



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Via Zoom/In Person

Knowledge Park

5240 Knowledge Parkway; Erie, PA 16510

June 20, 2024

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ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of ECGRA

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. – BOARD Meeting
Location: TBD
ZOOM meeting – details to follow



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

May 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on May 16, 2024 in the Board Room; 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 8:31 am.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Amatangelo, Mr. Barney, Mr. Cleaver, and Mr. Oberlander are present in person. Ms. Loll and Mr. Sinnott are present via zoom. Ms. Kennedy (filling in for Mr. Wachter) and Dr. Wood are present in person.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Amatangelo makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Barney seconds the motion. There is no discussion of the agenda. Motion carries 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 2024

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no discussion on the minutes. Motion carries 5-0.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

There are no comments by the Board of Directors.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Cleaver has no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no one from the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Ms. Marybelle Martin – GECAC

Dr. Wood: Just an introduction for everyone, this is Marybelle Martin from GECAC here to give us an update on Summer Jobs. Summer Jobs is on the agenda to be passed today. It's one of the last things Doug Smith did before he left was to reach out to us about Summer Jobs.

Ms. Martin: Let me start with a thank you for the monies that you put into the Earn & Learn program. Every bit that we get helps train this new generation that we have in the workforce. My son is 19 and he's part of the Earn & Learn so again, thank you for the money that you give us to run this program; it is very well needed. Thank you for starting your morning with me; my name is Marybelle Martin and I'm the manager of the Education Workforce and Self-Sufficiency division at GECAC. Earn & Learn is one of the programs under my supervision. I have some familiarity with the program, first of all, because I've been the division manager since late August of last year. I missed a lot of the transition period, but I was able to pick up the end of that in September through December when we had the 20 youth who were continuing to work post summer employment. And I'm also a mom of a son who did it.

My son worked there under Summer JAM in its former incarnation, and he worked there under Earn & Learn and I have to tell you the professional skills he learned under Earn & Learn – and I'm 100% serious when I tell you this – made all the difference in the world. He goes to Penn State. He's in charge of the Bold-C, if you're familiar with that group. He also works at CAM Erie from time to time so he's a techie kind of kid, a film kind of kid. When he was working with Earn & Learn he had a summer job as a lawn mower and field grass maintenance person at Gannon. When he got the job with Earn & Learn last year, he was put in an office in charge of people and his phone skills improved immensely because he's of the "text me" generation. His phone skills improved immensely; his confidence improved immensely. So, I'm going to maybe reference him a couple times during this presentation because he's 19 now and we're talking about that workforce, which is approximately born in 1997 to 2012 which makes them between 12 and 27. So you know he's smack in the middle that generation, but I tell you that also because we have more work to do with this generation; they're young, they're the text generation, they're the COVID generation, they lack social skills and they will tell you that and they lack confidence and they know that.

So, what I'm going to do is give you a brief history of Earn & Learn, talk to you about what our mission is, then I'll go into some of the three top issues that hiring managers have with this generation. I will tell you what we're doing to prevent that or address those issues. Then I will close with some fast facts about Earn & Learn 2024, and then I'll answer any questions you may have.

Dr. Wood: Let me just pause for one second and recognize that Ms. Hess has joined us on Zoom. So I'm going to recognize her as present in the attendance record. Sorry, go ahead.

Ms. Martin: Thank you. The overview – our Earn & Learn program provides job readiness training, career exploration and employment opportunities for youth living in Erie County. The program aims to expose them (youth and young adults) to local industries and businesses that can absorb them as full-time employees. And that kind of harkens back to what I said about my son under Summer JAM, which was a wonderful program. He worked in the fields, he worked in the grass, he did maintenance. Under Summer JAM, he became an office person and his communication skills, both verbal and oral or written just improved dramatically and his confidence grew, which I did not know he had a confidence issue until he started working in the office and was talking on the phone to people he did not know.

So, Earn & Learn, as you know, is a collaborative effort between the Erie County government, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, GECAC, and other supportive individuals and organizations that have recognized the need to address employability issues for our disconnected youth population 14 to 21 specifically. I mentioned Generation Z which is again from 1997 to 2012 and we're kind of right smack in the middle of that generation. We want our youth to not only gain job skills, but also have the opportunity to explore career paths that lead to full time employment in their field of interest. And that is a difference I think that I'm seeing this year and the end of last year. Before we had just a program to get the kids off the street and have them working. Now we have a program that looks to kind of give them the tools they need to interview and the ability to explore new career interests that allow them to go out and develop a career. So, they're not just working for a wage now, they're working toward a career in whatever field they choose. Huge difference to my son. Huge difference I think to our youth.

So, what are the challenges? I mentioned soft skills are huge, and this generation, they know it, experience, and work ethic. Lack of soft skills; I have some facts here for you regarding a Harris Poll, of 1,200 workers 82% of them stated Gen Z needs more guidance time and training. Remember this is the COVID generation, the tech generation. Three out of four managers state that it's more difficult to train this generation in soft skills than in tech skills. And you can see why I pulled that information. A couple of facts for you regarding that and I bear witness to the fact that that is true within our community. They know what they need. I remember when COVID hit I was working for GECAC in a different capacity, and I remember Erie High students - they were given the tools they needed to get the work done during COVID but they did not all have access to Wi Fi. So, I would drive down Cherry Street or the neighborhoods around there and see them huddled around somebody's house that had Wi Fi and was willing to share the signal so they could get their work done. They want to learn. They absolutely want to. We have to give them the tools they need. I understand that was some of the millennial generation but it's also a lot of Generation X.

The second thing that hiring managers across the country have identified is a lack of experience. Eighty percent of hiring managers across the nation said they worried about Gen Z's lack of experience as a younger generation. And again, COVID and there are a number of things that factored into that, but I can see for myself in Erie County that is true.

Lack of work ethic and this is tricky because I know what they say - this generation - I know what they say to me, but across the board and across the country 58% of hiring managers were worried about this generations unprofessional attitude and 63% expressed concern they were known to job hop. That's true. Approximately one in two hiring professionals question this generation's reliability and work ethic. So unprofessional attitude, by and large, post 2023 season, what I heard from most hiring managers was that they did not understand when the youth had downtime, why they went on their phones. Because we were taught - and I'm 56 - we were taught that if you had some down time you go look for something to do, you go ask the manager or the director whoever supervises you what else you could do to further

your position in the company or what you can do to just add value to why you're there. This generation, once they have some downtime, immediately turn to the screen, and I've seen that in my own house. So, here's some stats for you and I'll let you read them for a minute.

Dr. Wood: I wonder sometimes how much is generational and how much is they're just young people.

Ms. Martin: That's a great point. The key word I see right there is mentorship and that is why I put that quote up there because that's one thing I understand about our youth, and to hearken to Perry's comment about generational - I remember reading back in the 1780's Marie Antoinette's mother wrote a letter to her complaining about the lack of respect in the youth and a lack of work ethic because they were not learning their needlework, their embroidery, whatever math they learned at that time, their music, art, dance lessons; they didn't want to do it. So that's a comment that's been carried throughout the nation. I'm sure that every parent everywhere has said something like that, so your point is well taken.

Here's how we respond. GECAC, ECGRA, the County here's how we respond to this. We respond by mentoring, job coaching, and of course soft skills development. We lead by example. Mentoring is a huge, huge thing to me knowing what I know about our youth today. While a manager might criticize an employee who is underperforming or micromanage them to ensure they stay on task, the advice for this generation is to lead by example. This approach coupled with soft skills training, mentoring and coaching can provide this generation with the skills they need to analyze their own behavior and find solutions to get the job done. Captain Chris Cusson, here in Erie, I don't know if you know him, but he was the captain of the Lettie G. and as such, we were talking about putting students into the Earn & Learn program under his supervision. One of the things he said to me, and this is going back a year ago, was that he loved the idea of putting a 16 year old onboard on deck with a 60 year old and having them work together to sail that ship and asking questions and the older one might be mentoring in some areas and the 16 year old might be mentoring in some areas. But the point is they work together and ask questions and learn from each other. And that has stuck in my mind ever since he said that because that's exactly what we like to do right here.

So, soft skills are critical. They're critical. As the slide pointed out earlier with the hiring managers saying that you can teach tech skills, you cannot teach soft skills in the workplace. So that's our job. That's what we try to do. Here's the soft skills that we try to model, train, and teach. The ability to handle constructive feedback is a tough one. Sometimes when you tell people that they're not doing the job correctly, they fall apart. We teach them to absorb it, correct, and move on. Problem solving skills, critical thinking is key, conflict resolution, time management, again, going back to the idea that when they have downtime, they're on their phones, public speaking, which they know they're not great at and leadership skills. This is where we partner with Erie County Career Pathways Alliance's Career Street, Career Link, Gannon, Erie Insurance and other successful former Earn & Learn youth. We bring them all into our orientation and I'll give you the dates of the orientation a little bit later in the presentation. We bring them in to speak; Mary Bula comes in and trains them on workplace do's and don'ts. We have speakers from Erie Insurance come in and train them on professional behavior in the workplace. Former Earn & Learn youth come in and talk to them about their experience what they had and how Summer JAM. I think that this program started at GECAC in 1965 and it was called NYC at that time. Mr. Jones was actually part of that youth program, and he mowed lawns for \$2 a day so our successful Earn & Learn youth employees will come back and speak to our youth about how the experience helped them.

Dr. Wood: Okay. Can I pause you for a second? There are some new board members, so I want you to know that we've been funding this for eight years, so we understand how it's structured. And we typically allow about 15 minutes for a presentation.

Ms. Martin: Am I running over already? I'm sorry.

Dr. Wood: No, that's okay. I don't want to move it along if the board members are enmeshed in it today. I just want to make sure that we might have a few questions to ask if we have time for that.

Ms. Martin: I totally understand; thank you for keeping me on track. Mentoring is key - onboarding and ongoing mentoring is key and if you would like me to make this available to you after I'll be happy to do that for questions.

Dr. Wood: That would be fantastic.

Ms. Martin: Job coaching matters. We job coach. My point in saying all this is to let you know that the monies you're funding for us are going toward these things to address the issues I mentioned previously. This is how we're doing it.

Some goals - again, employment. There is a limit of 150 youth, skill development, career exploration, job readiness, networking, and personal development. Fast facts - there are two tiers, which were implemented last year; fantastic idea. Tier One employees ages 14 to 17, Tier Two employees ages 18 to 21. We're recruiting 100 people in the city, 50 in the county, if we get more fantastic. Program staffing is 1) program assistant, 2) youth counselors and a director and myself in some capacity. Wages: tier one employee start at \$8.25 an hour after 45 days and a successful review they move up to \$8.50 an hour for the last 45 days; tier two the same at \$10 and \$10.50 an hour. And after the six weeks are over, this is one more piece I want to just bring to your attention, we don't just drop them off and say, "Have a good school year." We refer to area programs. We're going to schedule a resource fair at the end of the season so we can bring in other community organizations that might be of interest to these youth, any nonprofits we have, any other employment partners that are interested in carrying these youth forward into the following season into the fall season; we're going to do this resource fair. We're going to do more transfers, we're going to make sure that they get where they want to go. Question?

Dr. Wood: The big evolution of the program is a two-tiered system. And the two-tiered system is based on age but also the sophistication of the experience. Just touch on that for a moment because we're being asked to - you may not know this - we're being asked to put an extra \$50,000 a year into this program above what we actually do and that's part of the justification is this two-tiered system.

Ms. Martin: Tier one are the youth ages 14 to 17. They come into this with no experience. They're part of that Gen Z I talked about and they're needing the soft skills and those types of early job characteristics that help them become employable. So, a lot of work has to go into training, teaching and modeling, mentoring for those you so the tier ones are the ones who need the most hands on that. That is why we're putting forth or front loading the effort on to them. Tier two are the people who were either in the program before or we assume that they've had some sort of job experience at ages 18 to 21. They're presumed to have some understanding that when they're on the job they're responsible for doing the job and not being

on their phones. We're assuming they come into the job with some sort of experience, soft skills included, and they need less hands-on experience or less hands-on training or mentoring or modeling from us. So that's the difference between the two tiers.

Mr. Barney: Tier two - they don't necessarily have to have been in the program before. So we're bringing in 21 year old for the first time?

Ms. Martin: Yes, sometimes yes. If they present with some job experience.

Mr. Barney: Okay, because that wasn't initially, when this was started, that age group coming in for the first time. Okay, and then my other question is, you spoke on your son, you know, landscaping jobs, there's nothing wrong with those jobs.

Ms. Martin: There is nothing wrong with them at all.

Mr. Barney: To me, those starting in should want to work. We should want them to work those jobs to see where they want to go. In other words, if you don't know about cutting grass and sweating you have no idea that that's not what you want to do to motivate you to possibly go to college, or prepare yourself for the office job that your son experienced. "Oh, I like this side rather than that so let me go to Behrend." I was just wanting to make sure we didn't get so big or so good that no longer are we offering kids who just want or need - because this was based on need too as far as family. They may need to be cutting grass getting a paycheck, to be able to help out.

Ms. Martin: I apologize if I gave that impression to you. We do have like Erie Insurance will hire people right now to mow the grass and do landscaping too. So, my intention was to focus more on the career piece of that and by doing so I did not give enough value of weight to what you're speaking about. And that was my communication error and I apologize. You are correct.

Mr. Oberlander: How do you recruit students? Are they any financial need go to the higher or it's just strictly . . .

Ms. Martin: We do look for students who are zero to 150% of federal poverty level. We go to the schools, we send out information via social media, we talk to people who have hired in the past. Many of our parents contact us before the program even begins. So, we have multiple ways of going out. Last week I was out Girard hanging flyers and talking to business owners to make sure that they were aware we had this program. So, we recruited in a number of different ways.

Mr. Cleaver: What's your approximate number of individuals you're going to get into this program? Do you have an idea what you're looking for?

Ms. Martin: We're looking for 150 total. Right now we have 180 youth applications. And if we get 180, if they follow through and give us all the paperwork we need, and they show up at the orientation and make sure that they're there, then we will take 180 youth. We will take whatever we can get because the jobs are there.

Mr. Barney: The job breakdown - you said 100 in the city and 50 in the county.

Dr. Wood: We've always shot for 50-50.

Mr. Barney: Okay. I was under the impression and I also have inside sources, who told me that more jobs are being created from county sources. So, we would be closer to reaching that goal. But if not, I mean, as long as we're striving toward what the goal was.

Ms. Martin: We actually have Corry as a base for us to use. I've been out in North East speaking with people out there. I'm a person-to-person kind of relator. We have jobs out in Albion as well, that we're working with. There's a gentleman farmer who wants five hay balers and I'm going to get him five hay balers. So we are in North East, Corry, Albion, we're working in Girard and Fairview as well. So yeah, we're trying to expand in the county because it is Erie County Earn & Learn, not Erie City Earn & Learn. Of course the majority of the people are centered in the city, but we're really making a concerted effort now to get into the county as well.

Mr. Barney: Okay, this is my last one. but this extra \$50,000, is it going up because we're giving them the two-tier wage thing? Or is it because we're paying additional professionals to monitor them, to nurture them, to train them? I mean, where's the breakdown on that?

Ms. Martin: I think it's a little bit of both, but from my perspective, it's more of the staffing that we're using it for. Because before, this was a single person run program with assistants, and then under Summer Jam, which was great, we had a director and then an assistant. Now we're really looking to expand and with 180 applicants, we're going to need extra staffing. And we're going to need extra staffing, not just because they're applying, but we want to follow through with them. We want them to come into the program. So, let's say 150 youth want to work. We're going to follow up with them to make sure that they come into the program. But if they don't come into the program we want to know why.

Mr. Oberlander: So, if there was an employer in Waterford that was looking into this program, what qualifies them as an employer, do they come out and research the actual company?

Ms. Martin: We do. We make sure, number one, that they have their clearances; that's priority if they're working with youth under 18. They need Act 33, Act 34, and FBI clearances to even go near youth under 18. We want to make sure that the jobs they have could potentially lead to a career. If you know if the youth is older, we make sure that the job is something that they can do safely. We don't want them handling heavy machinery. Hay baling is different. Throwing hay bales on a truck is different than actually mowing. We don't want them doing that. We want to make sure that the employer understands that this is a job for the youth. I mean the employer benefits for sure, but we want the youth to get work experience, real life experience and to learn those skills that we talked about here. So, the employer just can't bring them on and say this is what you do from two to four and then walk away. This is a mentoring type of environment. We mentor and the employer mentors. Thank you for the question.

Dr. Wood: Does anyone have a question on Zoom?

There are no participants with any questions for Ms. Martin.

Dr. Wood: Have you selected an agency to do an independent review or an evaluation of the program?

Ms. Martin: I haven't gotten that far yet.

Dr. Wood: Please let me know when you have. We have seven or eight years' worth of evaluations. We do take a look at it the office; it's very important historical document for us. It gives us an idea of how the program is trending.

Ms. Martin: Sure, I will let you know. And again, I apologize for going over my time. I get really excited about this program. It's a beautiful thing.

Dr. Wood: You did a great job. Thank you.

Ms. Martin: I hope I answered all your questions. With that, I will pack up and go.

Dr. Wood: Thank you very much, Marybelle.

Ms. Martin: Thank you.

Mr. Cleaver: Are there any other questions being asked in reference to this? No? I will acknowledge that this is on the agenda for New Business as a resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Amatangelo: Thank you, Mr. Cleaver. So as everybody knows, we're only about a month into the new fiscal year so when meeting with Dr. Wood this week, I didn't have any major questions that I went over with him. But of course the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet are where you would expect them to be a month in. I personally prefer the Budget vs Actual just because it's going to give us more detail related to our Profit & Loss, specifically our expenses. And just looking there, nothing is coming near budget, everything's under budget. And again, that's what I would expect a month in.

I'll point out on the Schedule of Grant Reserves that the first quarter disbursement, so April, \$1.3 million went out and Tammi did include kind of a detail of the disbursements; if you guys want to look at that I recommend it. Moving on to the Transaction List Detail again, just a detailed list of our expenses - what you would expect to see payroll, insurance, grant disbursement, no phone bills, mileage, things that we're all used to seeing. And then of course, we went over the Visa and the visa bill included what you would expect coffee, office supplies, there was a \$238 charge at UPS and that was just the ECGRA Works signage around the county and you see it, it's all over at different buildings and whatnot that ECGRA has supported. Amazon, already said it was office supplies and coffee. That's really it for the first month. Are there any questions?

Mr. Barney makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Motion carries 6-0.

b. Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. Wood: We met yesterday, and we reviewed the 29 Community Assets; 25 of which the Board has said yes to move forward with funding. In fact, that's Resolution Number 11 on the agenda today.

We also saw a presentation from Daria Devlin on the Apprenticeship Trades for Construction model, which is going to be implemented by the Hamot Health Foundation and held at the Erie Center for Arts & Technology. I think it was a fantastic presentation; I think that everyone that was there had a really good reaction to it. I would be more than happy to hear your reaction on record to it. I know various iterations of the Board have seen this presentation before but this was kind of the culminating presentation to say, "What are your funding gaps?" There are already two other funders in the program, but there is a \$229,000 funding gap. That's over a two-year period to get this thing up and running and that's what the ask is for. I know this is very aggressive, but we put it on the agenda as Resolution Number 12. But everyone in the room for the Planning Committee gave thumbs up and said that the Board should move forward with it. Are there any questions?

Mr. Cleaver: That's a two-year program, right?

Dr. Wood: That's a two-year program.

Mr. Barney: When you say questions for you, questions pertaining to that resolution?

Dr. Wood: I can try to answer them, yes.

Mr. Barney: Is that \$229,000 each year or total?

Dr. Wood: That's the total amount. The reason it's two years is because at the end of two years they will achieve a certification through the Department of Labor which will make them eligible to participate in apprenticeship funding through the DOL. So, this truly is gap funding; this is what ECGRA is designed to do – to provide seed funding and gap funding to get people able to stand on their own.

Mr. Cleaver: It was very well presented yesterday for the group that was there. The gal put all the cards on the table, and I think it's a great program. I think the majority of us did.

Dr. Wood: I will say there were a lot of good questions asked and answered and information supplied. It was a great presentation.

We also talked about our next Strategic Planning Committee meeting which Tammi and I are going to try to spin out in the next few weeks; that would include a presentation from Grow Erie which is the main revitalization strategy at Savocchio Business Park as well as a joint presentation between Gannon and First Ascent, which will look at a cancer screening technology new to the region and the potential for us to support a biopsy lab down at the I-Hack Center. We'll talk more about it then.

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Meeting. Ms. Amatangelo seconds the motion. There is no further discussion. Motion carries 6-0.

- c. Update from County Council

Chairman Scutella is not present.

- d. Update from County Executive's Office

Mr. Sinnott: The County Executive's office has no update or report today.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Wood: I'll be brief. Dale loves it when I say that. Obviously, the staff spent a lot of time this month working on Strategic Planning and getting the Community Assets up and running for you all. You'll see a memo in here from the Administration; we had a meeting with the Administration, Mr. Barney and Tim Wachter were there, and we talked a lot about the communications and how we present publicly since we're a County Authority. So, this memo is what came out of that. They would like the following sentence to be read into press conferences and press releases: "This project is made possible in part by Erie County government and administered through the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority." It seems reasonable to me. Without talking to you, I did respond and say that it was reasonable and that we'd be willing to do that. Does anyone have any questions on that?

Next is the summary of the work that Parke Philips did this month; if there are any questions, I can answer those. Then there are a couple of thank-you letters - one from the Edinboro University Foundation and the other from the Mercy Center for Women just thanking the Board for making the funding available and telling us about the good work they are doing. I wanted to make sure the Board saw those.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Kennedy: Pat Kennedy for Tim Wachter, and we have no report.

Mr. Cleaver: Thank you. Pat's a familiar face in the eyes of the County and we're glad to have her here to pitch in.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution Number 10, 2024 – Resolution to adopt the funding for the Summer Jobs & More Program

Dr. Wood: Just to be clear, we're going from a \$150,000 contribution to a \$200,000 contribution to support this new two-tiered system that exists. Summer Jobs, also known as Earn & Learn, it's branded as Earn and Learn but we call it Summer Jobs for short.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

- b. Resolution Number 11, 2024 – Resolution to enter into agreements with twenty-five (25) Erie County community organizations and municipalities engaged in Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

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

- c. Resolution Number 12, 2024 – Resolution to adopt the funding in the amount of \$229,060 for the Construction Trades Training Expansion through the Hamot Health Foundation/BUILD

Dr. Wood: BUILD is a new CDC that Hanot Health Foundation spun off and is currently funding – this will be the nonprofit that oversees the program that we’re funding here today. We’ve done a legal review and it clearly fits within our charter and the Economic Development Financing Law. It is an expansion of the program to do more on-the-job-training for the folks that are involved in the program, both youth and older folks.

Dr. Wood reads the resolution.

Ms. Amatangelo makes a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Oberlander seconds the motion. There is no further discussion on the resolution. Motion carries 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barney moves to adjourn. Ms. Amatangelo seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 9:12am.

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Profit & Loss
May 2024

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
44000 · ARPA Fund				
44800 · Gaming Revenue	277,740.51	277,740.51		
44801 · Interactive Gaming Revenue				
46400 · Other Types of Income				
46410 · Interest Income - Savings	44,457.36	91,969.44		
46422 · Interest Income - BWC - Erie Growth				
46424 · Interest Income - Progress Fund				
46424.5 · Interest Income - 1855 Capital				
46425 · Interest Income - EDF Restruct		3,250.00		
46426 · Interest Income - BWC - Inclusive				
46427 · Interest Income - Blue Highway				
46428 · Interest Income - eCAT		2,556.00		
Total Income	<u>322,197.87</u>	<u>375,515.95</u>		
Expense				
62100 · Contracted Services	10,597.84	16,813.24	11,940.00	71,650.00
62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,725.49	3,402.99	3,866.00	23,200.00
65000 · Office Administration	992.49	2,045.19	3,290.00	19,750.00
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,708.30	4,424.16	9,166.00	55,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	25,457.34	50,945.26	48,658.00	291,950.00
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	55,500.00	99,050.00	144,900.00	869,408.00
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	(181.00)	(1,085.60)		
Total Expense	<u>96,800.46</u>	<u>175,595.24</u>	<u>221,820.00</u>	<u>1,330,958.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	225,397.41	199,920.71		
Other Income/Expense				
70000 · Grants / Settlements / MRIs				
70030 · Community Assets	231,238.93	287,188.93		
70050 · Municipal Settlements	69,435.13	69,435.13		
70070 · Special Events	6,633.00	189,015.20		
70090 · Multi-Municipal Collaboration				
70100 · Mission Main Street		983,947.18		
70120 · Summer Jobs Program				
70125 · Neighborhoods & Communities MRI				
70130 · Small Business Financing				
70136 · Ignite Erie_Beehive				
70140 · Pilot Projects		75,000.00		
70150 · Shaping Tomorrow				
70170 · Renaissance Block				
70180 · Anchor Building	60,000.00	60,000.00		
70190 · COVID-19 Immediate Human Relief				
Total 70000 · Grants / Settlements	<u>367,307.06</u>	<u>1,664,586.44</u>		
Net Other Income	<u>(367,307.06)</u>	<u>(1,664,586.44)</u>		
Net Income	<u>(141,909.65)</u>	<u>(1,464,665.73)</u>		

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2024

	<u>May</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · ErieBank - Checking	38,881.70
10100 · ErieBank - Savings	
10101 · Committed Funds	1,144,752.51
10102 · Restricted Funds	4,519,805.73
10104 · ARPA Fund	770,357.99
10100 · ErieBank - Savings - Other	10,826,352.93
Total 10100 · ErieBank - Savings	<u>17,261,269.16</u>
Total Checking/Savings	17,300,150.86
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Notes Receivable	
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	104,838.20
12900 · Reserve for Uncollectable Notes	<u>(1,525,479.40)</u>
Total 12000 · Notes Receivable	6,249,358.80
14500 · Prepaid Insurance	13,358.47
Total Other Current Assets	<u>6,262,717.27</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>23,562,868.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>23,562,868.13</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
20100* · Deferred Revenue	(4,000,000.00)
20300 · Unearned Revenue	4,869,407.88
Total Current Liabilities	<u>869,407.88</u>
Total Liabilities	869,407.88
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,927,064.18
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	21,231,061.80
Net Income	(1,464,665.73)
Total Equity	<u>22,693,460.25</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>23,562,868.13</u></u>

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Budget vs. Actual
May 2024

	May	YTD	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	% of Budget
Expense					
62100 · Contracted Services					
62110 · Accounting Fees	6,500.00	6,500.00	8,150.00	(1,650.00)	79.75%
62130 · Professional Services	3,000.00	6,000.00	40,000.00	(34,000.00)	15.00%
62140 · Legal Services	1,008.00	3,591.00	20,000.00	(16,409.00)	17.96%
62145 · Website Design	0.00	542.56	2,000.00	(1,457.44)	27.13%
62150 · Payroll Services	89.84	179.68	1,500.00	(1,320.32)	11.98%
Total 62100 · Contracted Services	10,597.84	16,813.24	71,650.00	(54,836.76)	23.47%
62800 · Facilities & Equipment					
62840 · Office Equipment	47.99	47.99	3,000.00	(2,952.01)	1.60%
62890 · Rent	1,677.50	3,355.00	20,200.00	(16,845.00)	16.61%
Total 62800 · Facilities & Equipment	1,725.49	3,402.99	23,200.00	(19,797.01)	14.67%
65000 · Office Administration					
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Dues	153.00	245.99	3,000.00	(2,754.01)	8.20%
65020 · Postage	2.83	30.03	100.00	(69.97)	30.03%
65040 · Office Supplies	114.68	315.29	2,000.00	(1,684.71)	15.76%
65050 · Cell Phone	262.26	567.99	3,000.00	(2,432.01)	18.93%
65060 · Copier Lease	345.95	691.90	4,200.00	(3,508.10)	16.47%
65070 · Copier Printing Costs	0.00	0.00	200.00	(200.00)	0.00%
65080 · Bank Fees	35.00	70.00	500.00	(430.00)	14.00%
65085 · Professional Development	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)	0.00%
65090 · Meeting Expenses	78.77	123.99	3,500.00	(3,376.01)	3.54%
65095 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00%
Total 65000 · Office Administration	992.49	2,045.19	19,750.00	(17,704.81)	10.36%
65100 · Other Types of Expenses					
65105 · Outreach	250.00	488.50	5,000.00	(4,511.50)	9.77%
65110 · Advertising	0.00	79.77	4,000.00	(3,920.23)	1.99%
65115 · Phone/IT/Fax	937.94	1,876.56	18,000.00	(16,123.44)	10.43%
65120 · Insurance	1,502.94	1,721.72	18,000.00	(16,278.28)	9.57%
65130 · Grant Management Software	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	0.00%
65150 · Travel	17.42	257.61	4,000.00	(3,742.39)	6.44%
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	2,708.30	4,424.16	55,000.00	(50,575.84)	8.04%
66000 · Payroll Expenses					
66005 · Salaries & Wages	22,485.40	45,001.38	250,000.00	(204,998.62)	18.00%
66010 · FITW Tax	1,452.74	2,905.48	20,000.00	(17,094.52)	14.53%
66015 · FUTA Tax	0.00	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00%
66020 · PASUI Tax	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00%
66700 · PMRS	1,519.20	3,038.40	19,800.00	(16,761.60)	15.35%
Total 66000 · Payroll Expenses	25,457.34	50,945.26	291,950.00	(241,004.74)	17.45%
67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)					
67005 · Contracted Services - ARPA	5,500.00	5,500.00	11,000.00	(5,500.00)	50.00%
67010 · Subawards - ARPA	50,000.00	93,550.00	858,408.00	(764,858.00)	10.90%
67025 · Indirect Costs - ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
67030 · Salaries & Wages - ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total 67000 · Building a Better Future (ARPA)	55,500.00	99,050.00	869,408.00	(770,358.00)	60.90%
7000 · Provision for Uncollect Notes	(904.60)	(1,085.60)			
Total Expense	96,076.86	175,595.24	1,330,958.00	(1,155,362.76)	13.19%

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Schedule of Grant Reserve

as of
May 31, 2021

	May	YTD	Totals/Subtotals
Restricted Uncommitted Funds	4,519,805.73		
Committed Funds	1,144,752.51		
ARPA Funds	770,357.99		

2024 Restricted Funds: (75% - after settlement payments)

First Quarter Gaming Revenue	277,740.51	277,740.51	
Second Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Third Quarter Gaming Revenue			
Fourth Quarter Gaming Revenue			277,740.51

2024 Interactive Gaming Revenue

FY 2023-2024			0.00
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FY Disbursements:

First Quarter Disbursements	417,307.06	1,758,136.44	
Second Quarter Disbursements			
Third Quarter Disbursements			
Fourth Quarter Disbursements			1,758,136.44

Disbursements Detail

Grants/Settlements/MRIs

	May	YTD	Subtotal
MUNICIPALITIES			
Settlements			
Summit Township	31,245.83	31,245.83	
Greene Township	7,637.86	7,637.86	
McKean Township	7,637.86	7,637.86	
Millcreek Township	7,637.86	7,637.86	
Waterford Township	7,637.86	7,637.86	
Erie County	7,637.86	7,637.86	69,435.13

Multi-Municipal Collaboration

0.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Community Facilities

Harvest 912		10,050.00	
Union Township		33,500.00	43,550.00

Erie County Investment Playbook

0.00

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NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Anchor Building			
2019 Impact Corry	60,000.00	60,000.00	
2022 East Side Renaissance	50,000.00	50,000.00	
			<u>110,000.00</u>

Mission Main Street

Borough of Union City		125,000.00	
Borough of North East		125,000.00	
2019 City of Erie		205,000.00	
Downtown Girard		125,000.00	
Fairview Township		175,000.00	
Impact Corry		125,000.00	
Nonprofit Partnership		3,947.18	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		100,000.00	
			<u>983,947.18</u>

Renaissance Block

0.00

PILOT PROJECT

Erie City Moms		75,000.00	
			<u>75,000.00</u>

QUALITY OF PLACE

Community Assets

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

Albion Area Fair, Inc.	7,000.00	7,000.00
AmeriMasala	10,000.00	10,000.00
Community Resources for Independence	3,138.93	3,138.93
Dafmark Dance Theater	10,000.00	10,000.00
Downtown North East, Inc.	12,000.00	12,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	5,500.00	5,500.00
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	13,000.00	13,000.00
Erie Art Company	5,000.00	5,000.00
Erie Arts & Music Festival	12,000.00	12,000.00
Erie Yesterday	14,000.00	14,000.00
Erie's Black Wall Street	12,000.00	12,000.00
Film Society of Northwestern PA	10,000.00	10,000.00
Heberle's Heartstrings	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hornby School Restoration Society	6,300.00	6,300.00
Impact Corry	11,000.00	11,000.00
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	12,000.00	12,000.00
Messiah Lutheran Church	5,000.00	5,000.00

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Arts, Culture, & Heritage (con.t)

	May	YTD	Subtotal
Triangle DAR	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Veterans Miracle Center Erie	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Waterford Community Fair Association	13,500.00	13,500.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society	11,000.00	11,000.00	
WQLN Public Media	13,000.00	13,000.00	
YMCA of Corry	7,000.00	7,000.00	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	15,000.00	15,000.00	
			233,938.93

Community Centers

Harvest 912		4,950.00	
Union Township		16,500.00	
			21,450.00

Parks, Fields, Trails

Borough of Union City		25,000.00	
Headwaters Natural Resource Center Trust		9,500.00	
			34,500.00

Special Events

Albion Area Fair, Inc.		13,700.25	
Americans for Competitive Enterprise Sys		2,700.00	
AmeriMasala	1,683.00	1,683.00	
Asbury Woods Partnership, Inc.		3,363.73	
Barber National Institute		12,516.08	
Borough of Edinboro		1,507.50	
Borough of Girard		572.93	
Borough of Wesleyville		869.40	
Borough of Union City		207.00	
CAFE		15,000.00	
Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc,		3,313.85	
Downtown North East, Inc.		3,044.70	
Edinboro University Foundation		2,553.75	
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest		3,420.00	
Erie Art & Music Festival		5,130.00	
Erie County Bar Association	2,250.00	2,250.00	
Erie Homes for Children and Adults, Inc		3,288.60	
Erie Latino Leadership Association		1,391.18	
Erie Lions Club Save an Eye Game		1,125.00	
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partner.		4,500.00	
Erie Roller Derby		364.14	
Erie United Methodist Alliance		3,150.00	
Erie-Western PA Port Authority		5,652.90	
Film Society of Northwestern PA		5,458.50	

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Special Events (con't)

	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Goodell Gardens & Homestead		2,947.50	
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team		936.00	
Harborcreek Township		1,350.00	
Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church		7,065.00	
Humane Society of NWPA		7,074.00	
Impact Corry		3,472.79	
Jefferson Educational Society of Erie		15,000.00	
Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.		2,245.50	
Mercy Center for Women		4,059.00	
Orthodox Church of the Nativity	2,700.00	2,700.00	
Orthodox Church of the Nativity	(2,700.00)	(2,700.00)	
Presque Isle Light Station		1,011.15	
Presque Isle Partnership		4,990.50	
Saint Patrick Church		7,389.66	
SSJ Neighborhood Network		5,031.16	
Union City Pride		946.13	
Waterford Community Fair Association		8,685.00	
Wattsburg Agricultural Society		12,651.75	
YMCA of Greater Erie		330.75	
Young Artists Debut Orchestra		4,366.80	
			<u>186,315.20</u>

SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Summer Jobs & More

0.00

Total Funds Disbursements	417,307.06	1,758,136.44	<u>1,758,136.44</u>
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		<u>May</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>	<u>Original Commitment</u>
Committed Funds:				
N&C	Renaissance Block 2018			
	1 Academy Neighborhood Association		11,250.00	22,500.00
	SSJ Neighborhood Network		7,000.00	70,000.00
	2 Bayfront Eastside Taskforce		25,000.00	50,000.00
	ServErie		29,000.00	58,000.00
	Renaissance Block 2022			
	Borough of Edinboro		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Our West Bayfront		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Renaissance Block 2023			
	Borough of Edinboro		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Borough of Union City		50,000.00	100,000.00
	Anchor Building			
	19 Impact Corry	(60,000.00)	0.00	75,000.00
	20 Borough of Union City		15,000.00	64,375.00
	Mission Main Street 2022			
	Downtown North East		87,500.00	175,000.00
	Edinboro Community & Economic Development		62,500.00	125,000.00
	Our West Bayfront		125,000.00	125,000.00
MUN	Multi-Municipal Collaboration			
	21 Borough of North East		50,000.00	100,000.00
SB	Beehive Network			
	Community Enterprise Financing Loan			
	Small Business Ecosystem			
	Impact Corry		87,500.00	175,000.00
PP	Pilot Program			
Y&E	Shaping Tomorrow			
	Summer Jobs 2023		25,002.51	150,000.00
	Summer Jobs 2024		200,000.00	200,000.00
	Empower Erie - Community College		220,000.00	400,000.00
Total Committed Funds		(60,000.00)	1,144,752.51	2,189,875.00
 ARPA Transformative Funds				
	Subawards	50,000.00	764,857.99	3,622,025.00
	Contracted Services	5,500.00	5,500.00	273,274.00
	Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	93,406.00
	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	11,295.00
		55,500.00	770,357.99	4,000,000.00
Total ARPA Funds				

Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority
Transaction List Detail
May 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/02/2024	EFT	AmeriMasala	2024 Special Events	-1,683.00
05/02/2024	EFT	Erie County Bar Association	2024 Special Events	-2,250.00
05/02/2024	EFT	MaherDuessel, CPA	2023-24 Audit	-12,000.00
05/02/2024	EFT	Orthodox Church of the Nativity	2024 Special Events	-2,700.00
05/02/2024	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	RAM Upgrade	-47.99
05/03/2024	EFT	VISA	2024 April Visa Statement	-349.28
05/03/2024	EFT	Altair Real Estate	2024 May Rent	-1,677.50
05/06/2024	EFT	The Hartford	2024 May Disability	-109.39
05/07/2024	EFT	Summit Township	2024 Q1 Settlement Payment	-31,245.83
05/07/2024	EFT	Greene Township	2024 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,637.86
05/07/2024	EFT	McKean Township	2024 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,637.86
05/07/2024	EFT	Millcreek Township	2024 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,637.86
05/07/2024	EFT	Waterford Township	2024 Q1 Settlement Payment	-7,637.86
05/07/2024	EFT	Erie County	2024 Q1 Settlement payment	-7,637.86
05/07/2024	EFT	Parker Philips	2024 May Professional Servies	-3,000.00
05/07/2024	EFT	Velocity Network, Inc.	2024 May Phone/IT	-937.94
05/07/2024	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 5/17/24	-759.60
05/08/2024	EFT	Highmark Health Insurance	2024 May Health Insurance	-3,745.24
05/09/2024	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	04/20/24 to 05/03/2024 Payroll	-10,016.37
05/09/2024	EFT	Fidelity Investments	04/20/24 to 05/03/24 Simple IRA	-250.00
05/23/2024	EFT	ECCA, Inc.	05/04/2024 to 05/17/2024 Payroll	-10,016.37
05/24/2024	EFT	PMRS	Pay Ending 5/3/24	-759.60
05/24/2024	EFT	Albion Area Fair, Inc.	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-7,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Community Resources for Independence	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-3,138.93
05/24/2024	EFT	Dafmark Dance Theater	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-10,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Downtown North East, Inc.	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-12,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	East Side Renaissance Inc	2022 Anchor Building - 1st Installment	-50,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Edinboro University Foundation	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-5,500.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-13,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Erie Art Company	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-5,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Erie Arts & Music Festival	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-12,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Erie Yesterday	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-14,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Erie's Black Wall Street	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-12,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Film Society of Northwestern PA	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-10,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Lake Erie Fanfare, Inc.	2024 community Assets - ACH	-12,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Heberle's Heartstrings	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-1,500.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Impact Corry	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-11,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Impact Corry	2019 Anchor Building - Final Payment	-60,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Messiah Lutheran Church	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-5,000.00

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Transaction List Detail
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Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
05/24/2024	EFT	Tom M. Maggio	2024 Q1 Travel, Phone	-279.68
05/24/2024	EFT	Waterford Community Fair Association	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-13,500.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Wattsburg Agricultural Society	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-11,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	WQLN Public Media	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-13,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	YMCA of Corry	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-7,000.00
05/24/2024	EFT	Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-15,000.00
05/28/2024	EFT	Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	2024 May Copier Lease	-345.95
05/29/2024	EFT	The Hartford	2024 June Disability Insurance	-109.39
05/29/2024	EFT	Friends of the Erie County Library	Great American Book Sale	-250.00
05/29/2024	EFT	Triangle DAR	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-10,000.00
05/29/2024	EFT	Hornby School Restoration Society	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-6,300.00
05/29/2024	EFT	Veterans Miracle Center Erie	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-15,000.00
05/29/2024	EFT	Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett	2024 May Legal	-1,008.00
05/29/2024	EFT	AmeriMasala	2024 Community Assets - ACH	-10,000.00
05/29/2024	EFT	Erie Bank	Service Charge	-35.00

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 ERIE COUNTY GAMING
 Account Number: #####-####-8643
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VISA

SCORECARD CASHBACK CURRENT BALANCE \$0.00 CASHBACK PAYOUT DATE 05/15/2024

Account Summary

Billing Cycle	04/09/2024
Days In Billing Cycle	30
Previous Balance	\$1,147.08
Purchases	+ \$349.28
Cash	+ \$0.00
Balance Transfers	+ \$0.00
Special	+ \$0.00
Credits	- \$0.00
Payments	- \$1,147.08
Other Charges	+ \$0.00
Finance Charges	+ \$0.00

NEW BALANCE \$349.28

Credit Summary

Total Credit Line	\$40,000.00
Available Credit Line	\$39,650.72
Available Cash	\$39,650.72
Amount Over Credit Line	\$0.00
Amount Past Due	\$0.00
Disputed Amount	\$0.00

Account Inquiries

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Payment Summary

NEW BALANCE \$349.28

MINIMUM PAYMENT \$349.28

PAYMENT DUE DATE 05/04/2024

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

Corporate Activity

Trans Date	Post Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
04/02	04/02	1629240939	INTERNET PMT-THANK YOU	\$1,147.08-

Cardholder Account Summary

TAMMI MICHALI ##### 9468	Payments & Other Credits \$0.00	Purchases & Other Charges \$349.28	Cash Advances \$0.00	Total Activity \$349.28
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Cardholder Account Detail

Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
03/11	03/12	PBUS01	24226384072400007809479	SAMSClub #6675 ERIE PA	\$48.90
03/11	03/12	PBUS01	24137464072600221721537	WEGMANS #075 ERIE PA	\$44.85
03/18	03/19	PBUS01	24137464079001321014860	USPS PO 4125410006 ERIE PA	\$2.83
03/22	03/24	PBUS01	24492164082000033050790	WWW.ROBLY.COM HTTPSWWW.ROBL TX	\$153.00

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04/09/24

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Payment Due**

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Payment Due Date

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Trans Date	Post Date	Plan Name	Reference Number	Description	Amount
04/02	04/03	PBUS01	24692164093100999317202	AMZN Mktp US*HJ9NO9QL3 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$31.18 U.S.
04/06	04/07	PBUS01	24692164097104043937862	AMZN Mktp US*K311O5Y53 Amzn.com/bill WA	\$68.52 U.S.

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ScoreCard CashBack Earnings as of 04/08/2024

SCORECARD	Beginning Balance	Current Earned	CashBack Adjusted	Ending Balance	CashBack Payout Date
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	05/15/2024

Finance Charge Summary / Plan Level Information

Plan Name	Plan Description	FCM ¹	Average Daily Balance	Periodic Rate *	Corresponding APR	Finance Charges	Effective APR Fees **	Effective APR	Ending Balance
Purchases									
PBUS01 001	PURCHASE	E	\$0.00	1.02083%(M)	12.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$349.28
Cash									
CBUS01 001	CASH	G	\$0.00	1.02083%(M)	12.2500%(V)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$0.00

* Periodic Rate (M)=Monthly (D)=Daily

** includes cash advance and foreign currency fees

¹ FCM = Finance Charge Method

Days in Billing Cycle: 30

APR = Annual Percentage Rate

(V) = Variable Rate If you have a variable rate account the periodic rate and Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary.

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Final Details for Order #111-9959578-0821842

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Order Placed: April 1, 2024
Amazon.com order number: 111-9959578-0821842
Order Total: \$68.52

Shipped on April 2, 2024

Items Ordered	Price
1 of: <i>Swiss Miss Milk Chocolate Hot Cocoa, Keurig Single-Serve K-Cup Pods, 44 Count</i>	\$25.96
Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc	
Supplied by: Other	
Condition: New	

Shipping Address:
Perry N. Wood
5340 FRYLING RD STE 201
ERIE, PA 16510-4672
United States

Shipping Speed:
FREE Prime Delivery

Shipped on April 2, 2024

Items Ordered	Price
2 of: <i>Grove Square Tea, Chai Latte, 24 Single Serve Cups</i>	\$16.95
Sold by: Coffee Mocha (seller profile)	
Supplied by: Coffee Mocha (seller profile)	
Condition: New	

Shipping Address:
Perry N. Wood
5340 FRYLING RD STE 201
ERIE, PA 16510-4672
United States

Shipping Speed:
FREE Prime Delivery

Shipped on April 6, 2024

Items Ordered	Price
1 of: <i>Post-it Super Sticky Recycled Notes, 4x4 in, 6 Pads, 2x the Sticking Power, Bali Collection, Pastel Colors (Lavender, Apricot, Blue, Pink, Mint), 30% Recycled Paper (675-6SSNRP)</i>	\$11.37
Sold by: Amazon.com Services, Inc	
Supplied by: Other	
Condition: New	



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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
JUNE
2024**



Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
11:00am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway
Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

1. Erie Center for Arts & Technology (eCAT) Apprenticeship Concept
 - Daria Devlin
2. Community Assets – Arts, Culture, Heritage
 - 29 Applications
3. Good of the Order

- Total number of loans applications received, in underwriting with proposed closing dates and rejected.

c. Bi-Annual Performance Reports

(i) Bi-annual reports shall, at a minimum, indicate the following information pertaining to loans made pursuant to this Agreement:

- job creation/retention attributed to loans made pursuant to this Agreement;
- list of loan recipients by organization's name & contact person, or, if loan recipients object to public disclosure of their financial relationship with Bridgeway Capital, an anonymous but unique identifier and a non-identifying description of the recipient;

(ii) Performance reports shall be provided to ECGRA until such time that Bridgeway Capital has loaned all of the funding provided by ECGRA pursuant to this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the CDFI Note, and, until such point, shall be due on or before February 1st, and August 1st of each year.

d. Final performance report. Within 60 days of the Agreement Term or Termination (whichever is earliest), a final report shall be submitted containing all information included in the bi-annual report along with a summary of the final portfolio balance indicating how Bridgeway Capital met program objectives. The final performance report shall, at the request of the Executive Director, be accompanied by a presentation to the ECGRA Board.

6. ECGRA Grant in Event of Default by Bridgeway Capital Debtor. In the event a third party defaults (the "Third Party in Default") on a loan made by Bridgeway Capital pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (the "Sub-Note"), and after Bridgeway Capital undertakes commercially reasonable efforts to collect such outstanding debt from the Third Party in Default, the outstanding principal balance of the Sub-Note related to such debt in default and owed by the Third Party in Default, and reasonable costs of collection incurred by Bridgeway Capital, shall be forgiven by ECGRA to Bridgeway Capital (the "Forgiven Debt"). The Forgiven Debt shall be determined to have been a grant from ECGRA to Bridgeway Capital. The amount of principal of the unpaid Forgiven Debt shall be credited towards the total principal amount then outstanding under the terms of the Note between ECGRA and Bridgeway Capital. To initiate the transformation of the loan from ECGRA to Bridgeway Capital to a grant, Bridgeway Capital shall certify to ECGRA, in writing, the efforts made to collect on the debt and that the debt has been determined to be uncollectable. After such certification, if Bridgeway Capital collects on the debt in default, Bridgeway Capital shall remit total principal amount collected to ECGRA within sixty (60) days of such collection. For purposes of this Agreement, "commercially reasonable efforts to collect" shall take into account the financial condition of the borrower and the cost of collection, and shall not require legal action by Bridgeway Capital if Bridgeway Capital

concludes in its reasonable discretion that the debt is not collectable or that collection efforts would conflict with Bridgeway Capital's mission.

