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ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S
REPORT
FOR
MARCH
2025**

Tammi Michali

From: RV, BFM Gaming <RA-BFM-Gaming@pa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 2:57 PM
To: plichtenwalter@eriecountypa.gov
Cc: Perry Wood
Subject: Local Share Assessment Payment Notification - Erie County

Dear Mr. Lichtenwalter:

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

An ACH for the 4th quarter of 2024 payment in the amount of \$2,950,366.08 should be deposited in your bank account within 7 - 10 business days. This payment includes the slots local share assessment of \$397,000.13, the slot machine license operation fee of \$2,500,000.00, and the interactive gaming portion of \$53,365.95. Any reductions to the Gross Interactive Gaming Revenue (GIGR) and Gross Terminal Revenue (GTR) for promotional items is the result of the Gaming Bulletin 2015-01 and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's April 28, 2014 decision in Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment Incorporated v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Revenue (90 A.3d 699 (Pa. 2014)).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

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COUNTY

$$2,950,366.08 \times .55 = 1,622,701.34$$

ELGRA

$$2,950,366.08 \times .45 = 1,327,664.74$$



ECGRA Communications Services Report

February 2025 Comms.

BiWeekly Meeting with ECGRA Executive Director

Ongoing Social Media Management

Ongoing Consulting

IMPLEMENTED

February social media posts

5 new graphics scheduled in Feb.

BiWeekly planning meeting with Executive Director

Photos – West County Check Award

Video – Child Care Meeting Reels (x4)

Photos – SSJNN Bike Program via CC Funding

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Interview (talking points/questions) with Millcreek Government Channel (air in March/April)

IN PROGRESS

Holiday Graphics

Brand guide updates (in review) - #ECGRAworks content from grant recipients

Little Explorers Childcare Op-Ed (in review)

Content Capture From Recipients

IN PLANNING

Event planning /scheduling (First Assent, Lead Assets, Upcoming Grants)

Annual Report 2024





Strategic Planning Committee Meeting and Grant Review

Monday, March 10, 2025
11:00am – 1:00pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway
Erie, PA 16510

AGENDA

1. Mercyhurst University: Erie Market Study
~ Zachary Prisk
2. Penn State Behrend: Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness
~ Amy Bridger
3. Infinite Erie Phase II Proposal
4. Snow Emergency receipts 2024
5. Youth Leadership Institute of Erie Loan Update
6. Draft Budget Review
7. Special Events Grant Review
8. Good of the Order



Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2025
11:00am – 12:30pm
5240 Knowledge Parkway
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AGENDA

1. Erie County Investing in Families Discussion
2. Good of the Order



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February 18, 2025

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Pennsylvania Business Week at Union City School was a great success!

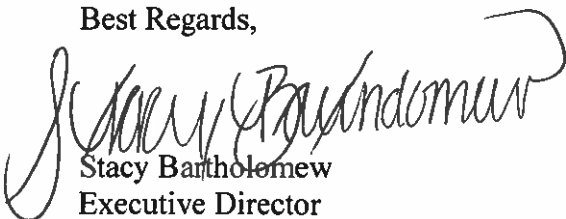
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Please take a moment and look over the student evaluations. They found PA Business Week to be an ideal learning experience where teamwork, business knowledge, productivity, and financial management are all incorporated into a fun, high-spirited environment.

Your contribution not only benefited the students at Union City High School, but also the business community as a whole. Your support enables students to see and understand how a business operates and how they can grow and succeed from this experience. Students who are better prepared for the work world will provide employers with better employment candidates.

We have also enclosed a Business Week program which recognizes the sponsors and volunteers. Thank you again for your support. We look forward to your continued involvement in this program!

Best Regards,


Stacy Bartholomew
Executive Director

Thank You!





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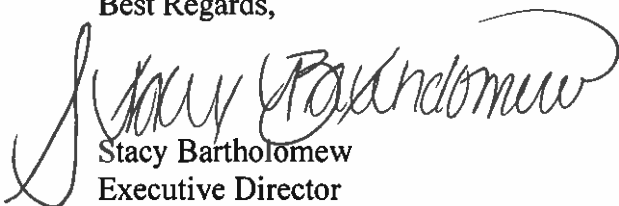
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Erie County, ECGRA starting childcare improvement plan

Nicholas Sorenson
Erie Times-News
USA TODAY NETWORK

Affordable childcare access in Erie County is receiving a boost from county government.

Erie County Executive Brenton Davis highlighted the \$2.5 million investment for childcare with an investing in Families Initiative during a news conference Tuesday at 140 W. 6th St., Suite 504.

The Erie County Investing in Families Initiative aims to improve access to affordable and high-quality childcare services across Erie County while addressing a critical need for families and the community.

This \$2.5 million investment is an American Rescue Plan investment approved by Erie City council and administered by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority.

The investment will potentially be matched with another \$2.5 million by the ECGRA board, bringing the total project cost to \$5 million. The board will be making an official vote at its meeting in March.

"To me this is music to my ears that ECGRA is willing to match this \$2.5 million investment from the Erie County government to get things done," Davis said. "I wholeheartedly agree childcare is economic development."

Davis said that the need for childcare is also essential to the economic stability for Erie County.

"It inhibits folks from being able to go to work," Davis said. "It inhibits parents from being able to climb the economic mobility ladder."

"We first experienced the early childhood development daycare system cri-



Erie County invests \$2.5 million in the Investing in Families Initiative. Pictured during a Feb. 25 announcement for the funding are, from left to right, Erie County Council member Rock Copeland, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Executive Director Perry Wood, Erie County Executive Brenton Davis and county council member Chris Drezek. NICHOLAS SORENSON/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

sis during the pandemic," said Perry Wood, executive director of ECGRA. "While the problem existed long before that, it was exacerbated that all of a sudden people weren't going to work and the industry collapsed overnight."

How is the county stabilizing the childcare industry?

The \$2.5 million investment by county government will be distributed

by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority to support early childhood development, enhance childcare availability and ensure that families in Erie County have the resources they need to thrive.

ECGRA started looking at models in other counties, including York, Pennsylvania where their program has a childcare employee retention rate of 78 percent.

Getting more quality daycare centers in Erie

Wood also noted that the state ranks early childhood development centers with a one- through four-star ranking through Keystone STARS, a child care quality initiative "...that promotes quality improvement in early learning and development programs and school-aged child care," according to their website. The program, which is under the Pennsylvania Department of Education, rates facilities based on standards, training and professional development, assistance, resources and support.

Out of the 129 centers in Erie, ECGRA aims to improve the one- and two-star rated centers to a three- or four-star rating.

"We plan on working with the entire spectrum of the system," Wood said. "The three- and four-star system will assure us that we have quality not just quality in the daycare system."

ECGRA is hoping to build new centers in areas of the county in need of daycare facilities. The funds will be utilized at existing childcare centers first before being applied to any new facilities that may be constructed in the future.

"The vision is to support folks like the childhood development centers and the JAM Foundation with their vision to build state-of-the-art centers," Wood said. "If we can build just two or three of those, we're going to put a significant dent in the problem ahead of us. 2,500 (daycare facilities) is a lot, but in a community like Erie County, if it's something we can get our arms around then we can make a big difference."

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