

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 8, 2021**

### **Resolution to enter into an agreement with New Localism Associates as one of three community partners not to exceed \$50,000**

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of revitalizing neighborhoods and main street corridors, combating blight, strengthening small business, and catalyzing innovation; and

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law recognizes that economic insecurity due to unemployment is at any time a serious menace to the people of the Commonwealth in both urban and rural areas;

Whereas, the Economic Development Financing Law states expressly that entities like ECGRA may have as one of its purposes the alleviation or elimination of unemployment;

Whereas, ECGRA's approach recognizes that supporting the regional economy through proper alignment of resources from the federal, state, and local levels brings additional educational, cultural, and financing resources addressing the needs of industry, nonprofits, and local governments;

Whereas, ECGRA's participation in Erie County Council's COVID Revitalization Task Force resulted in listening sessions from a vast array of community stakeholders and led to the recommendation of hiring New Localism Associates;

Whereas, New Localism Associates have extensive experience advising groups like ECGRA and communities like Erie County across the United State on issues central to the region's vitality and revitalization;

Whereas, ECGRA, in partnership with the Erie Community Foundation, and Erie Insurance have selected New Localism Associates to further the ideas in the attached proposal at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 (of which ECGRA's portion is \$50,000), which is matched 2-1 by the partners;

Whereas, ECGRA declares the following milestones to be measured and analyzed as part of the contract:

1. Inform the Erie County recovery effort by convening public, private and civic institutions and leaders.
2. A concrete outline of federal programs and implementable priorities for local leaders to consider and refine.
3. A plan to braid public, private, and civic investments to advance identified priorities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the ECGRA Bylaws, resolves to enter into an agreement with New Localism Associates for 1/3 of the contract, not to exceed \$50,000 to the extent outlined in this document and attachment.

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

This resolution was passed on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
June 17, 2021

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA