

RESOLUTION NUMBER 17, 2020

Resolution to Direct the Executive Director to submit a proposal to the Erie County Task Force to administer CARES Act funded grants to nonprofits in Erie County

Whereas, Erie County has received over \$24 million in COVID relief funds through the CARES ACT; and

Whereas, Erie County has created a Task Force to review proposals from candidates to administer CARES ACT funding; and

Whereas, ECGRA is an arm of county government established to administer grant funds; and

Whereas, ECGRA has deployed over \$50 million of gaming funds through a fair, open, and transparent process; and

Whereas, ECGRA has developed a relationship with the nonprofit sector, whereby the nonprofit community has come to accept and understand the ECGRA grant making process; and

Whereas, ECGRA, in partnership with County Council, successfully administered the Erie County COVID-19 Response Fund through the initial months of the pandemic; and

Whereas, as an arm of county government, ECGRA has developed a transparent grant making process that is accountable to both the public, and the County; and

Whereas, ECGRA has the necessary grant making infrastructure, and at the present time, the capacity, to assist the County through administering CARES Act grants to the nonprofit sector in an appropriate and transparent manner; and

Whereas, because ECGRA has the infrastructure and process in place now to appropriately administer CARES Act grant funds, the County can be assured that the money will be distributed efficiently, and with a high level of public accountability and integrity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ECGRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, that the Authority Executive Director is hereby directed to develop and submit a proposal to the Erie County Task Force to administer all CARES Act nonprofit grants to the Erie County nonprofit sector. This proposal is to utilize the public, transparent and accountable grant making process developed by ECGRA.

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____.

This resolution was passed on the 16th day of July, 2020 by a vote of ____ - ____.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

July 16, 2020

ATTEST:

Secretary, ECGRA