includes the interactive gaming local share assessment of \$1,930.20, the slots local share assessment of \$448,662.48 and the slot machine license operation fee of \$883,830.00 Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

**Jennifer Heckert** | Division Chief



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**ECGRA Announces Investment in Edinboro**  
*Successful Grant Programs, Key Collaboration Catalyze Vital Investment*

**CONTACT:** Kate Philips  
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**ERIE, PA** — Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) will continue investment of local share gaming funds and ARPA funds across Erie County with an awards reception on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM to announce ECGRA’s commitment and investment in the Borough of Edinboro, Washington Township, and McKean Township.

ECGRA is a catalyst for progress through impact investing and providing connections within the county to support regrowth. Working together with the borough and townships, ECGRA is proud to support and advance Edinboro's economic and community development.

**WHAT:** Renaissance Block, Special Events, Community Assets, and Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grants Presentation  
Grants Presentation

**WHO:** Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA  
Mary Jo Campbell  
Jason Spagenberg, Manager, Borough of Edinboro  
Grant Recipients

**WHEN:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00am

**WHERE:** Goodell Gardens  
221 Waterford Street  
Edinboro, PA 16412

**###**

**Tammi Michali**

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**From:** Mary Wassell <wassell@parkerphilips.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 11:23 AM  
**Cc:** Kate Philips  
**Subject:** RELEASE: ECGRA Grant Programs, Key Collaboration Catalyze Vital Investment



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT: Kate Philips**  
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## **ECGRA Grant Programs, Key Collaboration Catalyze Vital Investment**

*Invests Over \$400,000 In the Borough of Edinboro, Washington Township, and McKean Township*

**Erie, PA (June 6, 2023)** – The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) awarded \$438,040.00 in the Borough of Edinboro, Washington Township, and McKean Township through the Renaissance Block, Special Events, Community Assets, and Multi-Municipal Collaboration grants.

“ECGRA is committed to making impact investments at every level of the community, including right here in our boroughs and townships,” said Dr. Perry Wood, Executive Director, ECGRA. “By catalyzing progress and economic growth through these grant programs, we are ensuring that every corner of Erie County is uplifted.”

“ECGRA has been very helpful in making the parks of Washington Township and Edinboro more accessible and useful to our citizens,” said Mary Jo Campbell, Mayor, Washington Township. “Both communities have come together to make a joint committee to make our parks and recreation sites more viable and useful for people of all ages.”

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.

The Renaissance Block Program is an anti-blight, neighborhood cooperation. The Community and Neighborhood investment program was designed to help improve Erie County neighborhoods through a block-by-block strategy that targets aging or neglected areas where neighbors are organized and willing to work together to combat blight.

The Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grants were launched in 2012 to catalyze functional cooperation among Erie County's 38 municipalities and to support economic growth and vibrancy in the community.

The Community Assets Grants promote well-being, foster civic pride, drive tourism and attract, retain, and mobilize creative talent and innovative businesses through cultural, heritage, service, and recreational organizations and projects.

Below is a breakdown of the grants approved:

<b>2022-23 COMMUNITY ASSETS — ARTS, CULTURE, &amp; HERITAGE</b>		
<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	\$15,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Highland Games and Scottish Festival	\$7,500.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Interpretive Signage & Labyrinth Installation	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL for Arts, Culture, Heritage</b>		<b>\$32,500.00</b>

<b>2022 COMMUNITY ASSETS — PARKS, FIELDS, &amp; TRAILS</b>		
Borough of Edinboro	Nature's Outlet Improvement Project	\$50,000.00
Edinboro Legion Pool, Inc	Edinboro Legion Pool Improvement Project	\$12,340.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	Observation Platform	\$50,000.00
Washington Township	Powering Township Parks	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL for Parks, Fields, Trails</b>		<b>\$162,340.00</b>

<b>2022 MULTI-MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION</b>		
Edinboro Community & Economic Development	Greater Edinboro Area Parks and Recreation Plan	\$50,000.00
McKean Township	McKean Conservation Area Final Improvements	\$86,500.00
<b>TOTAL for MMC</b>		<b>\$136,500.00</b>

2023 SPECIAL EVENTS		
Borough of Edinboro	Boro with the Works	\$1,625.00
Edinboro University Foundation	2023 Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$2,525.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2023 Series of Events	\$2,050.00
McKean Community Development Group	McKean Community Day	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL for Special Events</b>		<b>\$6,700.00</b>

2022 RENAISSANCE BLOCK	
Borough of Edinboro	\$100,000.00
<b>TOTAL for RB</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>

**About Infinite Erie**

By coordinating inclusive growth strategies to deliver transformative change, Infinite Erie will implement Erie’s Investment Playbook and position Erie to attract & secure more public and private sector funding than like-size regions. Powered by the Erie Action Team, the team consists of public, private, philanthropic, and civic leadership in Erie County, who bring influence, guidance, and resources to empower the work of the Delivery Teams and put plans into action, including: Erie Community Foundation, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), Erie Insurance, Jefferson Educational Society, Hamot Health Foundation, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Erie County Redevelopment Authority, City of Erie, Diverse Erie, Erie’s Black Wall Street, Urban Erie Community Development Corporation, Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation (GEEDC), and the Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania (ex-officio).

