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County Executive provides American Rescue Plan update

Erie, PA – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper gave an update on the disbursement of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in Erie County at a news conference held November 23. Additionally the “Building a Better Future” branding which will identify Erie County’s ARP funding was unveiled.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a federal relief package providing \$1.9 trillion in funding, program changes, and tax policies aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis. As a result of this historic legislation, Erie County is receiving \$52,391,502 through a Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund grant awarded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The grant is being paid to the County over two years, with the second half arriving in 2022.

Guests of the press conferences included representatives from organizations which have received funding via the county:

- Tina Mengine, chief executive officer of Erie County Redevelopment Authority (ECRDA)
- Christopher Gray, president of Erie County Community College
- Jack Daneri, district attorney for Erie County
- Patrick Fisher, executive director of Erie Arts & Culture
- Casey Wells, executive director of Erie County Convention Center Authority
- Jake Rouch, vice president of economic development at Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership

In total, to date, Erie County has disbursed over \$9,466,991. This disbursement is funding projects such as two business grants administered by ECRDA, a gun violence reduction initiative, tuition coverage and barrier reduction for Erie County Community College of PA, a workforce development initiative implemented by Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, and grants to cover revenue loss due to COVID-19 incurred by Erie County’s Lead (Cultural) Assets and Erie County Convention Center Authority.

“I am confident the programs created with this funding will be transformative for Erie County,” said Dahlkemper. “We are truly building a better future for all Erie County residents.”

For additional details please visit eriecountypa.gov/open-government/american-rescue-plan-act/

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