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Erie County CARES applications open Aug. 31

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, County Councilwoman Kim Clear and County Council Chairman André R. Horton announced today that Erie County CARES applications will open Monday, Aug. 31, at 8 a.m., at eriecountypa.gov.

The four Erie County CARES programs include:

- Municipal Reimbursement Program – applications open Aug. 31 – Sept. 30
- Nonprofit Assistance Grant Program – applications open Aug. 31 – Sept. 14
- PPE for Small Businesses – applications open Aug. 31 – Sept. 30
- Small Business Assistance Grant Program – applications open Aug. 31 – Sept. 11

Full details about all of the programs created through the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant can be found at eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/erie-county-cares-2020.

By the end of October, a dashboard will also be accessible on eriecountypa.gov. The dashboard is an ArcGIS Hub, which will graphically present how the Erie County CARES dollars are being used in real time.

Two different information sessions are scheduled for early September:

Erie County CARES Municipal Reimbursement Program Information Session (part of the Erie Area Council of Governments' open meeting)	Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 3 p.m.
Erie County CARES Nonprofit Assistance Grant Information Session	Thursday, Sept. 3 at 4 p.m.

Both information sessions will take place via Zoom. Details are available at <https://eriecountypa.gov/covid-19/erie-county-cares-2020>

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“The joint task force of my administration and Erie County Council has worked very hard to prepare this application process and determine adequate and transparent allocation of the \$2.4 million,” Dahlkemper said. “I am thrilled that our local organizations will have an opportunity to receive this much-needed assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The \$2 trillion economic relief package aims to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The CARES Act provides economic assistance for local governments and American workers, families, and small businesses.

Act 24 of 2020 was signed by Governor Wolf on May 29, 2020. This legislation provides \$625 million of the state’s allocation of CARES Act funding by means of block grants for counties in the commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Erie County was one of 60 counties in Pennsylvania eligible to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Program, and the County’s application was submitted June 16, 2020. The County received \$24,358,828 on July 15, 2020.

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