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**May 2023**

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

**IMPLEMENTED**

- 10 Total May posts
- 9 Total graphics created
- Strategic Marketing Planning with Kate Philips and Executive Director

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

- Holiday Graphics
- 2022–23 Annual Report
- Press Release and Distribution
  - Edinboro
  - City of Erie
  - Small Business (SSJNN)
  - Girard

- Press Events
  - Edinboro
  - City of Erie
  - Small Business (SSJNN)
  - Girard

**IN PLANNING**

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



Dr. Gertrude A. Barber  
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*Making dreams come true.*

May 11, 2023

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

Dear Perry,

Thank you and everyone at ECGRA for your continued support of the *Barber National Institute* events. Your donation of \$1,200 for the *Jay & Mona Kang Art Show & Sale* held April 13 through April 27, 2023, your *Beast Sponsorship* of \$7,033 for the *2023 Beast on the Bay* to be held September 9, 2023, your *Gold Sponsorship* of \$8,450 for the *2023 Barber Christmas Ball* to be held December 9, 2023, and your donation of \$1,000 for the *2023 Barber Client Christmas Dance* to be held December 10, 2023 was processed on May 9, 2023.

Your commitment to our organization and support of our events helps us continue the special work that we do throughout Pennsylvania. Whether it's helping a child with autism learn to communicate, finding a rewarding career in the community for an adult with intellectual challenges, or providing assistance to a family through our vast array of support services; so many individuals and their families rely on the Barber National Institute every day for the programs and services they need to reach their fullest potential. We are grateful for your commitment to helping us to fulfill our mission of *Making Dreams Come True*.

Thank you again for your support of the *2023 Barber National Institute* events. I wish you the very best!

Sincerely,

Laura R. Schaaf  
Director of Giving  
LRS/slj





**Asbury Woods**  
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May 13, 2023

Mr. Perry Wood  
ECGRA  
5340 Fryling Road Suite 201  
Erie, PA 16510-4672

Dear Perry,

Thank you for providing sponsorship funds for the following events and programs being hosted by Asbury Woods in 2023:

- Luminaria
- Maple Festival
- Mondy Music in the Woods
- From Hive to Honey: The Honeybee Story
- Tour de West County
- Scary Creature Feature
- Winter Wonderland

I know that your support and partnership will help make these events our best yet!

We are incredibly grateful to you and all our donors who so generously support Asbury Woods. Your gift is critical to our ability to protect the land, maintain the trails, offer educational programs for all ages, and provide natural recreational opportunities.

Thank you once again and I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in person soon.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer A. Farrar, CFRE  
Executive Director

*Thanks!*  
*Hope all is well.*

Asbury Woods Partnership is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization which received your contribution of **\$1520.11** on **04/18/2023**. No goods or services were given for your donation; therefore, the full amount of your donation is deductible for federal tax purposes. **Please retain this letter for your tax records.**

Monday, June 5, 2023 -

# Union City celebrates ECGRA's 15th anniversary

**BY MARYANN MOOK**  
Staff writer

The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) was created in 2008 as a way to administer municipal grants and serve as the main driver of economic development in Erie County.

The mission of the grant-making organization is to empower nonprofits, small businesses and local governments toward economic and community development, according to ECGRA's website. To accomplish that mission, ECGRA uses revenue from Presque Isle Downs and Casino to award its grants.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of ECGRA.

Now, 15 years since its inception, ECGRA has expanded its focus to impact investments at every level of community, including schools, small businesses, neighborhoods and municipalities, with an intent to uplift not only the regional economy, but also its society, culture and environment, according to the website.

One community that has benefitted from the grants administered by ECGRA is Union City Borough.

During Union City Borough Council's May 23 meeting, Mayor Natalie Wilmoth

told Council that ECGRA has invested a total of \$611,399 to the Union City community.

Wilmoth asked Council if they would approve a proclamation recognizing ECGRA's 15th anniversary. Council agreed.

The proclamation states that ECGRA was created by Erie County Council to oversee and administer gaming revenue on behalf of Erie County government for the purpose of economic and community development, and the benefits accrued from ECGRA's grant making have improved the quality of life for residents of Union City Borough.

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## ECGRA

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The proclamation also states that Union City Borough has received grant dollars in pursuit of improving parks, Main Street and housing.

The proclamation states the borough recognizes the financial, economic, social and cultural benefits of ECGRA on its 15th anniversary and seeks to support its existence into the future.

Wilmoth said Union City is "grateful for ECGRA's support."

"ECGRA has been an instrumental component of the transformative efforts in our community. Their ongoing investment in Union City has helped to revitalize our Main Street corridor, enhance historic neighborhoods and provide a much-needed boost to our small business owners," Wilmoth said. "ECGRA has

made such a significant impact on Union City as well as Erie County."

Borough Manager Cindy Wells said ECGRA is responsible for much of the work that has been done to make Union City a better place.

"Union City realizes that, without ECGRA funding, a good portion of our projects and improvements wouldn't have been possible," Wells said. "All of our park projects were completed with a portion of ECGRA funding along with the City Building and many residential improvements, to name just a few."

ECGRA is composed of seven members who are appointed to a five-year term by the Erie County executive with the advice and consent of Erie County Council. The chairperson of Erie County Council and the Erie County executive or the executive's designee serve as nonvoting members.