7. **Drawdown.** Bridgeway Capital shall submit to ECGRA a drawdown request on a weekly basis for the total value of each loan to be closed in the next week. The drawdown request shall be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. on Thursday of each week (the "Advance Request"). ECGRA shall review each Advance Request, and once approved, electronically transfer the funds to Bridgeway Capital no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday of each week.
8. **Federal or State Relief.** In the event that the federal or state government approves and issues a stimulus or other relief package in response to the COVID-19 national emergency, and such funds are distributed to Bridgeway Capital for the purpose of deployment to businesses and/or nonprofits, including those within Erie County, and the intent of those funds is to provide funding in a manner and for a purpose substantially similar to the funding provided by this Agreement, the CDFI Note and the Credit Agreement, ECGRA reserves the right to provide Bridgeway Capital with a ten (10) day written notice of cancellation of further distributions pursuant to this Agreement, the CDFI Note and the Credit Agreement. Any drawdown requests made by Bridgeway Capital prior to the issuance of the above referenced notice shall be processed by ECGRA.
9. **Default.** Failure to meet any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a Default by Bridgeway Capital. In the event of Default, ECGRA will shall utilize the Default procedures contained within the Credit Agreement and CDFI Note.
10. **Suspension and Termination.** If Bridgeway Capital fails to correct substandard performance and thus cure the Default within the period of time stated by ECGRA, the Agreement may be Suspended or Terminated at ECGRA's sole discretion pursuant to the terms and conditions of the CDFI Note and Credit Agreement.
11. **Cooperation.** Bridgeway Capital shall cooperate in every reasonable way with ECGRA to facilitate the purposes and intent of this Agreement. ECGRA shall cooperate in every reasonable way to facilitate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.
12. **Indemnification.** Bridgeway Capital hereby agrees to release, indemnify and hold ECGRA harmless from any claims, damages, losses, law suits, causes of action or demands arising out of the good faith provision of services by ECGRA hereunder, except to the extent that such claims, losses, lawsuits, causes of action or demands are based on the negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of ECGRA and/or its agents, employees, and/or personnel.
13. **Right-to-Know Law.** The Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 - 67.3104, applies to this Agreement. (the "RTKL"). Upon notification to Bridgeway Capital that ECGRA has received a request for records under the RTKL, Bridgeway Capital shall fully assist ECGRA in responding to the request. Such assistance shall include, at a minimum, providing ECGRA, within three (3) days, access to, and copies

Transaction Register

Net Loan Losses

Eff Date	Loan Number	Loan Group	Transaction Code	Transaction Description	Transaction Amount
02/22/2023	BC1-2020.097	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	440	Write Off Principal	3,843.29
08/31/2023	BC1-2020.032	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	440	Write Off Principal	14,784.98
09/01/2023	BC1-2020.032	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	644	Loan Loss Recovery	-461.08
10/01/2023	BC1-2020.032	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	644	Loan Loss Recovery	-461.08
11/01/2023	BC1-2020.032	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	644	Loan Loss Recovery	-461.08
12/01/2023	BC1-2020.032	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	644	Loan Loss Recovery	-461.08
01/19/2024	BC1-2020.091	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	440	Write Off Principal	16,009.66
02/29/2024	BC1-2020.042	ECGRA \$1.6mm PRI ENT	440	Write Off Principal	4,284.12
					37,077.73



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ECGRA Grants Enrich, Boost Erie County Quality of Place

*2024 Special Events and Arts, Culture, & Heritage Grants total
\$400,000*

Erie, PA (June 5, 2024) – The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) awarded \$200,337.88 in 2024 Special Events and \$235,383.93 in Community Assets – Arts, Culture, & Heritage Grant Programs today, totaling \$435,721.81. The funds will be distributed to 70 nonprofits and municipalities across Erie County.

“ECGRA works by investing in the organizations that preserve and enhance Erie County’s incredibly unique culture,” said Perry Wood, Executive Director of ECGRA. “These local organizations keep Erie communities and visitors coming together, while fostering a sense of pride and place. These investments simultaneously boost our economic and community energy – keeping Erie the best place we know to live, work, and play.”

The Special Events Grant Program, which funds up to 5% of events that take place within Erie County, promote the region economically and culturally. These grants 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.

Asbury Woods, the host of the event, was a recipient of this round of special event grants.

“ECGRA’s support of Asbury Woods events and trail improvement projects over the years have been instrumental to our mission to connect people to the natural world – Special event grants have helped us keep several community events free or very low cost to attend,”

said Jennifer Farrar, Executive Director of Asbury Woods. “Grants towards trails and parks projects have improved a trailhead south of our main entrance, and we are currently working on an ECGRA-funded project to digitize our trail map that will provide real-time location data as you walk the trails and dynamic interpretive information to enhance your visitor experience to Asbury Woods.

“We are grateful for the support to Asbury Woods and the hundreds of organizations and projects ECGRA has supported.”

The Community Assets – Arts, Culture, and Heritage Grant Program is an investment that encourages entrepreneurship and innovation, enables communities to engage in creative placemaking, plays an integral role in attracting new residents and businesses by elevating the quality of life, and protects what is unique to Erie County.

WQLN Public Media, which runs *The Chronicles*, the immersive documentary series that takes a deep dive into what makes the Lake Erie region remarkable, both past and present, was a recipient of this round of arts, culture, & heritage grants.

“A multi-faceted show like WQLN’s *Chronicles* would not be possible without the support of organizations like ECGRA,” said Michael Berlin, WQLN Executive Producer of the *Chronicles*. “Thanks to ECGRA’s contributions, WQLN is able to extend its marketing to various platforms so that we can reach a greater audience and make them aware of the show, while also helping the show’s producing team to contract various local talent, so that the show can feature other creatives to help tell the stories and preserve Erie’s history.

“Thanks to ECGRA’s generosity, *Chronicles* is capable of paying it forward and provide Erie’s artists a space to do what they love while helping to educate about the region we call home.”

An impact investing organization, ECGRA's mission is to empower the nonprofit sector, municipal governments, and economic development agencies to revitalize Erie County. ECGRA is endowed with local share gaming revenue from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania via the Horse Race Gaming Act. Local share gaming revenue is an assessment of the licensed gambling industry in Pennsylvania. ECGRA administers Local Share Gaming Revenue Authority on behalf of Erie County government.

Below is a breakdown of the 2024 Special Events Grants and Community Assets – Arts, Culture, & Heritage Grants that were awarded:

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS		
Organization Name	Event	Amount Awarded

Albion Area Fair	Albion Area Fair	\$13,700.25
Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System	PA Business Week in Erie County	\$2,700.00
AmeriMasala	AmeriMasala	\$1,683.00
Asbury Woods Partnership	2024 Series of Events	\$3,363.73
Borough of Edinboro	Boro with the Works	\$1,507.50
Borough of Girard	Dan Rice Days	\$572.93
Borough of Union City	UCPD National Night Out 2024	\$207.00
Borough of Wesleyville	Wesleyville Community Days	\$869.40
CAFE	Celebrate Erie/Lights over Lake Erie	\$15,000.00
Crime Victim Center of Erie County	2024 Events	\$3,313.85
Downtown North East	Winefest 2024	\$3,044.70
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundations	Barber National Institute Events 2024	\$12,516.08
Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	Downtown Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	\$3,420.00
Edinboro University Foundation	202 Highland Games & Scottish Festival	\$2,553.75
Erie Arts & Music Festival	2024 Erie's Blues & Jazz Festival	\$5,130.00
Erie County Bar Association	2024 ECBA Law Day	\$2,250.00
Erie Homes for Children & Adults	Golden Gatsby Gala/Partners in Dance/Unspoken Symphony	\$3,288.60
Erie Latino Leadership Association	Fiesta on the Square	\$1,391.18
Erie Lions Club Save An Eye Fund	86th Annual Save An Eye All-Star Football Game	\$1,125.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	2024 Erie Homecoming	\$4,500.00
Erie Roller Derby	Bayside Bruisefest	\$364.14
Erie United Methodist Alliance	Ride for the Refuge, EUMA Golf Tournament, Ruck the Bay	\$3,150.00
Erie-Western PA Port Authority	8 Great Tuesdays	\$5,652.90
Film Society of NWPA	Eerie Horror Fest	\$5,458.50
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2024 Series of Events	\$2,947.50
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team	2024 Community Events	\$936.00
Harborcreek Township	Concert in the Park, Light Up Night	\$1,350.00
Holy Trinity RC Church	31st Annual Zabawa Polish Festival	\$7,065.00
Humane Society of NWPA	The Mutt Gala, Rock & Rescue, Trails & Tails 5K, Paws for Patriots Golf Outing	\$7,074.00
Impact Corry	CorryFest Chainsaw Carving Festival	\$3,472.79
Jefferson Educational Society	JES Programming/Global Summit	\$15,000.00

Lake Erie Fanfare	28th Annual German Heritage Festival	\$2,245.50
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	Panegyri	\$7,375.50
Mercy Center for Women	2024 Events Lineup	\$4,059.00
Nonprofit Partnership, The	23rd Annual Keystone Nonprofit Conference	\$3,947.18
Orthodox Church of the Nativity	Troika Festival 2024	\$2,700.00
Presque Isle Light Station	2024 Season of Events	\$1,011.15
Presque Isle Partnership	2024 Events	\$4,990.50
Saint Patrick's Church	Erie Irish Festival	\$7,389.66
SSJ Neighborhood Network	St. Paul's Italian Festival	\$5,031.16
Union City Action	French Creek Festival 2024	\$946.13
Waterford Community Fair Association	2024 Waterford Community Fair	\$8,685.00
Wattsburg Agricultural Society. Inc.	Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	\$12,651.75
YMCA of Greater Erie	Senior Fun Day 2024	\$330.75
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2024 Series of Events	\$4,366.80
TOTAL		\$200,337.88

2024 ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE		
Organization	Project	Amount Awarded
Albion Area Fair	Vegetable Building Renovation	\$7,000.00
AmeriMasala	The AmeriMasala	\$10,000.00
Community Resources for Independence	Inclusive Beautification Project	\$3,138.93
Dafmark Dance Theatre	Creative Arts Center at Horan Garden Apartments	\$10,000.00
Downtown North East	2024 Enjoy North East Events	\$12,000.00
Edinboro Arts & Music Festival	Edinboro Arts & Music Fest	\$13,000.00
Edinboro University Foundation	Highland Games and Scottish Festival	\$5,500.00
Erie Art Company	Washington Irving Literary Festival	\$5,000.00
Erie Arts & Music Festival	2024 Erie Blues & Jazz Festival	\$12,000.00
Erie Yesterday	Collaboration of Eight Historical Organizations	\$14,000.00
Erie's Black Wall Street	Juneteenth Weekend Celebration	\$12,000.00
Film Society of NWPA	Eerie Horror Fest	\$10,000.00

Heberle's Heartstrings	Jason Heberle's Memorial Open Mic Competitions	\$1,500.00
Hornby School Restoration Society	Museum Structure, Window, and Outdoor Classroom Improvements	\$6,300.00
Impact Corry	Creatively Making Places in Corry	\$11,000.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	41st Season of Drum Corps Activities	\$12,000.00
Messiah Lutheran Church	Wesleyville Community Garden	\$5,000.00
Springfiled Township	Racoon Park Fundraiser	\$1,445.00
Triangle Chapter DAR	North East Revolutionary War Soldier's Memorial	\$10,000.00
Veterans Miracle Center	VMCE Good360 Community Redistribution Partner Program	\$15,000.00
Waterford Community Fair Association	Grandstand and Building Renovations	\$13,500.00
Wattsburg Agricultural Society	South End Restrooms (Home Show Building)	\$11,000.00
WQLN Public Media	Chronicles Docuseries: Season 3	\$13,000.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	20th Anniversary Season	\$15,000.00
YMCA of Corry	CorryFest Chainsaw Carving Festival	\$7,000.00
TOTAL		\$235,383.93

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EGRA
Tom Maggio, Grants Manager
5340 Fryling Rd., Suite 201
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Tom and the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority,

On behalf of the entire team at the YMCA of Corry, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent approval of the Arts, Culture, & Heritage Grant request, and contribution to our Corry Fest Chainsaw Carving Festival. Your generosity has made a significant impact on our organization and the community we serve.

Your support plays a crucial role in enabling us to continue our mission of our mission in promoting health and wellness through recreational activities at the YMCA /celebrating local artistry and fostering community spirit through the Chainsaw Carving Festival. It is because of partners like you that we are able to provide youth development programs to those in need.

Your donation to our Chainsaw Carving Festival demonstrates your commitment to supporting local artisans and our community events. We are truly honored to have your support and partnership in our endeavors.

Furthermore, your contribution has not only made a difference in our organization but has also touched the lives of countless individuals within our community. Your investment in our cause will have a lasting impact, empowering us to continue making positive changes and fostering a brighter future for all.

Once again, we extend our sincerest appreciation for your generosity and belief in our mission. We are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with you and look forward to the possibility of future partnerships.

With warm regards,

Michele A. Brady
CEO
mbrady@ymcaofcorry.org



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May 7, 2024

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

Dear Perry,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, and everyone involved at ECGRA for sponsoring our 2024 programs and events listed below:

- Luminaria
- Maple Festival
- Arbor Day
- Monday Music in the Woods
- Tour de West County
- Wine and Dine in the Woods
- Fish Field Day
- Winnie the Pooh Event
- Scary Creature Feature
- Winter Wonderland

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.

