

## **Request for ECGRA Funding – 2022 Erie County Summer Jobs and More (JAM) Program**

The 2021 Summer JAM Program experienced a tremendous 94.3% success rate, with 142 youth participants completing the summer work experience, a 3.3% increase from the previous year. If not for the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority and The Erie Community Foundation providing funding for the Summer Jobs and More Program, the successful 2021 season would not have been possible. The program creates employment opportunities for young adults while training them in soft skills needed to become successful employees.

While still working with the uncertainty of the pandemic, employers across Erie County have continued to mentor and share a variety of industries and possible career paths with young adults. The 2021 program year led to a 34% increase in Erie County Employers.

The young participants, ages 16 to 21 have committed to setting goals, building leadership and time management skills, developing self-confidence, and refining their belief systems and ethics. These skills will ensure they can present their best selves in professional and employment settings.

The Summer JAM Program is now entering its ninth year and GECAC is prepared to establish more training and employment opportunities for the Summer JAM participants. With your continued support we strive to educate Erie's workforce, strengthen schools, and employers, and abate poverty.

### Projected 2022 Major Funding Commitments:

Erie County	\$150,000
ECGRA	\$150,000
Erie County Community Foundation	\$60,000
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