



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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## Election Board Announces Grant

Erie, PA – The Erie County Board of Elections was notified today it has been awarded a \$148,729 Grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life.

Chairman Carl Anderson III: “The new election landscape brought on by Acts 12 & 77 require more funds and more staff than ever before. In order to keep up with the demands of Commonwealth and provide ever-widening access via voting by mail, these funds are useful. The Board is most grateful to the County Executive and Melinda Meyer from the Erie County Department of Planning for their help in obtaining this grant. The Board intends use funds as a means insure all voting precincts are open and accessible. Protecting the rights of all voters stands as their first mission. These funds will provide the ability to consider enhanced security measures throughout the County on Election Day”

Other uses for the funds include non-partisan voter education, Personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, poll workers, or voters, Poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses, Polling place rental and cleaning expenses for early voting or Election Day, Temporary staffing, Vote-by-mail/Absentee voting equipment or supplies, and Election administration equipment.

The grant cannot supplant already budgeted County Election funds. The period for applicable expenditures is June 15, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Final agreement documents will likely be signed next week.

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