Again, thank you. I hope to see you in the woods, on the trails, or at one of our events soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Farrar, CFRE
Executive Director

*Many thanks!
Hope to see you soon.*

Asbury Woods Partnership is a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) organization which received your contribution of **\$3,363.73 on 04/16/2024**. 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.**

Perry Wood

From: Shawn Luikart <shawnluikart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:56 PM
To: Perry Wood
Subject: Appreciation for Support from Beehive (PennWest)

External Sender - From: (Shawn Luikart <shawnluikart@yahoo.com>)

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Dear Perry Wood and ECGR Staff,

I hope this email finds you all in good spirits. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for the support we've received through the Beehive organization (PennWest).

Working with the talented college students from PennWest has been an absolute delight. Their dedication, creativity, and expertise have far surpassed our expectations. From crafting our logo to developing our website, they have been instrumental in helping us establish a strong foundation for our startup business.

As a startup with limited resources and technology know-how, the assistance provided by the Beehive organization and students has been invaluable. Their passion for our project and commitment to delivering exceptional results have made our journey as a startup entrepreneur much smoother and more fulfilling.

We are immensely grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with Beehive (PennWest) and for the support they have provided us along the way. Their project not only benefits us but also highlights the importance of community support in nurturing the talents and aspirations of young students. Thank you for your dedication to the growth and vitality of our community.

Warm regards,
Shawn Luikart
Jennifer Luikart
Owners
814-679-4059



EMMCO West, Inc.

Northwestern PA EMS Council

May 13, 2024

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

Dear Mr. Wood,

On behalf of the entire team at EMMCO West, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous support and sponsorship of the 2024 EMS Symposiums on the Streets held over the past four months. Your contribution played a pivotal role in making the event a resounding success and ensuring that our Pennsylvania EMTs and paramedics received valuable education and training.

The EMS Symposiums on the Streets served as a vital platform for professionals in our field to come together, exchange knowledge, and enhance their skills to better serve our communities. Your commitment to supporting educational initiatives within the EMS community demonstrates your dedication to the advancement of prehospital care and safety.

Thanks to your support, attendees had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of informative workshops, hands-on training sessions, and engaging lectures led by esteemed industry experts. The knowledge gained from these sessions will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the quality of care provided by our EMS personnel across the state.

We are truly grateful for your partnership and the meaningful difference it has made in the lives of Pennsylvania EMTs and paramedics. Your ongoing support is invaluable as we continue to strive for excellence in prehospital emergency medical services.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering dedication to our EMS community. We look forward to the possibility of working together again in the future to further our shared mission of saving lives and improving patient outcomes.

Warm regards,

William D. McClincy, Executive Director
EMMCO West, Inc.

SUMMER UPDATE

WARM WEATHER MEANS LOTS OF WORK IN THE EAST BAYFRONT

\$5,000 HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Your property is eligible.

- Funding available through the Bayfront East Side Taskforce.
- Must be a residential property located between Front St. to 6th and Holland to Parade.
- For exterior improvements only (windows, roofing, doors, facade, siding, etc.)
- Can be combined with other grants.
- 1:1 matching grant.



RENAISSANCE BLOCK EXTERIOR REPAIRS GRANTS

- As a recipient of ECGRA's Renaissance Block Grant, B.E.S.T. oversees the distribution of grant funds to eligible property owners to assist with external improvements to their homes.
- In addition to nearly 40 inquiries and applications, B.E.S.T. has been able to assist several homeowners in applying for the Redevelopment Authority's Healthy Homes Grants so that they will be able to remain safely in their homes.
- Qualifying residents are still encouraged to apply! Please contact B.E.S.T. for more information.

THANK YOU ERIE INSURANCE!

- On May 10, 2024, more than fifty volunteers from Erie Insurance spent the day in the Historic East Bayfront assisting with a variety of projects, largely benefitting senior residents.
- From landscaping to painting, installing fence caps, placing paver stones, and weeding, the E.I. volunteers were tremendously productive and accomplished a lot that will benefit the neighborhood.



UPMC Health Plan and the City of Erie will be sponsoring the 814 Concert Series, again, this year! Join us at Nate Levy Park on July 28!

COMING SOON: LIGHTS ON!

- As part of our Safe Routes to Parks Action Plan, B.E.S.T. will be starting a Lights On! initiative to improve neighborhood safety by encouraging residents to leave their porch lights on at night.
- And, if they would like, we'll provide and install a light-sensor LED bulb for their exterior lights.
- We'll also provide info on who to call if a street light is out.
- More info to come!

B.E.S.T. MAKES ERIE BETTER!



Interested in volunteering for a neighborhood cleanup or to help with home improvement projects? Contact us at volunteer@besterie.org. Make sure you include your name and contact information in your message.

LOCAL

Erie's summer youth jobs program starting 2024 season. How teens can apply

**A.J. Rao**

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Connecting young people to local businesses and industries can play a critical role in building careers – and, in turn, boosting the local economy.

That's the philosophy behind the Erie County Earn and Learn program, a collaborative effort between county government, the **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority** and the Greater Erie Community Action Committee.

The program, a retooled version of the Summer Jobs and More (JAM) program, provides job readiness training, career exploration and employment opportunities for Erie County youth throughout the year.

Erie County Executive Brenton Davis and GECAC Executive Director Danny Jones kicked off another season of the program Tuesday, informing the public that applications are now being accepted.

"This program is designed to tackle the shortage of workers for local employers while providing on-the-job opportunities for different youth and career pathways," Davis told reporters at the Erie County Courthouse.

"We believe in the importance of investing – one, in our youth, and (also) investing in developing our local industrial clusters and investing in opportunities right here in Erie County."

Who's eligible?

Participants must be Erie County residents, ages 14-21, whose family income is within 250% of federal poverty guidelines, according to GECAC, which administers the program.

What do participants do?

The program hosts 150 participants.

Tier 1 includes youth, ages 14-17, who have no work experience. This group will focus on job readiness training and soft skills like time management and teamwork.

Tier 2 includes youth, ages 18-21, with previous job experience or who are career oriented. This group will focus on existing career opportunities in Erie County.

Tier 1 participants will earn \$8.25 an hour. Tier 2 participants will earn \$10 an hour. In both cases, a successful evaluation could mean a pay raise.

"In previous years, many students have used these funds towards helping their families or helping themselves for school or school supplies," Earn and Learn Director Jamilia Gates said.

Youth are matched with employers based on employer specifications, geographic proximity and availability of reliable transportation for youth, according to GECAC.

Gates said jobs encompass a variety of sectors to include childcare, food service, community centers, receptionist work and helping small businesses.

Opportunities have also been available at Erie Insurance, Gannon University, the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, the Martin Luther King Center and the Booker T. Washington Center, Gates said.

Since GECAC will now cover all wages, payroll taxes and worker's compensation for Tier 1 participants, more job opportunities might be available, Gates added.

How to apply?

Applications are available on the GECAC website at gecac.org.

The youth application deadline is May 31.

At the end of the application, applicants will have the ability to schedule an appointment with the Earn and Learn staff to complete the rest of their application.

For more information, contact Gates at 814-459-4581 ext. 407 or email earnlearn@gecac.org.

Summer JAM becomes Earn and Learn: Youth Summer JAM becomes 'Earn and Learn' workforce development program

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UC OKs 8 Renaissance Grants; application process reopened

BY MARYANN MOOK
Correspondent

Eight more residences in Union City Borough will get some sprucing up thanks to a Renaissance Grant provided by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA).

Borough Council, during its May 14 meeting, approved eight applications for Renaissance Grant funds.

All applications were approved based on the fact that improvements to the properties made with the funds will help in the borough's fight against blight.

The total amount of the applications was \$25,260.58. The money is from Round Two of a \$100,000 grant for the 2023-24 cycle.

"We have more than

enough money to cover this project," Wells said. "Approving these applications leaves about \$18,400."

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.

Because there is money left in the funds, applications will again be accepted.

"There are some funds remaining for the Renaissance Grant, so the application process has been reopened," Wells said.

Applications will be accepted for residential properties on West High Street,

South Street, the Avenues, North Main Street, South Main Street, East High Street and Route 97 within the borough limits.

There are not any income requirements, but those requesting a grant must fill out an application. The application process is open and runs through June 21. 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 downspouts; exterior lighting; porches, stairs and steps; painting, siding and shutters; and chimney and masonry repairs.

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Grants

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

All grant applications must

be approved by Union City Borough Council.

The guidelines and applications are available online at unioncitypa.us or at the Union City Borough Office, 13 S. Main St., during normal business hours.

For more information, call the borough office at 814-438-2331.

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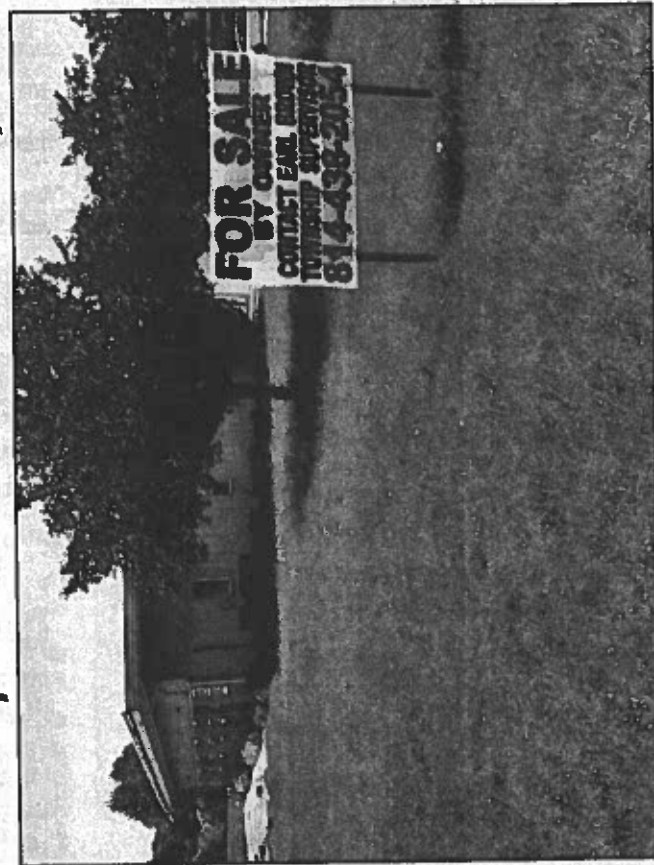
Union Township "on the move" with purchase of new building

BY STEVE BISHOP
Contributing writer

After spending the better part of 70 years operating out of their current municipal building on Route 6 just south of the Union City Borough line, the Union Township Supervisors have the township literally on the move.

The township late last year culminated nearly two years of negotiations with Texas-based Tetra Technologies by purchasing two buildings sitting on approximately 6.2 acres the oil-and-gas services firm had previously operated out of, but that had sat vacant in recent years. The property is only a few hundred yards south of the current township building, across Route 8 from Union City Elementary School.

The \$200,000 purchase was finalized in November by the late Dennis Triscuit, a longtime township supervisor who recently passed away, and who referred to the newly acquired property as being the township's future "fore-



Contributed photo

The Union Township Supervisors are accepting sealed bids for this 2,400-square-foot building, sitting on eight-tenths of an acre just south of Union City Borough on Route 8.

ever home." The township Authority. The newly acquired property includes two buildings on 5.4 acres, will ultimately house the township's ad-

ministration and highway maintenance operation. The smaller building, which the township recently put up for sale, contains 2,400 square feet on eight-tenths of an acre. Proceeds from the sale of the smaller building will be used to begin renovating the larger building, to allow for the township operation's eventual relocation.

The smaller building has housed various enterprises over the years, and was last used as office space by Tetra Technologies. The larger building, which will house the township's operations, was originally constructed by the state in the 1990s for use as a vehicle emissions inspection station, but was never used for that purpose.

When renovations to the larger building reach the point where the township can relocate from its current building, the supervisors will also put the existing township building on the market, and use the proceeds from that sale to complete any additional re-

novations required at the new building.

The township already has a leg up on the funding it needs to begin renovating its new building, thanks to a \$50,000 "Community Facilities" grant recently awarded to the township by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA). ECGRA administers a variety of grant programs using funds generated at Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Summit Township. While Union City Borough has been the recipient of several ECGRA grants in recent years, this is the first the township has applied for, and the first it's been awarded.

The township was required to "match" the ECGRA grant with \$16,500 in local funds, and successfully applied recently to the Union City Community Foundation for half the match, or \$8,250. As a result, Union Township only has to provide the remaining \$8,250 to bring the initial pool of available renovation funds to \$66,500.

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Buildings

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The township is already putting an initial slate of renovations together for the new building using those funds, and will expand the work scope when it sells the smaller adjacent building. That initial scope of work is expected to include plumbing, electrical, heating, drywall, paint and ceilings in what will be the new building's public space.

