

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 7, 2022**

### **Resolution to support the Erie County Investment Playbook Nerve Center through the Nonprofit Partnership as one of three community partners for a period of two years not to exceed \$163,000**

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, New Localism Associates has written an Investment Playbook for Erie County as a guidepost to pursue state and federal funding in order to boost the region's economic vitality;

Whereas, ECGRA, in partnership with the Erie Community Foundation and Erie Insurance, have selected the Nonprofit Partnership to host the Nerve Center, a concept called upon in the Investment Playbook to further the Playbook's goals outlined in the attached proposal of which ECGRA's portion is not to exceed \$163,000 and will be matched equally by the partners;

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

1. Identification, cataloguing, and facilitation of state and federal resources that will advance goals identified in the Investment Playbook.
2. Braid multiple organizations and funders together to bring grant applications and project proposals in their nascent phase in alignment with the Investment Playbook principles and goals.
3. Development of a common framework to support the creation and progress of Delivery Teams identified by the Steering Committee to move forward with the goals of the Investment Playbook.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, pursuant to the Economic Development Financing Law and the ECGRA Bylaws, resolves to enter into an agreement with the Nonprofit Partnership for 1/3 of the contract, not to exceed \$163,000 to the extent outlined in this document and attachment.

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

This resolution was passed on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 by a vote of \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_.

ERIE COUNTY GAMING REVENUE AUTHORITY

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Chairman, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority  
June 16, 2022

ATTEST:

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Secretary, ECGRA