Renovations will also ultimately include expanding the size of the building's vehicle openings, including new garage doors, to accommodate the township's trucks, plows and other vehicles and equipment. While the new building's square footage is only slightly larger than the township's existing building, the configuration of that space makes it more easily usable.

The township supervisors will accept sealed proposals for the smaller building until its next meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. The property's appraised value is \$103,000, and the supervisors at their recent May meeting rejected a purchase proposal of approximately \$65,000.

Township Supervisor Earl "E.J." Brown is making himself available to show the property to interested parties, and said the supervisors are hopeful for a quick sale that would fund sufficient renovations to the new building allowing the township to relocate before next winter.

"If we can get things shifted and get that additional funding (from selling the adjacent property), yes," he said of the goal to move in by winter. Brown can be reached at 438-2054.

Supervisors say relocation from the current township building will solve a number of longstanding issues, including that in order for the township's trucks and other

heavy equipment to access the rear garage doors, those vehicles must swing over adjacent private property.

The township does not have sufficient space in its garage for all of its vehicles and equipment, meaning the township has had to lease off-site space. Not having all of its vehicles and equipment at one location reduces the township's operational efficiency.

The township also does not have sufficient space for all of its highway maintenance materials in one location, further reducing its efficiency. The current township building sits on approximately 1.5 acres, compared to the 5.4 acres connected to the new building. In addition, the township's current location is not secured by a fence, which has resulted in some past thefts of materials, while the new property is fenced.

Finally, the township's current office and meeting space is limited, and doesn't have restrooms compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new facility will provide for more suitable accommodations for election voting, provide potential meeting space for community groups, give the township the capability of providing an emergency shelter, and provide a more suitable space for an incident command center for emergency service providers when the need arises. It is those purposes for which the township received the ECGRA grant.

Brown said the township supervisors, which include Supervisor Chairman Brian Gregor and the recently appointed Chip Webster, are grateful for the support of ECGRA and the Union City Community Foundation.

"The community is very supportive," he said of the Union City area. "We are very, very fortunate to have these opportunities."

RESOLUTION NUMBER 13, 2024

Resolution to enter into agreement with one (1) entity as the recipient of the 2024 Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant, Round 1

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of local government in developing a strong economy and community; and

Whereas, ECGRA seeks to use gaming funds as a catalyst for municipalities to coordinate and cooperate with one another in the provisioning of services to achieve efficiencies, economies of scale, and innovation of modern governmental processes;

Whereas, ECGRA believes that active collaboration through councils of governments, authorities, intergovernmental associations and nonprofits coordinating such activities are key strategies in economic development; and

Whereas, the one (1) recipient is identified as the following applicant:
Jefferson Educational Society;

Whereas, the eligible applicant is awarded a grant totaling \$100,000 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 agreement with one (1) recipient of the Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grant so they may flourish, create an economic impact on the region and continue to improve upon local government on behalf of the people of Erie County.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 20th day of June, 2024 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 20, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



2024 Multi-Municipal Collaboration

Round 1

Lead Organization	Collaborators	Amount Awarded	Project Description
Jefferson Educational Society	Millcreek Township, Harborcreek Township, City of Corry	\$ 100,000	Jefferson Alliance for Community Progress (JACP)
	Total Requested	\$ 100,000	

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14, 2024

Resolution to enter into agreements with six (6) entities that comprise the recipients of the 2024 Renaissance Block Program

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, ECGRA's mission of economic and community development recognizes the importance of reinvigorating neighborhoods and main corridors, combatting blight, and maintaining a strong housing market; and

Whereas, ECGRA seeks to use gaming funds as a catalyst to address and reverse housing blight in Erie County;

Whereas, ECGRA believes that community efforts to remove housing blight and reverse deterioration will incentivize and spur private investment, make neighborhoods and communities more walkable, safe and attractive, increase market values of homes, and improve the municipal tax base; and

Whereas, the six (6) recipients are identified as the following primary applicants: Bayfront Eastside Taskforce, Borough of Edinboro, Borough of North East, Borough of Union City, Downtown Girard, and Impact Corry;

Whereas, the eligible applicants are awarded grants totaling \$560,000 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 six (6) recipients of the Renaissance Block Program so the communities served may flourish, create an economic impact on the region and continue to improve upon local neighborhoods on behalf of the people of Erie County.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 20th day of June 2024 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 20, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA



2024 Renaissance Block

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Representative</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Amount Approved</i>
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	Jeremy Bloeser	Historic East Bayfront Renaissance 2.0 Expansion	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Jason Spangenberg	Edinboro Renaissance Block Program	\$100,000.00	\$80,000.00
Borough of North East	Patrick Gehrlein	Building Blocks III	\$100,000.00	\$80,000.00
Borough of Union City	Cindy Wells	Renaissance Grant 2024-2025	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Downtown Girard	Jeanne Miller	Church Street & Rice Avenue Neighborhood Revitalization	\$100,000.00	\$80,000.00
Impact Corry	Charles Gray	Trestore Corry's Core - Round 5	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
		Total Requests	\$600,000.00	\$540,000.00

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15, 2024

Resolution to Adopt the 2023-24 Annual Report

Whereas, ECGRA was formed to oversee and administer the investment and distribution of gaming funds in Erie County, Pennsylvania;

Whereas, the ECGRA Board of Directors and staff have effectively executed on all legal agreements, designed grant guidelines and an application process that is fair, open and transparent for multiple grant categories;

Whereas, ECGRA has funded ninety-eight (98) nonprofits and municipalities in the 2023-24 fiscal year totaling an investment of \$5,263,947.32 in Erie County;

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 present an Annual Report to the community detailing the funding categories, nonprofits and municipalities that were funded, the amount they received in funding and the results of that funding, to the extent outlined in the attached Exhibit "A".

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 20th day of June 2024 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 20, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA

Explore how #ECGRAWorks for #OurErie.

“ECGRA is fulfilling in its mission and purpose and has won national recognition and has been referred to as the national model.”

- Former Mayor of Erie Joyce Savocchio



MISSION:

An impact investor, ECGRA's mission is to elevate Erie County by empowering nonprofits and small businesses toward economic and community development.

ECGRA Board of Directors

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Perry Wood, Executive Director

Tom Maggio, AICP, Grants Manager

Tammi Michali, Executive Assistant

ASSETS

Checking: \$21,979.88

Savings: \$18,740,828.95

Accounts Receivable: \$6,246,725.03

Prepaid Expenses: \$14,642.63

Total Assets: \$25,024,176.49

EQUITY

Begin: \$18,824,159.57

Net Income: \$899,210.42



"I was taught by Perry and the people that work for ECGRA how to be fiscally responsible, how to run a nonprofit program, and to grow this program to what it is today."

- Lt. Thomas Lennox, Executive Director, Erie Police Athletic League

WHO played a role in creating ECGRA?

The Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act was passed by lawmakers in 2004 to greatly benefit Pennsylvanians by ensuring gaming jobs and gaming revenue aid local organizations and residents.

Because of this act, Erie County receives 1% of the annual slot machine gross revenue of Presque Isle Downs and Casino and returns it to Erie residents — known as local share gaming revenue. Erie County government receives the first half for county government operations and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) gets the second half to invest in projects and initiatives that invigorate Erie County's economy.

Multiple dynamic leaders in Erie County, including then State Senator Jane Earl, pushed to create an independent Public Authority to manage the funds. In 2008, Erie County Council established ECGRA.

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I didn't know much about ECGRA when I became the liaison, but I can tell you I learned real quick that they had their stuff together and that they were innovative.

*- Jay Breneman,
Former County Councilman, District 4*

WHAT is **impact investing**?

The ECGRA Board of Directors are charged with administering gaming funds through municipal grants and serving as Erie County Council's economic development authority. In the first year, the board went straight to work and seized on that opportunity, creating real, meaningful, and lasting impact in our community.

In 2011, the ECGRA board hired economic development practitioner Perry Wood to serve as executive director. Wood was charged with innovating and bringing to fruition a framework that uses gaming funds for impact investment, grants and loans in Erie County.

Impact investing is intentional investing — working to create a positive impact and directly benefit communities — without the use of taxpayer dollars.

Following the lead of respected foundations across the U.S, in 2014, Wood and the board of directors adopted an Impact Investing Policy and began investing gaming funds to drive social, cultural, and environmental change, as well as reap financial returns that help ensure Erie County's local share gaming revenue gives back to local residents in perpetuity.

Today, ECGRA is making impact investments in five key areas:



Youth & Education

Quality of Place

**Neighborhoods &
Communities**

Municipalities

Small Business

HOW does **#ECGRAWork?**

By working to build and improve a better future for all Erie County municipalities, non-profit organizations, small businesses, and residents, ECGRA strategically invests local share gaming funds for community and municipal economic development.

By utilizing gaming funds to fuel economic growth and build community, ECGRA has created an accessible and transparent process for consistent engagement with organizations countywide that has a significant economic impact throughout Erie County and Pennsylvania.

Since #ECGRA's inception in 2008, it has dedicated nearly \$82 million to impact investments through grants and loans that touch every corner of Erie County.



"We receive funding from a number of grantors. ECGRA is among the best organized and efficient to work with. We appreciate the standardization of application and budgets, the straightforward reporting structure, and the fact that every contract and reporting document can be accessed in a moment online."

- Heather Caspar – Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network

WHY does **#ECGRAWork?**

1.

PUBLIC INPUT

via plans and listening tours across Erie County

2.

BENCHMARKING

Looking at what others are doing and utilizing national models that have worked

3.

ECGRA'S ROLE

ECGRA takes what it has learned and translates these components into clear guidelines – refining them through board level input. Following through with transparency and accountability, all ECGRA activities remain public knowledge.

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“ECGRA brings honesty and eliminates the political waste of community progress money.”

- Scott Rastatter — former County Councilman, District 6

IMPACT NEIGHBORHOODS & LOCAL COMMUNITIES

"The Building a Better Future - Community Facilities grant program is a saving grace to St. Martin Center's physical structure, programming, and mission. COVID impacted our ability to manage a costly new roof, and our current funding is allocated where it is needed most - which is to help Erie County families to have what they need to thrive. We are incredibly grateful to ECGRA for ensuring that we can be here for years to come!"

– David González, MS, CEO, St. Martin Center, Inc.

"ECGRA serves as community glue. They bring people together and they figure out how to utilize their resources to use small amounts of funding to make huge impacts in our community."

- Rock Copeland – County Councilman, District 3

"There's no way that our surrounding communities, especially most of my district, could survive without ECGRA funding."

- Chris Drexel – County Councilman, District 5

"If we didn't have that Authority, and we left it up to us Council members and our County Executive, and I'm saying this of any County Executive, you're putting it in the hands of politicians, and we tend to pay favors there and that money would not go to the right place."

- Terry Scutella – Chairman, Erie County Council, District 1

"ECGRA continues to fill a void of funding opportunities for agencies with capital needs, and understands the importance of preserving regional assets and funding community revitalization projects."

– John Popoff, Director of Operations, Boys & Girls Club of Erie

"The ECGRA presence in Erie is essential in impacting lives."

-Jennie Haggerty, Mercy Center for Women

Impact Neighborhoods & Communities Grant List		
Recipient	Program	Amount
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	Renaissance Block	\$50,000.00
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	Anchor Building	\$75,000.00
Booker T Washington Center	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Renaissance Block	\$50,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	Community Facilities	\$25,000.00
Borough of Union City	Renaissance Block	\$50,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Erie	Community Facilities	\$70,000.00
Christian Ministries of the Apostolic Faith	Anchor Building	\$45,000.00
Community Shelter Services	Community Facilities	\$105,694.00
Corry Higher Education Council	Community Facilities	\$59,500.00
Downtown Girard	Mission Main Street	\$75,000.00
Downtown Girard	Community Facilites	\$50,000.00
Eagle's Nest Leadership Corporation	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
Edinboro Market	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	Community Facilities	\$13,680.00
Impact Corry	Renaissance Block	\$100,000.00
Inner-City Neighborhood Art House	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
International Institute of Erie/USCRI	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
John F Kennedy Center	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
Journey: Healing Together	Community Facilities	\$25,000.00
Maggie Knox Western	Anchor Building	\$35,000.00
Martin Luther King Center	Community Facilities	\$125,000.00
Mercy Center for Women	Community Facilities	\$100,000.00
Mercy Hilltop Center	Community Facilities	\$99,000.00
Northwestern Community Youth Center	Community Facilities	\$18,500.00
R. L. Gaines Community Center	Anchor Building	\$60,000.00
Sarah A Reed Children's Center	Community Facilities	\$86,000.00
St. Martin Center	Community Facilities	\$75,000.00
Urban Erie Community Development Corporation	Anchor Building	\$100,000.00
Waterford Borough	Mission Main Street	\$84,600.00
YMCA of Corry	Community Facilities	\$97,331.00
YMCA of Greater Erie	Anchor Building	\$31,500.00
TOTAL	\$2,455,805.00	

IMPACT MUNICIPALITIES

“I think what's important to understand is that yes, there's grant making involved, but what we're really talking about is community making. You have people with skill sets and acumen, desire and passion to help make our communities work better, get things done faster.”

- Emily Fetcko, CEO, Erie Downtown Partnership

“ECGRA funding has been so important to Union City, allowing over \$800,000 in exterior improvements for residential properties. We would never have had that much spent in the fight to prevent blight if it wasn't for the Renaissance Grant Program. We thank ECGRA for their investment to make improvements to Union City.”

— Cindy Well, Borough Manager, Borough of Union City.

IMPACT MUNICIPALITIES GRANT LIST

RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
County of Erie	Local Government Development	\$166,345.10
Girard Township	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	\$21,000.00
Greene Township	Local Government Development	\$166,345.00
Harborcreek Township	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	\$34,00.00
Jefferson Educational Society	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	\$98,500.00
McKean Township	Local Government Development	\$166,345.10
Millcreek Township	Local Government Development	\$166,345.10
Multi-Municipal Emergency Services Commission	Multi-Municipal Collaboration	\$100,000.00
Summit Township	Local Government Development	\$680,502.56
Waterford Township	Local Government Development	\$166,345.10
TOTAL		\$1,830,499.06

IMPACT SMALL BUSINESSES

“ECGRA has helped USCRI Erie shape a micro-lending program for refugee entrepreneurs in the wake of the pandemic. We all know how devastating COVID-19 was for the U.S. economy overall and for all kinds of businesses, but refugee entrepreneurs were faced with extra challenges.”

– Dylanna Grasinger, Senior Field Office
Director at International Institute of Erie/USCRI

“ECGRA has been one of our most trusted partners in the success of the Northwest PA Beehive Network, not only the network, but the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Erie region and small business development. The impact that they’ve had on the small business development and the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Erie is highly important.”

- Brian Fuller, Beehive Network Director for Mercyhurst University
and Director of Operations for the Ridge College

IMPACT SMALL BUSINESS GRANT LIST

RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Penn State Behrend	Beehives	\$200,000.00

*Other Beehives were funded in the 2022-23 fiscal year.



IMPACT QUALITY OF PLACE

“Whether it's North East, whether it's Union City, you go across Erie County, ECGRA has touched all of those communities. And they do it by saying, “How can we help?...”

...If you look at any groups that are forming in the area, whether it's organized by Erie Insurance, whether it's organized by Gannon, whether it's organized by other groups, whether it's organized by the County, ECGRA is at the table."

*Patrick Gehrlein, Manager,
North East Borough*

IMPACT QUALITY OF PLACE

RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Albion Area Fair	2023 Special Events	\$12,707.00
Albion Area Fair	2023 Community Assets	\$5,000.00
AmeriMasala	2023 Special Events	\$3,543.55
AmeriMasala	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Asbury Woods Partnership	2023 Special Events	\$1,520.11
Asbury Woods Partnership	2023 Community Assets	\$6,650.00
Bayfront Eastside Taskforce	2023 Community Assets	\$12,500.00
Bayfront Maritime Center	2023 Community Assets	\$25,000.00
Borough of Edinboro	2023 Special Events	\$1,625.00
Borough of Edinboro	2023 Community Assets	\$13,000.00
Borough of Union City	2023 Special Events	\$230.00
Borough of Wesleyville	2023 Special Events	\$965.50
CAFÉ	2023 Special Events	\$20,000.00
Community Blood Bank of NWPA	2023 Special Events	\$1,400.00
Community Resources for Independence	2023 Community Assets	\$3,500.00
Crime Victim Center of Erie County	2023 Special Events	\$4,594.55
Dafmark Dance Theatre	2023 Community Assets	\$12,000.00
Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Downtown North East	2023 Special Events	\$887.00
Downtown North East	2023 Community Assets	\$12,000.00
Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation	2023 Special Events	\$17,683.00
Edinboro University Foundation	2023 Special Events	\$2,525.00
Edinboro University Foundation	2023 Community Assets	\$7,500.00
Erie Bird Observatory	2023 Special Events	\$265.00
Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre	2023 Community Assets	\$12,000.00
Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	2023 Special Events	\$12,345.06
Erie County Fair at Wattsburg	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Erie County Veterans Memorial Park	2023 Special Events	\$300.00
Erie Downtown Partnership	2023 Special Events	\$6,000.00
Erie Homes for Children and Adults	2023 Special Events	\$3,011.20
Erie Lion's Club Save an Eye Game	2023 Community Assets	\$1,068.00
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership	2023 Special Events	\$5,000.00
Erie-Western PA Port Authority	2023 Special Events	\$6,866.00
Erie Yesterday	2023 Community Assets	\$8,325.00
Fairview Township	2023 Community Assets	\$25,000.00
Film Society of NWPA	2023 Special Events	\$9,255.00
Film Society of NWPA	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Fort LeBoeuf Historical Society	2023 Community Assets	\$5,935.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2023 Special Events	\$2,050.00
Goodell Gardens & Homestead	2023 Community Assets	\$10,000.00
Greenfield Township	2023 Community Assets	\$25,000.00
Harborcreek Community Engagement Team	2023 Special Events	\$915.00
Harborcreek Historical Society	2023 Community Assets	\$9,822.00

IMPACT QUALITY OF PLACE

RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Harborcreek Township	2023 Special Events	\$1,400.00
Holy Trinity RC Church	2023 Special Events	\$6,925.00
Humane Society of NWPA	2023 Special Events	\$7,500.00
Humane Society of NWPA	2023 Community Assets	\$18,500.00
Impact Corry	2023 Community Assets	\$25,000.00
Jefferson Educational Society	2023 Special Events	\$19,300.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	2023 Special Events	\$5,000.00
Lake Erie Fanfare	2023 Community Assets	\$12,000.00
Lake Erie Greek Cultural Society	2023 Special Events	\$3,000.00
Lawrence Park Township	2023 Special Events	\$37.50
Lawrence Park Township	2023 Community Assets	\$1,400.00
Martin Luther King Center	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
McKean Community Development Group	2023 Special Events	\$500.00
McKean Recreation Authority	2023 Community Assets	\$25,000.00
Mercy Center for Women	2023 Special Events	\$1,200.00
Mercy Hilltop Center	2023 Special Events	\$400.00
Nonprofit Partnership, The	2023 Special Events	\$3,882.00
Nonprofit Partnership, The	2023 Pilot Program	\$64,771.00
North East Arts Council	2023 Community Assets	\$3,000.00
Our West Bayfront	2023 Community Assets	\$6,225.00
Performing Artists Collective Alliance	2023 Community Assets	\$10,000.00
PinkRacks	2023 Special Events	\$750.00
Platea Borough	2023 Community Assets	\$2,082.00
Presque Isle Light Station	2023 Special Events	\$297.00
Presque Isle Partnership	2023 Special Events	\$4,692.50
Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity	2023 Special Events	\$2,287.50
SafeNet	2023 Special Events	\$3,942.50
Saint Joseph Church	2023 Special Events	\$4,450.00
Saint Patrick Church	2023 Special Events	\$7,746.92
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	2023 Special Events	\$5,412.74
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network	2023 Community Assets	\$8,000.00
St. Stanislaus Catholic Church	2023 Special Events	\$250.00
Union City Pride	2023 Special Events	\$1,273.00
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie	2023 Community Assets	\$2,500.00
WQLN Public Media	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Waterford Community Fair Association	2023 Special Events	\$9,250.00
Waterford Community Fair Association	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
YMCA of Corry	2023 Special Events	\$3,072.10
YMCA of Greater Erie	2023 Special Events	\$400.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2023 Special Events	\$4,500.00
Young Artists Debut Orchestra	2023 Community Assets	\$15,000.00
Youth Leadership Institute of Erie	2023 Special Events	\$1,200.00
TOTAL		\$705,134.73

IMPACT YOUTH & EDUCATION



“Without support from ECGRA, Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture would be forced to reduce its programming, including its educational outreach to our students in Erie County and our Erie County residents. It would deprive them of not only world class performing entertainment, but the education that comes along with this kind of funding.”

-Rich McCarty, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mercyhurst University

IMPACT YOUTH AND EDUCATION		
RECIPIENT	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2023 Summer Jobs	\$95,372.64
Greater Erie Community Action Committee	2024 Summer Jobs	\$51,906.89
TOTAL		\$147,279.53

“I did a lot of research into ECGRA because they had such a bad reputation and I found that it was all unfounded. They do a great job. They thoroughly vet the people that come in looking for funds and they've got a great structured plan for how the money is dispersed and they really know where it's going.”

“ECGRA brings honesty and eliminates the political waste of community progress money.”

- Scott Rastatter

former County Councilman, District 6

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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF CERTAIN DEBTS AND REASONABLE COSTS OF COLLECTION INCURRED BY BRIDGEWAY CAPITAL, INC. FOR CERTAIN LOANS MADE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIRST AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY AND BRIDGEWAY CAPITAL, INC. FOR EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 LOAN FUNDS

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) entered into the First Agreement between ECGRA and Bridgeway Capital, Inc., for Emergency Coronavirus COVID-19 Loan Funds (the “First Agreement”), which encompassed a \$800,000 CDFI Note to Bridgeway Capital for COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Loan Fund and a \$800,000 CDFI Note to Bridgeway Capital for the COVID-19 Nonprofit Emergency Loan Fund (collectively, the “Emergency Loan Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Loan Funds was to provide loans to small businesses within Erie County that have demonstrated actual negative economic impact due to effects of COVID-19 and to provide loans to small Erie County nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing them with resources to aid in their mission based local response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Capital administered the loan funds by making subawards to eligible small businesses and small nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Capital only drew down \$520,000 of funding for the Small Business Emergency Loan Fund and \$100,000 for the Small Business Emergency Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Loan Funds were created at the outset of the Pandemic, and prior to any coordinated and systematic economic relief being provided to small businesses and nonprofit organizations by either the state or federal government; and

WHEREAS, at the outset of the pandemic, there were very real fears that many small businesses and nonprofits would have to close as a result of a lack of revenue generation due to state restrictions on the operations of such businesses; and

WHEREAS, when developing the Emergency Loan Funds, it was considered to be a very real possibility that a number of the loans would be uncollectable due to the recipients of the subawards closing their businesses or nonprofits as a result of the negative impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to induce Bridgeway Capital to enter into the First Agreement and Notes with ECGRA, and to induce Bridgeway Capital to make subawards to eligible recipients in an uncertain economic environment, the First Agreement provided that, at such point that Bridgeway Capital “undertakes commercially reasonable efforts to collect” outstanding debts from any subawardees in Default, but makes the determination that the debt is uncollectable, ECGRA shall forgive the amount of such default (the “Forgiven Debt”); and

WHEREAS, the First Agreement provides that upon certification by Bridgeway Capital that such debt is uncollectable, ECGRA is to convert the amount of the Forgiven Debt from a Note to a Grant to the benefit of Bridgeway Capital; and

WHEREAS, Bridgeway Capital has certified to ECGRA that it has made commercially reasonable efforts to collect those certain debts identified on Exhibit A, in the amount of \$37,077.73, and requests that ECGRA convert this amount of Forgiven Debt from a Note to a Grant to the benefit of Bridgeway Capital; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Forgiven Debt is less than 6% of the entire portfolio relating to the Emergency Loan Funds, represents .5% of the total amount of outstanding notes owed to the Authority, and is the only loan funds that ECGRA has ever been asked to forgive as a result of a default; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ECGRA agree that it is proper to covert \$37,077.73 of the Emergency Loan Funds, as are more fully described in Exhibit A, from outstanding notes owed to the Authority to a Grant to the benefit of Bridgeway Capital.

NOW, THEREFORE, this 20th day of June, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, hereby RESOLVES the following:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth.
2. The Board of Directors of ECGRA hereby approves the conversion of \$37,077.73 of loans made by Bridgeway Capital as part of the Emergency Loan Funds, as are more fully described in Exhibit A, from notes outstanding to a Grant in the favor of Bridgeway Capital.
3. That the staff is hereby directed to transfer \$37,077.73 from the Reserve for Uncollectable Notes to the General Fund to be redistributed by ECGRA as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 20th day of June, 2024 by a vote of ____-____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

June 20, 2024

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA