



Erie County, Pennsylvania Recovery Plan

**Coronavirus State and Local
Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)
2024 Performance Report**



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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is allowing for an unprecedented financial investment in Erie County. Of the \$350 billion allocated to Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), which are to be used to help state, tribal, and local governments respond to and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, Erie County was awarded \$52.4 million. This federal program ensures that governments have the resources needed to fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts; maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue; and build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

Under the CSLFRF program, funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021. Further, funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. This time period, during which recipients can expend CSLFRF funds, is the “period of performance.”

CSLFRF funds have been distributed to state and local government in two tranches or payments, with 50% being delivered within 60 days from the date of the ARPA enactment, and the remainder being delivered a year later. Erie County received payments of \$26.2 million in 2021 and 2022 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

To effectively deploy the first tranche of federal recovery dollars, the county looked for opportunities to enhance and realign existing planning efforts and set local priorities for the various areas of recovery. Prior to the public health emergency, implementation was well-underway of several significant, regional and local plans, such as Emerge 2040: A Focused Partnership for the Erie Region’s Future (2015), Erie Refocused: Comprehensive Plan and Decision-making Guide for the City of Erie and the accompanying Erie Refocused Action Plan (2016), Embrace Millcreek (2018), Borough of Albion Comprehensive Plan (2019), #positively Corry (2020), and Securing Summit’s Success (2018). Rather than abandon these implementation efforts, existing plans were reviewed and evaluated through the lenses of economic recovery and equity and inclusion and focus areas were prioritized. The greatest investments made from the first tranche allocation were made to innovation, workforce/human capital, and infrastructure. The goal was to prepare Erie County to navigate the array of federal funding sources created by the stimulus package, including but not limited to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, so that it was positioned to secure and direct resources to local transformative and job-creating priorities and make the greatest use of these investments, while also moving key community plans forward.

Erie County Council approved the budget for the county’s first tranche of funding on August 5, 2021, dividing the funds among the following eligible expenditure categories.

TRANCHE #1 BUDGET (As of June 30, 2024)	
Eligible Use Category	Budgeted Amount
Public Health	\$1,103,510.85
Negative Economic Impacts	\$17,932,606
Revenue Loss / Replacement	\$7,103,024
Administration	\$56,037
TOTAL	\$26,195,177.80

Budgeting of the second tranche of federal recovery dollars prioritized projects aimed at improving Erie County’s resiliency, sustainability, economic development, workforce development, and infrastructure. In 2022, County Executive Brenton Davis was elected to office and this change in power resulted in budget modification to match new goals for Erie County. Tranche 1 funds were rightfully targeted towards public health, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but in Tranche 2, funds were allocated towards the negative economic impacts of the pandemic, and rebuilding infrastructure after the economic fallout caused by the pandemic.

From 2022 to June 2023, and over multiple ordinances, Erie County Council approved a partial budget for the county’s second tranche of funding, dividing the funds among the following eligible expenditure categories.

TRANCHE #2 BUDGET (As of June 30, 2024)	
Eligible Use Category	Budgeted Amount
Infrastructure Investments (Water, Sewer, Broadband)	\$8,562,500
Negative Economic Impacts	\$9,533,000
Revenue Loss / Replacement	\$3,744,207.87
TOTAL	\$21,839,707.90

Uses of Funds

Erie County is using the following framework to make decisions on how to use the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

STABILIZE. If needed, funds will be used to stabilize the county's operating budget through the end of 2024. The potential exists for the county to experience decreases in tax revenue over the next year or so.

STRATEGIZE. Erie County will plan and invest for the future. What immediate help is needed in the community to support longer-term recovery? What needs to be done to ensure efforts are inclusive? How might these funds be used to spark future prosperity? How can these funds be used to complement or boost existing plans and projects?

COLLABORATE. Recovery will require a strong regional effort. It will be critical for the county to communicate and/or partner with others in the community, neighboring municipalities, and regional entities.

STRENGTHEN. Economic vitality is at the forefront of fund allocation, as workforce development and infrastructural status must be strengthened following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Planning efforts were focused on how to make the most of federal funding opportunities designed to spark economic recovery. With regards to infrastructure priorities, the County learned through the implementation of the Erie County CARES program that broadband needs across the county were poorly understood and there was no list of priority projects or goals that could be used to guide decision-making. Adding to the problem was that all local experts were network operators; local and regional broadband providers were relied on for advice, even though their decision-making models are often profit-based. Municipalities have a much broader and different set of interests related to broadband infrastructure. Additional planning was needed to develop thoughtful broadband strategies to protect the long-term viability of the local communities.

To address this gap in information, the Erie Area Council of Governments in partnership with the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development launched a countywide broadband expansion feasibility study in 2022, funded in part by the Appalachian Regional Commission, Erie County, and Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. The resulting broadband study offers implementation strategies for expanding and improving internet access throughout Erie County. In addition to pursuing state and federal funding for implementation of the buildout recommendations, Erie County has set aside up to \$2.5M in CSLFRF monies to support this effort.

Federal investments in innovation are key to Erie County's recovery strategy and will help stimulate existing and new businesses and technologies. In support of innovation, it is important for Erie County and its partners to create financing tools and technical assistance that will serve the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including the most vulnerable business communities such as women and minority-owned and rural businesses.

Erie County's funding of Gannon University's Project NePTWNE and Penn State Erie, The Behrend College's Project RESOLVE are also key investments in innovation. Both projects aim to induce infrastructural changes that will enhance the water quality in Lake Erie, a Great Lake which provides a water

source to roughly 12 million individuals. Through CSLFRF funding, both organizations are able to make progress towards technological advancements in protecting Lake Erie as a water source, and thus making a significant impact on the water quality in Erie County.

Project RESOLVE is a regional strategy for shifting the plastics, metal-casting, and transportation industries to a circular economic model to address plastic and waste pollution that ultimately affects the health of freshwater supplies such as Lake Erie. RESOLVE will advance manufacturing competitiveness and environmental vitality in parallel rather than in traditionally oppositional actions.

Project NePTWNE, which is short for Nano & Polymer Technology for Water and Neural-networks in Erie, takes an inclusive and holistic approach to addressing water quality, climate change, economic development, and quality of life. A major factor impacting water quality and ecological health is the presence of microplastics in waterways. Measuring and removing these pollutants, along with developing new solutions to prevent the pollutants from ever entering the water must be a priority for the region to maintain quality drinking water and ensure the public and economic health of the regional Great Lakes community.

In addition to infrastructure investments, investments in the local workforce are a vital component for bridging from a short- to mid-term recovery by retraining individuals and getting them back to work. The new Erie County Community College of Pennsylvania (EC3PA) is serving as a catalyst to enhance affordable post-secondary educational opportunities in our region. EC3PA is taking shape, with its second inaugural class having graduated in 2024, using \$1.75 million in CSLFRF funds for student tuition. This new institution, as well as existing workforce training programs, are contributing to the relaunching of Erie County's workforce.

In 2024, EC3PA requested funding to create new programs within their institute. The college is joining forces with Allied Health and Nursing Labs to create programs in their facility that will fill vital healthcare positions, where workforce shortages have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. EC3PA will soon be providing programs in Digital Medical Sonography, Licensed Practical Nursing, Patient Care Technicians and Certified Nurse Assistants. CSLFRF funds are being used to facilitate healthcare employment in Erie County, while also benefitting minority populations. Since EC3PA's student body is very diverse in nature, this project is also helping to bring diversity into the healthcare workforce.

As previously stated, Erie County has decided to focus a large portion of funds in 2024 towards infrastructure needs in the county. To further the impact of infrastructure changes on a county level, there has been a lot of attention placed on the Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program, which is was put in place to advance and strengthen the infrastructural integrity of water and sewer systems, drinking water, and broadband in Erie County municipalities. These funds are being spent on investments that are necessary to the overall development and improvement of the municipalities. Many infrastructural changes have already been implemented throughout Erie County municipalities, using approximately half of the \$7.5 Million of CSLFRF funding budgeted for this program.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

In the wake of 2020's COVID-19 public health emergency and racial equity and social justice crisis, Erie County renewed its commitment to confronting racial disparities and improving the economic mobility of its residents. In September 2020, Erie County joined nearly 100 counties and cities across the country in declaring racism a public health crisis and committing resources "in all areas of its government and throughout all of its departments and divisions to openly and honestly address racism and to eliminate the disparity between Black and White people when it comes to healthcare, healthy food, safe and affordable housing, well-paying jobs and business ownership opportunities, quality transportation, educational opportunities, and safe places to be active." Erie County Council Resolution 43 of 2020 Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis in Erie County is providing the framework through which the county is establishing goals and outcomes for the CSLFRF monies to promote economic and racial equity.

Several grant and technical assistance programs were created through the first tranche of CSLFRF with the intent to serve historically underserved and marginalized populations. County Council approved legislation creating the Erie County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission, which is now operating as a quasi-public nonprofit, which received \$3.5 million in CSLFRF funds. It is utilizing the funding in four strategic areas: training and education, homeownership, business development, and general impact. (<https://diverseerie.org/opportunity-investing/>). With these funds, 53 small businesses in Erie County have received sub-grants. These local business range from auto services to supermarkets to daycares and are primarily minority-owned. Additionally, the Erie County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission granted funds to multiple nonprofit organizations whose goals align with the mission of the Erie County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission. Similarly, the Erie County Redevelopment Authority is using CLSFRF funds to expand upon their already existing Diversity Loan Program, which is designed to assist underserved minority businesses, including African American, New Americans, and women. The increase in funds has allowed the Erie County Redevelopment Authority to expand their program, providing assistance and services in partnerships like Erie's Black Wall Street and other community partners.

An equitable economic recovery requires bridging the divide between Erie County's rural and urban communities. Countywide initiatives launched by County Executive Brenton Davis are bringing together leaders and residents from all the county's 38 municipalities to support equitable distribution of resources. Investments such as the \$4 million sub granted to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority in support of a new Transformative Grant Program and the \$7.5 million in the Municipal Infrastructure Gap Funding Grant Program are being deployed in a strategic fashion to ensure that both rural and urban municipalities and residents benefit. The Brenton Davis Administration has made it a priority to invest CSLFRF funds in rural municipalities, with limited staff capacity, and who have long been unable to secure state and federal grants on their own. Erie County has put a large effort into infrastructural improvements in its municipalities in 2024. In this year, the focus of grant funds has primarily shifted to infrastructural issues, like water and sewer system repair, sidewalk restoration, and generator replacement to name a few. These projects serve communities that otherwise, would not have had access to the appropriate funds to complete these projects.

Equitable outcomes are achieved by projects completed by the Erie County Redevelopment Authority, such as the Quin T Site Environmental Remediation and the EMI Site Environmental Remediation. The Erie County Redevelopment Authority was granted \$1.5 million to assist in the environmental remediation of blighted sites that are Qualified Census Tracts. Funds are being used to demolish

blighted properties and clean up environmental hazards. Cleanup of these sites will result in removal of toxic waste and at the completion of the projects, the land will be available for reinvestment.

The completion of community-impact projects, such as funding for the Mercy Center for Women Community Center renovations and the Parade Street Community Center roof repair in 2023, show Erie County's continued commitment to invest CSLFRF in projects to assist low income and minority populations. The Mercy Center project has provided housing for up to 32 residents at a subsidized rate, while providing essentials for tenants to better their lives, such as GED courses, a gym, and work readiness programs. Meanwhile, the Parade Street Community Center project needed infrastructural assistance so that their facility could continue providing community services like food and clothing distribution for negatively impacted communities in the Erie area.

The Savocchio Opportunity Park Green project represents an example of how CSLFRF funds are being used in Erie County to promote equity and inclusion in low-income areas. As this project concluded this year, the grantee reported that thanks to ARPA funds, development was carried out for both commercial and community greenhouses for the Grow Erie project. These greenhouses will provide fresh produce for family consumption, and will also be distributed at local food pantries and farmers' markets. The greenhouses will also yield an economic impact, providing seven full-time jobs, with salaries of \$75,000 (yearly) for managers and \$45,000 (yearly) for staff members. Neighborhood residents will be provided temperature-controlled, year-round access to greenhouse growing, meaning these residents can grow their own healthy foods and grow food for neighboring farmers' markets. This project is going to impact approximately 20,000, primarily BIPOC, Erie residents. The community garden is located in a "food desert," where it is difficult for residents in the neighborhood to buy affordable and fresh, healthy food.

Community Engagement

Erie County's engagement of the community in recovery efforts began with the distribution of CARES Act funding in 2020. Beyond the Erie County CARES program, two separate initiatives engaged the broader community in economic recovery planning efforts in Erie County and informed the budgeting of the first \$26.2 million payment of CSLFRF. Erie ReStart is an initiative of the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership designed to restart Erie's economy in two phases: reopening and revamping. Over a six-month period, the Erie ReStart Task Force and five working groups (workforce, business engagement, marketing, capital and financing, and government affairs) engaged more than 2,000 regional businesses via direct outreach, surveys, and virtual town halls to evaluate the impact of the pandemic and garner information on current needs. The town halls focused on manufacturing, restaurant and retail, hospitality, service-oriented businesses, arts and culture, education, and the minority business community. The Erie Restart working groups analyzed collected data and drafted an action plan, which was released as the Erie ReStart Policy Agenda in September 2020.

In January 2021, Erie County Council formed the six-month ad hoc Erie County COVID Impact and Recovery Committee, a community outreach body tasked with investigating the impact of Covid-19 on residents, businesses, municipalities, nonprofits, and minority groups. The goal of the committee was to collect data through town hall gatherings, online forums, surveys, and interviews and create a repository of ideas that would lead to Erie County's economic recovery and revitalize the economy for the future. The committee consisted of four councilmembers and representation from the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Jefferson Educational Society, The Erie Community Foundation, Erie Area Council of Governments, and the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development.

Much of the committee's efforts focused on gathering information from content or sector experts. For example, representatives from the Economic Research Institute of Erie, a research center of the Black School of Business at Penn State Behrend, provided an assessment of the Erie County economy, and Dr. Bruce Katz, co-founder of New Localism Advisors and past Brookings Institute fellow, advised the committee on how the county might coordinate, prioritize, and execute local recovery efforts.

Immediately following passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, then County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper engaged representatives from various sectors in a series of discussions around priorities for the county's allocation of CSLFRF. Members of Erie County Council, directors of various county departments, and leadership from the Urban Erie Community Development Corporation, Booker T. Washington Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Center, Multicultural Community Resource Center, Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5, Erie International Airport, Erie Insurance, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, Erie Community Foundation, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, Erie County Redevelopment Authority, Erie Area Council of Governments, Emerge 2040, City of Erie, Millcreek Township, City of Corry, Harborcreek Township, and other municipalities met regularly from March to July 2021. Erie County Council approved the budget for the county's first tranche of funding on August 5, 2021.

To identify potential uses of the second tranche of CSLFRF monies, Erie County participated in the Erie County, Pennsylvania 2024 Recovery Plan Performance Report

steering committee for “Erie’s Inclusive Growth: A Framework for Action” investment playbook, which is made up of leaders from the City of Erie, Erie County, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Jefferson Educational Society and Diverse Erie, as well as funders including Erie Community Foundation, Erie Insurance, and the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. The investment playbook was designed by Bruce Katz and Florian Schalliol of New Localism Associates, who conducted nearly 50 stakeholder interviews and reviewed more than a dozen regional strategic plans during the process.

The playbook also includes a series of “catalytic” projects in the greater core of Erie and other areas of the county that have an outsized impact on job growth. These projects would leverage the unusual concentration of anchor institutions and continue the revitalization of Erie’s downtown, the waterfront, the 12th Street industrial corridor as well as the East and West Bayfront neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, the county has created, staffed, and launched a complementary effort, the Economic Development Bureau, which coordinates with this framework, working across county and state lines to maximize collaboration throughout the region. The Erie County Economic Development Bureau is working in partnership with the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, Erie County Data Center, Erie County Redevelopment Authority, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership, Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, and the Erie County Land Bank as they are spokes on the county’s economic development wheel. This bureau is leading the county’s coordinated, regionally focused and multi-pronged approach to economic development.

Erie County Executive Brenton Davis has remained focused on ensuring Community Engagement since taking office in 2022. Davis regularly conducts outreach sessions with municipal leadership to evaluate projects and identify funding opportunities. In 2022 and 2023, the Davis administration completed a Rural Revival Tour to hear from residents of Erie County’s 14 Boroughs and 22 townships. Community engagement is a philosophy of this administration evidenced by monthly meetings with officials from the City of Corry and the hiring of a municipal outreach liaison in the County Executive’s office.

Erie County values authentic and inclusive community engagement and is committed to capturing feedback from residents, community-based organizations, businesses, and municipalities throughout planning and implementation of projects/programs supported by the CSLFRF.

Since 1976, Erie County government has operated under a home rule charter, which established the county’s executive-legislative structure. The County Executive manages the business or administration of the county, while the seven-member County Council oversees budgeting. All allocations detailed in the Project Inventory were approved by County Council and implemented under the direction of the County Executive.

Labor Practices

Erie County will apply strong job quality standards to any public expenditures of the CSLFRF monies, because a strong, fair recovery starts with respecting and protecting working people equally. All recipients of the county's recovery funds will be mandated to comply with all local, state, and federal labor, employment, health, and safety laws. These standards will ensure that all CSLFRF dollars are spent in ways that bring people into the recovery and expand opportunity, with no exceptions.

Applying strong job quality thresholds for private entities receiving recovery dollars is in keeping with the intent of the American Rescue Plan Act. The US Department of Treasury guidance specifically encourages governments who spend funds on water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure investments to apply strong labor standards to those contracts, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions.

Use of Evidence

Because Erie County and its partners rely heavily on data to inform policy and programmatic decisions with regards to economic recovery, the Erie County Data Center is an important resource. Launched in 2018, the Data Center is a cutting-edge hub for economic, socioeconomic, demographic, industrial, and environmental data about Erie County, its people, and properties. Data Center staff work closely with the county's GIS team to create visualizations of data, serve in a supportive capacity for numerous county and City of Erie-driven initiatives, and conduct economic impacts studies that analyze the direct, indirect, and induced impact of local projects. The Data Center operates out of the Erie County Department of Economic Development.

With regards to other data partners, the county is engaged with a variety of entities. Erie County works closely with Erie's think tank the Jefferson Educational Society, founded in 2008 to promote civic engagement and drive community progress, and Mercyhurst University's Civic Institute, focused on evaluating and improving policies and action in the areas of child welfare, criminal justice, drug and alcohol, health, housing, and human services.

Several examples of data driven projects are provided below, with details available in the Project Inventory section.

- The Erie County Gun Violence Reduction Initiative, which is being spearheaded by the Erie Area Gun Working Group of the Erie County District Attorney's Office, was piloted in 2015 over a 30-week period. The results of this pilot study informed development and implementation of the full initiative that launched in 2019 with two-year funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The \$125,000 allocation to the Erie Area Gun Working Group will support a one-year extension of this initiative.
- State and local mandates related to the public health pandemic resulted in Erie County's nine largest cultural organizations – Lead Assets - halting standard operations. As a result, the Lead Assets incurred a loss of revenue totaling more than \$3.47 million. Populations that suffered the most from programs and events being disrupted were youth, households living at or below the poverty level, and senior citizens. Collectively, the Lead Assets annually fuel the local economy with more than \$13.7 million indirect expenditures. Their economic impact goes beyond direct expenditures, and their total industry impact is estimated at more than \$20.3 million. To support the re-opening of Erie County's key cultural assets, which collectively serve more than 670,000 residents and visitors each year, each Lead Asset received a one-time grant of \$111,111.
- Penn State Erie, The Behrend College's Project RESOLVE aims to establish the Erie region as the leading destination for companies looking to meet the manufacturing models of tomorrow in the plastics, metal-casting, and transportation sectors. A critical priority is construction of a Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness (CMC), which will house manufacturing-focused laboratories where industry works with students and faculty to develop, test, and implement next-generation technologies and practices. For manufacturers, the center will be a sandbox for

innovation—for advancing technologies without having to divert resources from day-to-day, bottom-line activities. All these proposed activities will result in increased job creation or retention either at Knowledge Park or by current or future employers taking advantage of these resources. RESOLVE aligns with key recommendations of the NWPAC Comprehensive Economic Development Study (2022), the Erie County COVID Impact and Recovery Committee (2021), the Erie County “investment playbook” (2022), and the Commonwealth of Innovation Report (2022).

- Gannon University’s Project NePTWNE (Nano & Polymer Technology for Water and Neural networks in Erie) is taking initiative to address water quality issues with a holistic approach. Supporting evidence shows that microplastics in waterways is having a major impact on water quality and ecological health in Lake Erie. Studies show that there are microplastic fibers in the drinking water and in the fish found in Lake Erie, raising questions of health concerns for those ingesting the water and fish, and for the ecosystems that are absorbing the plastics. Lake Erie provides water to more than 12 million people for drinking, recreation, and food. It also supports billions of dollars in fisheries, with an annual harvest of nearly 50 million pounds of fish, and also provides over 10,000 jobs each year. Gannon’s work aims to reconcile the environment, while simultaneously responding to community needs and growing the economy through job creation.

Performance Report

To manage the expenditure of Erie County CSLFRF, as well as assess the performance or impact of funded projects, all direct subrecipients, benefactors, and subawardees of the county receiving \$50,000 or more are required to submit quarterly and final reports. These reports are used by the county to see that project funding is being expended appropriately and per the recipients' project timeline and assess if project outputs and outcomes are being met.

The reporting schedule for Erie County's subrecipients, benefactors, and contractors is indicated in the table below.

QUARTERLY REPORTING SCHEDULE		
REPORT	PERIOD COVERED	DUE DATE
Report 1: 2021 Q4	Award Date – December 31, 2021	January 15, 2022
Report 2: 2022 Q1	January 1 – March 31, 2022	April 15, 2022
Report 3: 2022 Q2	April 1 – June 30, 2022	July 15, 2022
Report 4: 2022 Q3	July 1 – September 30, 2022	October 15, 2022
Report 5: 2022 Q4	October 1 – December 31, 2022	January 15, 2023
Report 6: 2023 Q1	January 1 – March 31, 2023	April 15, 2023
Report 7: 2023 Q2	April 1 – June 30, 2023	July 15, 2023
Report 8: 2023 Q3	July 1 – September 30, 2023	October 15, 2023
Report 9: 2023 Q4	October 1 – December 31, 2023	January 15, 2024
Report 10: 2024 Q1	January 1 – March 31, 2024	April 15, 2024
Report 11: 2024 Q2	April 1 – June 30, 2024	July 15, 2024
Report 12: 2024 Q3	July 1 – September 30, 2024	October 15, 2024
Report 13: 2024 Q4	October 1 – December 31, 2024	January 15, 2025
Report 14: 2025 Q1	January 1 – March 31, 2025	April 15, 2025
Report 15: 2025 Q2	April 1 – June 30, 2025	July 15, 2025
Report 16: 2025 Q3	July 1 – September 30, 2025	October 15, 2025
Report 17: 2025 Q4	October 1 – December 31, 2025	January 15, 2026
Report 18: 2026 Q1	January 1 – March 31, 2026	April 15, 2026
Report 19: 2026 Q2	April 1 – June 30, 2026	July 15, 2026
Report 20: 2026 Q3	July 1 – September 30, 2026	October 15, 2026
Report 21: 2026 Q4	October 1 – December 31, 2026	January 31, 2027

The same form is used for the final report, which is due 30 days following the grant End Date indicated at the top of the Subrecipient Agreement.

Project Inventory

Erie County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Tranche #1 Budget

Public Health (Expenditure Category 1): \$1,103,510.85

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.21:	Erie County Employee Vaccine Incentive
Funding Amount:	\$ 338,963
Expenditure Category:	1.1 COVID-19 Vaccination
Project Overview:	<i>To increase the number of county employees fully vaccinated</i> , the Erie County Department of Human Resources administered an employee vaccine incentive program, which allowed for all vaccinated county employees, as well as those who were vaccinated before the end of the 2021 calendar year, to receive a one-time payment of \$300. To be eligible for the payment, employees were asked to provide a copy of their vaccine card. Employees hired before December 31, 2021 were eligible to receive payment after completing the 90-day probationary period. Per diem employees were eligible if they had worked since March 2021. Accommodation requests based on medical or religious justification were considered on an as-needed basis. Just over 1,100 county employees participated in the program.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2021
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is 1,100+ county employees vaccinated. Outcome is a county workforce better protected against the potential impact of Covid-19. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.22:	Erie County Department of Corrections / Erie County Prison
Funding Amount:	\$55,185.24
Expenditure Category:	1.7 Capital Investments / Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities in Response to COVID-19
Project Overview:	Due to Covid-19 mitigation policies and procedures, residents of the Erie County Prison were not able to be transported to the Erie County Courthouse for hearings; the Erie County Prison assumed responsibility for running court operations from the prison. <i>To improve the facilitation of remote court proceedings</i> , Erie County Prison is installing five commercial soundproof booths from which hearings can be conducted. Additionally, seven Polycom systems are being installed, one for each booth with direct connections to county court, one in the room where arraignments are conducted, and one in a room being used for federal court and probation hearings.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2022

Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is installation of video conferencing equipment at the county prison. Outcome is improved capacity of the prison to facilitate remote court proceedings. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.23: Erie County Facilities and Operations	
Funding Amount:	\$6,436
Expenditure Category:	1.7 Capital Investments / Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities in Response to COVID-19
Project Overview:	Erie County Facilities and Operations made physical changes to multiple transaction or customer service windows and areas located in county-owned facilities which have not yet been modified to meet safe operating guidelines established during the Covid-19 public health crisis. Project complete with expenditures totaling \$6,436.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2022
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are physical alterations made to customer service areas of multiple county facilities. Outcome is improved safety for county residents and employees in county-owned facilities. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.24: Erie County Information Technology	
Funding Amount:	\$274,760
Expenditure Category:	1.7 Capital Investments / Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities in Response to COVID-19
Project Overview:	Information Technology is purchasing software and hardware to respond to the needs of multiple departments created by the Covid-19 pandemic. To allow eligible employees to work remotely, Erie County, which has more than 1,200 employees in total, is purchasing annually a minimum of 500 individual software licenses for remote worker accounts at \$180 per license per year. Funds are also budgeted for the purchasing of laptops, headsets, microphones, webcams, Zoom subscriptions, and other technology/equipment necessary for remote work. In support of the Erie County District Attorney’s Office, Information Technology is purchasing (1) 26 laptops with necessary software to enable staff and detectives to work remotely, (2) two portable A/V “Zoom capable” carts to allow for remote access and physical distancing during courtroom proceedings, and (3) a new Forensic Workstation and one additional Cellebrite (Mobile Forensic Platform) license for the Digital Forensic Unit to manage the backlog of cases involving digital data, which increased by approximately 38% from 2019 to 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2023
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is the purchase of a variety of technology hardware and software for the county and the district attorney's office. Outcome is improved capacity for remote work and productivity. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.25: Erie County Gun Violence Reduction Initiative	
Funding Amount:	\$163,781.61
Expenditure Category:	1.11 Community Violence Interventions
Project Overview:	The Erie County District Attorney's Office oversees the Erie Area Gun Working Group, which successfully piloted a gun reduction initiative that led to a two-year (2019-2021) continuation of the effort as the Erie County Gun Violence Reduction Initiative funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The initiative included community policing strategies and a collaborative/coordinated local, state, and federal law enforcement effort. Funds are supporting a year extension of this evidence-based initiative.
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Project is an evidence-based intervention. The initiative was piloted in 2015 for a 30-week period. This pilot provided the evidence necessary to secure additional funding and transition the project from a pilot effort to a sustained intervention.
Performance Report:	Output is enhanced, sustained law enforcement efforts aimed at reducing gun violence in the City of Erie. Outcome is reduction of gun violence impacts in the City of Erie. Programmatic data requested for this expenditure category is not applicable. Throughout this quarter, the Erie Gun Working Group has utilized funds from the American Rescue Plan to sustain its county-wide mission. The Erie County Detectives have been actively engaged in operations during this period.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.31: Tri-County Fire/EMS Plan Implementation	
Funding Amount:	\$264,385
Expenditure Category:	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Project Overview:	To provide oversight of implementation of the Tri-County Fire/EMS Plan , funds will be used by the Erie County Department of Public Safety to hire a plan coordinator for three years. Funds will also cover the cost of supplies and equipment necessary to support the position.
Project Status:	Less than 50% complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.

Performance Report:	Output is creation of a Tri-County Fire/EMS Plan coordinator position. Outcome is successful implementation of the plan, which will be focused on improving fire and medical emergency services in Erie County and regionally. No additional programmatic data required.
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Negative Economic Impacts (Expenditure Category 2): \$17,932,606

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.17:	Erie Community Foundation Erie County Emergency Medical Services Scholarship Fund
Funding Amount:	\$100,000
Expenditure Category:	2.10 Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports, or incentives
Project Overview:	<p>Even prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Pennsylvania was facing a potential public safety crisis over the dramatic decline in the number of volunteer first responders, as highlighted by the 2018 SR 6 Commission Final Report. According to the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, the number of volunteer firefighters has shrunk from 300,000 in the 1970s to about 60,000 in the early 2000s and to 38,000 in 2018. Yet, Pennsylvania and its communities continue to rely in large measure on volunteers to perform this critical emergency response and public safety service. Of Pennsylvania’s 2,462 fire companies, more than 90 percent are volunteer companies. Data from this report also shows the average number of firefighters certified to Firefighter I in rural departments is 26%. For suburban and urban departments, certification rates are 42% and 60% respectively. These existing issues with Fire and EMS service have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 public health crisis.</p> <p><i>To encourage more people to pursue jobs in the EMS field and help address the shortage of trained EMS professionals in Erie County, a four-year scholarship fund was created at the Erie Community Foundation. Eligible applicants include minority individuals, low-income/income qualifying individuals, individuals who have experienced career or academic displacement due to Covid-19, and individuals currently volunteering or working with an emergency services agency and looking to advance their careers. Scholarship funding may be used to pay for EMR Certification (\$600), EMT or AEMT Certification (\$1,500), and/or Paramedic Certification (\$8,000). Scholarship recipients who achieve certification MUST secure and maintain an EMS job in Erie County for a specific length of time (https://www.eriecommunityfoundation.org/scholarships).</i></p>
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are number of scholarships awarded and number of individuals completing emergency medical services certification. Outcomes are an expanded workforce of certified emergency medical services professionals and filling gaps in qualified emergency response

	personnel across the county. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.20:	Blue Zones Corry
Funding Amount:	\$745,000
Expenditure Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
Project Overview:	<p>Blue Zones Project is a community-wide, evidence-based approach to improve health and well-being in making healthier choices easier for everyone. Nearly 15 years of research by Blue Zones, LLC and its partners has shown that the Blue Zones Project model can quickly and dramatically change a community’s future course to one of improved health and economic vitality by applying the cultural and environmental practices of the world’s longest-lived people. By adopting certain systemic changes, whole communities have been able to re-engineer environments and culture to make the healthy choice the easy choice for the entire population.</p> <p>When the entire community participates – from worksites and schools to restaurants and grocery stores – small changes contribute to huge benefits for all, such as lowered healthcare costs, improved productivity, and ultimately, a higher quality of life.</p> <p><i>The goal of the project is to support the continuation of Blue Zones Project Corry, which was initiated in 2019 by the Erie County Department of Health in partnership with Highmark Health, Corry Memorial Hospital an affiliate of LECOM Health, and UPMC.</i></p>
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2023
Use of Evidence:	Project is an evidence-based intervention. Blue Zones Corry is based on 15 years of research by Blue Zones, LLC and its partners.
Performance Report:	Output is implementation of the Blue Zones model in Corry. Outcome is the improved health and wellbeing of Corry residents. Project is serving a disproportionately impacted community. The majority of households in three of Corry’s six census tracts have incomes less than 60% of the Area Median Income. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.07:	Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, an Erie County Redevelopment Authority Affiliate, Quin-T Site Environmental Remediation (Qualified Census Tract Project)
Funding Amount:	\$750,000
Expenditure Category:	2.23 Strong Healthy Communities Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties
Project Overview:	This 6-acre site, formerly the Quin-T paper company, a manufacturer of roofing tar paper made with asbestos has sat vacant and blighted for more than three decades. The site has both asbestos remnants, lead paint, and barrels of oil and other contaminants of unknown origin. It is

	located next to low-income single-family homes and was recently home to a homeless encampment. The goal of the project is to improve the neighborhood surrounding the site by removing a blighted, hazardous industrial property. The scope of work for the project includes environmental clean-up, demolition, remediation, and site preparation.
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is environmental remediation of the Quin-T industrial site. Outcomes include neighborhood improved and a “trouble” industrial site readied for redevelopment. Located within a HUD Qualified Census Tract. No additional programmatic data required. A total of \$99,156.97 was spent in the second quarter of 2024 on site assessments, additional waste removal, landscaping, and environmental costs. Demolition of the building and the smokestack has been completed, and two 30,000-gallon underground tanks have been removed.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.08:	Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, an Erie County Redevelopment Authority Affiliate, EMI Site Environmental Remediation (Qualified Census Tract Project)
Funding Amount:	\$750,000
Expenditure Category:	2.23 Strong Healthy Communities Demolition and Rehabilitation of Properties
Project Overview:	This blighted, abandoned manufacturing facility sits on a full city block (approximately five acres) along the West 12th Street historic industrial corridor, which is a primary transportation artery for the City of Erie and an area targeted for investment/redevelopment. The property abuts a school athletic facility, as well as the business and residential neighborhood of Erie’s Historic Little Italy. The site has a number of contaminants including coal, lead paint, oils, PCBs, and others of an unknown origin. It is a health and safety hazard in terms of these contaminants, as well as the condition of the physical facility. The goal of the project is to improve the neighborhood and industrial corridor impacted by the site by removing a blighted, hazardous industrial property. The scope of work for the project includes environmental clean-up, demolition, remediation, and site preparation.
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more of project.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is environmental remediation of the EMI industrial site. Outcomes include neighborhood improved and a “trouble” industrial site readied for redevelopment. In 2024, exterior demolition on the western portion of the building is complete, and interior demolition within the four-story building has begun. Located within a HUD Qualified Census Tract. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.01:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority Covid-19 Economic Recovery and Growth Fund
Funding Amount:	\$779,500
Expenditure Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Overview:	<i>To enhance the county revolving loan fund (which was maxed out as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic) and provide the resources necessary to assist the many businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic and help jumpstart expansion and growth</i> , funds have been added to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority Covid-19 Economic Recovery and Growth Fund. Funds are being used to assist in the financing of real estate, machinery, and equipment purchases where job creation and retention can be quantified. Recovery loans may also involve refinance lending that is directly tied to costs incurred from the Covid-19 pandemic. (https://www.ecrda.net/services/access-to-capital/)
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of loans issued and businesses served. Outcome is percentage of loan recipients maintaining or expanding operations. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.02:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority Entrepreneurship Grant Fund / StARTup Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$250,000
Expenditure Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Project Overview:	<i>To assist local entrepreneurs</i> , funds have been added to the existing StARTup Grant Program, which was funded with a \$130,000 gift from the original Edinboro University StARTup Incubator. The program is designed to address the diverse nature of new business development. Of the 15 entrepreneurs awarded grants from the original pool of funding, five were minority business owners and six were women. (https://www.ecrda.net/services/grants/)
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	October 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of grants issued and creative entrepreneurs served. Outcome is percentage of grant funded entrepreneurs maintaining or expanding their businesses. In the 2nd quarter of 2024, the ECRDA awarded 4 stARTup Grants to local artists for a total of \$20,000.00. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.03:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority Diversity Loan Program
Funding Amount:	\$337,500
Expenditure Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Overview:	Funds are being used to expand the existing Diversity Loan Program, which is designed to assist traditionally underserved, minority businesses, including African American, New Americans and women. Women- and minority-owned businesses, particularly Black-owned businesses, have been disproportionately hurt by the COVID-19 crisis. According to the Federal Reserve’s 2021 Small Business Credit Survey,
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	77% and 79% of Black and Asian small-business owners, respectively, reported their companies were in fair or poor financial shape, versus 54% of white business owners, and while business owners in every other demographic reported their main challenge was the demand for their products or services, among Black business owners the answer was credit availability. In fact, from February 2020 to April 2020, 41% of Black-owned businesses closed their doors. The increase in the size of the fund is allowing for larger loan options and an overall expansion of the program, including providing technical assistance services in partnership with Erie’s Black Wall Street and others community partners. (https://www.ecrda.net/services/access-to-capital/)
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	October 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of loans issued and traditionally under resourced businesses served. Outcome is percentage of loan recipients maintaining or expanding business operations. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.04:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority New Small Business Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$150,000
Expenditure Category:	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Project Overview:	<i>The New Small Business Grant Program is designed to provide necessary relief to new Erie County small businesses established on or after January 1, 2020 that have been negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19.</i> Grants of \$5,000 - \$10,000 are being provided to assist in ensuring the survival and stability of these crucial businesses.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2022
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and new businesses served; (10) businesses were served. Outcome is percentage of grant recipients maintaining or expanding business operations; 100% maintained or expanded operations. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.19:	Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll)/ Entrepreneurs Forever (EForever)
Funding Amount:	\$30,000
Expenditure Category:	2.30 Technical Assistance Counseling or Business Planning

Project Overview:	<p>Entrepreneurship for All (EforAll) is accelerating economic and social impact in communities nationwide through inclusive entrepreneurship. Their partner program Entrepreneurs Forever (EForever) is dedicated to serving under-resourced entrepreneurs and small business owners in evolving communities so that they can build thriving businesses and neighborhoods. (https://eforall.org/)</p> <p>Project was terminated at original requested amount, and was instead awarded \$30,000.</p>
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	<p>EforAll is an evidence-based program. Through 2020, more than 700 businesses have successfully completed an Accelerator Program. These businesses have created 1,300 local jobs to date and generated over \$40 million in revenue in 2020. Equally important, EforAll has a track record of reaching its intended demographic of economically challenged, typically under-represented entrepreneurs. Agency-wide, EforAll entrepreneurs are 72% female, 70% BIPOC, 39% immigrants, and 38% were previously unemployed.</p> <p>EForever has helped over 500 entrepreneurs in 27 communities sustain and grow their businesses since 2016. After the first two years of participation, members in 2021 report a 46% increase in business revenue and a 134% increase in owner compensation.</p> <p><i>To better address the needs of small businesses and entrepreneurs in an inclusive manner,</i> Erie County is providing funds to launch the EforAll/EForever program model in the county. The two main components of the program are: (1) public events and activities, including pitch contests and workshops, designed for entrepreneurs to get candid feedback and help them understand how to pursue their idea, and (2) the Accelerator Program, a free, one-year program offering immersive business training, mentorship, and access to an extended professional network.</p> <p>Project was terminated with the expenditure of \$30,000 only. The remaining balance - \$120,000 - was returned to Erie County.</p>
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	August 2022
Use of Evidence:	Project is an evidence-based intervention. The Entrepreneurship for All model is based on more than ten years of research.
Performance Report:	Output is number of entrepreneurs engaged in the EforAll program in Erie County. Outcome is percentage of program participants maintaining or expanding business operations. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.06:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority Savacchio Opportunity Park Project Green (Qualified Census Tract Project)
Funding Amount:	\$500,000

Expenditure Category:	2.32 Business Incubators and Start-Up or Expansion Assistance
Project Overview:	The Erie County Redevelopment Authority is serving as consultant and project development manager to the Minority Community Investment Coalition and the Savocchio Opportunity Park Project, which is a multi-phase 'green' project designed to create jobs, improve food security, and offer workforce and entrepreneurial development. The Park and all businesses will run on solar energy and work to be carbon neutral. The project includes: creation of a full-scale aquaponics facility that will
	house a fish hatchery and grow commercial produce for resale - a portion of the facility will be utilized by neighboring residents, the majority of whom are New Americans; development of the first east coast NextGen Integrated Pest Management Solutions operation, which will raise pests to be utilized as organic pesticides and serve the PA, NY & MI markets; and development of a culinary incubator and kitchen, co-packing facility, and solar array/community solar farm.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is development of core components of the Savocchio Opportunity Park Project Green. Outcomes include new businesses established and new jobs created and filled. In 2024, the ECRDA was able to begin the development of both commercial and community greenhouses for their Grow Erie project. Greenhouses will provide produce for family consumption and distribution at local food pantries/farmers markets. The commercial greenhouse is anticipated to initially create seven full-time jobs, with annual salaries averaging \$75,000 for managers, and \$45,000 for support staff. Located within a HUD. Qualified Census Tract. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.29:	Erie County Department of Public Safety Fire and EMS Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$ 635,615
Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted

Project Overview:	<p>Administered by the Erie County Department of Public Safety in partnership with the Erie County Firefighters Association, and Erie Area Council of Governments, <i>the goal of the Fire and EMS Grant Program is to provide general operational support, as well as transformative grants that will incentivize: (1) development of merger/collaboration plans or strategies to improve service coverage, (2) training and education, (3) recruitment/ pipeline development, and (4) retention strategies, including wage subsidies.</i> The program is open to the 31 volunteer fire departments and five emergency medical services agencies located or operating in Erie County. To be eligible to apply, applicants are required to sign on to the 2021-2022 Collaborative EMS Response Plan Agreement for Erie County. Ineligible uses of funds include debt service, equipment purchases, purchases of PPE, and revenue replacement.</p> <p>Guidelines for the Operational Support and Transformational Grant Programs can be found at: https://eriecountypa.submittable.com/submit</p>
Project Status:	More than 50% complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2025
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and fire and emergency medical services organizations served. Outcome is improved operations of Erie County’s fire and emergency medical services organizations. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.11:	Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority Transformative Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$4,000,000
Expenditure Category:	2.34 Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted
Project Overview:	<p><i>To support, empower, and advance the countywide nonprofit sector, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts,</i> the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority is creating and administering the Transformative Grant Program. Applicants must: 1) align proposed projects and programs with priorities and recommendations identified by local and regional community plans, 2) provide a cash match, and 3) adhere to contemporary practices/policies with regards to diversity, equity, and inclusion to be eligible to apply. (https://www.ecgra.org/BBF/building-a-better-future)</p>
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.

Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and nonprofits served. Outcome is the improved or increased capacity of the nonprofit grantees. ECGRA issued nine grants totaling \$403,549.00 during the second quarter of 2024. There were six grants paid under the subaward category of Renaissance Block. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.10.A-I:	Lead Assets Grant Program (Qualified Census Tract Project)
Funding Amount:	\$1,000,000
Expenditure Category:	2.35 Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality
Project Overview:	Erie County’s nine Lead (Cultural) Assets, as identified by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, include the Erie Art Museum, Erie Arts & Culture, Erie Philharmonic, Erie Playhouse, Erie Zoological Society, expERIEnce Children's Museum, Flagship Niagara League, Hagen History Center, and Mercyhurst Institute for Arts & Culture. Collectively, the Lead Assets annually fuel the economy with more than \$13.7 million indirect expenditures. Their economic impact goes beyond direct expenditures, and their total industry impact is estimated at more than \$20.3 million. State and local mandates related to the public health pandemic resulted in the Lead Assets halting standard operations. As a result, the Lead Assets incurred a loss of revenue totaling more than \$3.47 million. <i>To support the re-opening of Erie County’s key cultural assets, which collectively serve more than 670,000 residents and visitors each year, each Lead Asset received a one-time grant of \$111,111.</i>
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more of the project.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.

Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and nonprofits served. Outcome is the improved or increased capacity of the nonprofit grantees. In 2024, the Zoological Society conducted computer and phone cable installation and Erie Arts and Culture established their website and went live. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.05:	Erie County Redevelopment Authority Shuttered Venue Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$1,474,991
Expenditure Category:	2.35 Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Project Overview:	Eligible applicants must be physically located in Erie County and currently operating, provide 2019 and 2020 business financials, and fall into one of the eligible NAICS categories (Theater Companies and Dinner Theaters, Dance Companies, Musical Groups and Artists, Other Performing Arts Companies, Museums, Historical Sites, Zoos and Botanical Gardens, Amusement and Theme Parks, Amusement Arcades, Golf Courses and Country Clubs, Skiing Facilities, Fitness and Recreational Sports Centers, Bowling Centers). Entities which have received an SBA Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, or are classified as a Lead Asset (as defined by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority) are ineligible to apply. <i>The program is designed to provide much-needed support to entities which play a critical role in the local economy as cultural and recreational attractions and that had to shutter their doors a year ago in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</i>
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2022
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and businesses served; (26) businesses were served. Outcome is the improved or increased capacity of the grantees. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.12:	Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership Workforce Development Initiative
Funding Amount:	\$150,000
Expenditure Category:	2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries
Project Overview:	<p>The Covid-19 pandemic thrust nearly 26,000 workers from all parts of Erie County into unemployment for some period over the last 18 months. While nearly 19,000 are back to work, the workforce demands of employers in nearly every sector is a critical economic development challenge for the region.</p> <p>The Erie Forward Plan, Garner Workforce Development Delivery System Assessment, and Erie Restart (Recovery Plan) all identify workforce development as a priority for the region, as a strong Erie County workforce, in terms of the number of eligible workers as well as skills, has the potential to help existing companies survive and thrive and serve as a tool to attract new investment.</p>

	<p><i>Development of a skilled workforce requires intentional, coordinated actions over a sustained period involving partners working together to consistently train new and existing employees and build the skill sets needed by local employers. To that end,</i> the ERCGP is implementing a workforce development initiative with the following activities: (1) develop a workforce communications plan in partnership with all entities comprising the workforce system, (2) increase work-based learning opportunities (internships and apprenticeships) for high school students, (3) assist and/or coordinate with the Erie County Community College to develop technical training program(s), (4) participate in the US Chamber of Commerce’s Talent Pipeline Management Academy, (5) host a series of industry-specific career fairs, (6) develop or identify a soft skills program that is replicable and implement it at the high school level, (7) build an online library of best practices around workplace flexibility, recruiting, retention, skill upgrading, culture, and benefits, (8) deploy Werkberry, a local job advertising platform, as a tool for employers to cost-effectively advertise open positions, (9) host an annual “state of the workforce” event to track progress and publicly celebrate successes, and (10) secure funding to execute an Erie region workforce sustainability analysis, which will complement the Garner Economics Targeted Industry Study and Competitive Realities Report.</p>
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2023
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs include activities 1-10. Outcomes are improved communication between employers and placement and training agencies and increase in the availability of workforce training opportunities. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.16:	Erie County Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission
Funding Amount:	\$3,500,000
Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance Other
Project Overview:	<p><i>The purpose of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission is to address Erie County Council Resolution 43 of 2020 Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis in Erie County.</i> The Commission will invest in racially diverse populations by granting funding that creates opportunities for minority populations, lobbies for inclusive policy, and empowers minority populations throughout Erie County. The governing body of the Commission will consist of nine Directors, seven appointed by County Council and two appointed by the County Executive. Directors will reside in Erie County and represent racially diverse groups. (https://diverseerie.org/)</p>
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.

Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and individuals, entrepreneurs, and businesses served. Outcomes are the improved or increased capacity of grantees and the advancement of equity in Erie County. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.18:	Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$2,500,000
Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance Other
Project Overview:	<p><i>To support, empower, and advance Erie County municipalities, the County is providing ARPA funds to create a Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program.</i> Funds may be used to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.</p> <p>These funds are being administered by the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, developing program guidelines, application and review processes, all necessary contracts and reporting forms, and a communication strategy to promote the grant program and remitting to the County reporting documentation.</p> <p>While the Department of Planning and Community Development may create additional criteria for the Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program, Erie County requires municipal applicants to: (1) have applied for and received their ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation, (2) show a need for additional or “gap” funding for their proposed water, sewer, or broadband project(s) – the County’s ARPA funding may not be the only source of cash for the project(s), (3) align proposed projects and programs with priorities and recommendations identified in relevant, existing community plans, and (4) if applicable, define under-served communities or populations being served by the project.</p>
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more of project.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2023
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are the number of grants awarded and municipalities served, and the number of residents served by grant funded projects. Outcome is the increased capacity of Erie County municipalities to complete necessary infrastructure investments and improve service to their residents. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.27:	Erie County Fusion Cell
Funding Amount:	\$280,000
Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview:	Erie County is proposing to create a 24 to 36-month economic recovery initiative, the focus of which will be to plan for, prioritize, and coordinate federal relief and recovery investments. As this effort will require dedicated energies, the intent is to hire up to three executive-level local recovery fellows to enhance the capacity of the county and its partners to design, finance, and deliver transformative and regional revitalization.
Project Status:	Completed.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is creation of this new three-person economic development bureau. Outcomes include an increase in public and private funding for county supported projects and initiatives and improved regional coordination. No additional programmatic data required.

Revenue Replacement (Expenditure Category 6): \$7,103,024

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.17:	Erie County Department of Public Safety Fire and EMS Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$300,000
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	Fire and EMS Grant Program is being administered by the Erie County Department of Public Safety in partnership with the Erie County Firefighters Association, and Erie Area Council of Governments. Because the ARPA legislation defines nonprofits eligible to receive aid as having tax exemption under IRS code section 501(c) 3, additional funds are being allocated under the Revenue Replacement expenditure category in support of those fire and EMS agencies tax exempt under IRS code section 501(c) 4.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is number of grants awarded and fire and emergency medical services organizations served. Outcome is improved operations of Erie County’s fire and emergency medical services organizations. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.13:	Erie Area Council of Governments Implementation of Tri-County Fire & EMS Plan
Funding Amount:	\$50,000
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	Since 2018, the Erie Area Council of Governments has been working alongside the Erie County Department of Public Safety to lead the Erie County Fire and EMS Recruitment and Retention Committee, the role of which is to address the crisis facing fire and emergency medical

	<p>services through development of a sustainable emergency services plan that ensures high quality emergency services are available to all Erie County residents. With funds received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, Erie, Crawford, and Warren Counties have joined together to engage two peer consultants to study and make recommendations for a countywide and cross-county approach to the delivery of fire and emergency medical services. Funds are allocated to support implementation of the resulting Tri-County Fire & EMS Plan.</p>
Project Status:	Less than 50% complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is implementation of one or more recommendations of the Tri-County Fire/EMS Plan. Outcome is successful implementation of one or more recommended projects of the plan, which will be focused on improving fire and medical emergency services in Erie County and regionally. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.09:	Erie County Community College Tuition Coverage and Barrier Reduction
Funding Amount:	\$1,750,000
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	<p>The Erie County Community College of PA (EC3PA) is enrolling students for its inaugural class in July 2021. EC3PA offers associate’s degree and technical skills certificate programs that provide education and training at an affordable price for available and emerging jobs that do not require a baccalaureate degree. In addition, the college provides the education many students need to succeed in a four-year program, as well as an affordable option for the first two years of college for those seeking a bachelor’s degree.</p> <p>To ensure the opportunity to attend EC3PA is available to all residents of Erie County, regardless of income, these funds are providing full tuition coverage for any Erie County resident enrolled. Removing the financial barrier of tuition is especially important as the college works towards accreditation, during which time federal aid is not available students.</p> <p>Funds are also being provided to reduce barriers for students, not related to tuition, which may prevent a student from attending or completing college. These barriers include, but are not limited to, transportation, temporary childcare, medical needs, school supplies, and technology. This investment is helping to ensure success for students enrolled at EC3PA.</p>
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024

Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are the number of scholarships (1,178) and barrier reduction grants (425) awarded and the number of students served. Outcome is percentage of student grantees completing coursework and/or training programs. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.14:	Erie County Convention Center Authority
Funding Amount:	\$2,000,000
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	The Erie County Convention Center Authority, which maintains and operates the Bayfront Convention Center, UPMC Park (athletic field), Erie Insurance Arena, and the historic Warner Theatre, experienced a revenue shortfall of more than \$12.5 million over the last 18 months due to mandated closures. Funds supported general operations. (https://www.erieevents.com/)
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	March 2022
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is grant funding applied to operational budget deficits. Outcome is improved capacity of Erie Events to maintain operations. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.15:	Erie County Pleasant Ridge Manor Nursing Care Facility
Funding Amount:	\$2,700,000
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	Pleasant Ridge Manor is a county-owned skilled nursing facility located on a 25-acre estate on West Ridge Road. The facility provides 24-hour nursing care for short-term stays and long-term skilled nursing care. It experienced a revenue shortfall over the last 18 months due to circumstances created by the COVID-19 public health crisis. Funds supported general operations. (https://www.pleasantridgemanor.com/)
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2021
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is grant funding applied to operational budget deficits. Outcome is improved capacity of Pleasant Ridge Manor to maintain operations. No additional programmatic data required.
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.28:	Erie County Facilities and Operations
Funding Amount:	\$303,023.87
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	Facilities and Operations is prioritizing necessary building maintenance at the Public Defender's Office (roof replacement) and Erie County

	Courthouse (replacement of fire pump, a device that boosts water through the fire suppression system so that water reaches the sprinklers on the upper floors; monthly inspections of the existing pump show declining performance). Both projects are critical and support Erie County government’s delivery of services to the public.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are roof replaced on Public Defender’s Office and replacement of fire pump at the Erie County Courthouse. Outcome is improved county-owned facilities. No additional programmatic data required.

Administration (Expenditure Category 7): \$56,037

Project CSLFRF.FY2021.26:	Professional/Consulting Fees
Funding Amount:	\$ 56,037
Expenditure Category:	7.1 Administrative Expenses
Project Overview:	Erie County is contracting with two consulting firms, one specializing in financial oversight and the other in program development and implementation, to assist in the administration of its SLFRF monies.
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more of the project.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Output is consultants hired and engaged. Outcome is improved capacity of the county to manage the CSLFRF grant award. No additional programmatic data required.

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Negative Economic Impacts (Expenditure Category 2): \$8,562,500

Project CSLFRF.FY2022.01:	Penn State Erie – The Behrend College Project Resolve
Funding Amount:	\$ 2,500,000
Expenditure Category:	2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries
Project Overview:	The aim of this project is to accelerate the transition to a circular economy by transforming and growing the regional manufacturing sector, notably plastics, materials, metal-casting, and transportation industries, into an advanced manufacturing hub, which will be known as the Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness. The county's initial investment of \$2.5M in CLFRF monies has been leveraged to secure an additional \$8.5M, which will be used to construct the Center

	for Manufacturing Competitiveness on the Penn State Erie - The Behrend College campus.
Project Status:	Less than 50% complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Project serves disproportionately impacted industries. For example, one of Erie County's largest manufacturing employers, Wabtec Corporation, experienced 450 layoffs as an impacted industry. With a starting number of either 1,200 or 1,600 depending on how employees are counted, this represents a decline of either 37 or 28 percent, far in excess of the Treasury standard of 8 percent.

Project CSLFRF.FY2022.02:	Northwest Pennsylvania Innovation Beehive Network
Funding Amount:	\$ 737,500
Expenditure Category:	2.30 Technical Assistance, Counseling, or Business Planning
Project Overview:	The Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority will administer funds allocated to support five of the organizational partners of the NWPA Innovation Beehive Network located within Erie County with the purpose to advance the Beehive and its efforts to encourage business growth and development in Erie County. (Funds must be restricted to these five Beehive partners providing technical support and services to businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits physically located in Erie County.) Launched in 2014, the Beehive is made up of six centers, each with their own specialization and mix of staff, faculty, and students, that collaborate to encourage business growth. They include the Erie County Public Library, Penn State Behrend, PennWest Edinboro, Gannon University, Mercyhurst University, and Allegheny College.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026

Use of Evidence:	Number of small businesses and nonprofits served.
Performance Report:	Each college and university Beehive will utilize faculty, staff, and students to provide technical assistance and/or business development help to impacted small businesses and nonprofits in Erie County. Funds are being used to enhance the capacity of the NWPA Innovative Beehive network, as demand for their services has grown as a direct result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
Project CSLFRF.FY2022.03: Mercy Center for Women Mercy Anchor Community Center	
Funding Amount:	\$ 250,000
Expenditure Category:	2.16 Long-term housing security: Services for unhoused persons
Project Overview:	Mercy Center for Women Mercy Anchor Community Center (MACC) building is a newly renovated 39,000 sq. ft. building providing education, health care access, and wellness support to the surrounding Academy-Marvintown neighborhood. The mission of the Mercy Center

	for Women is to provide transitional housing and support services (up to 1 year) to homeless women with or without children. Mercy Center for Women purchased the Holy Rosary Elementary School building and adjacent property to redevelop it as an anchor building for the neighborhood. The interior classrooms were converted into loft-style apartments for families and individuals. The basement and office spaces were remodeled into usable spaces for community services, including new and existing programs like Dress for Success Erie, Our Daily Threads Thrift Store, a childcare center, food pantry, education and resource center, and a wellness and healthcare program. The school, which was designed by architect Walter T. Monahan* and built by S. Niebauer & Son, opened January 5, 1948 and was dedicated by Bishop Gannon on May 9th in conjunction with the Silver Jubilee of Holy Rosary Parish. It was closed at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. The Center's project is bringing new life to this Academy-Marvintown neighborhood asset and providing permanent housing and support services to women and families in need.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	June 2023
Use of Evidence:	Number of low income and/or unhoused persons served.
Performance Report:	Erie County's investment of CLFRF monies were leveraged with an additional \$5M in community support, leading to completion of a 13-unit building with wraparound services on-site designed for low income women and families.
Project CSLFRF.FY2022.07: Erie County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Coordinator	
Funding Amount:	\$ 75,000
Expenditure Category:	2.22 Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood features that promote health and safety

Project Overview:	<p>Erie County Department of Planning & Community Development is hiring a Parks, Trails, and Recreation Coordinator. This position will oversee implementation of the Erie County Park, Trails, and Recreation Plan, provide technical assistance to municipal and community partners, promote active transportation and adoption of Complete Streets policies, and assist the Metropolitan Planning Organization integrate non-vehicular, ADA accessible transportation options into plans and studies.</p> <p>Creation of this position was a recommendation of the Plan, a PDF copy of which can be found at https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/planning-and-community-development/programs/parks-trails-and-recreation-plan/</p>
Project Status:	Completed less than 50%.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.

Performance Report:	<p>Recognizing the importance of parks, trails, and recreation in the lives of its residents, Erie County is working towards becoming a Choice Community that offers recreational opportunities for every resident and visitor, collaboratively sets countywide priorities, improves public health through recreation and active transportation, strategically invests in green space and play space, and tells the story of Erie County's unique assets and events.</p>
Project CSLFRF.FY2021.18:	Erie County Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program
Funding Amount:	\$5,000,000
Expenditure Category:	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance Other

Project Overview:	<p><i>To support, empower, and advance Erie County municipalities, the County is providing ARPA funds to create a Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program.</i> Funds may be used to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.</p> <p>These funds are being administered by the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, developing program guidelines, application and review processes, all necessary contracts and reporting forms, and a communication strategy to promote the grant program and remitting to the County reporting documentation.</p> <p>While the Department of Planning and Community Development may create additional criteria for the Municipal Infrastructure GAP Funding Grant Program, Erie County requires municipal applicants to: (1) have applied for and received their ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation, (2) show a need for additional or “gap” funding for their proposed water, sewer, or broadband project(s) – the County’s ARPA funding may not be the only source of cash for the project(s), (3) align proposed projects and programs with priorities and recommendations identified in relevant, existing community plans, and (4) if applicable, define under-served communities or populations being served by the project.</p>
Project Status:	Completed less than 50%.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Outputs are the number of grants awarded and municipalities served, and the number of residents served by grant funded projects. Outcome is the increased capacity of Erie County municipalities to complete necessary infrastructure investments and improve service to their residents. No additional programmatic data required.

Infrastructure (Expenditure Category 5): \$9,533,000

Project CSLFRF.FY2022.04:	Site Readiness for Rural Development
Funding Amount:	\$ 5,000,000
Expenditure Category:	5.18 Water and Sewer: Other
Project Overview:	Erie County Council approved \$5M in county CLFRF monies to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority for the acquisition and development /redevelopment of rural sites in Union City Borough, Fairview Township, Harborcreek Township, and North East Township. This includes the build-out of infrastructure necessary to make the sites development ready.
Project Status:	Completed 50% or more.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Though recent studies show a need for new industrial park locations throughout Erie County, the investment rationale in this case (from an ARPA allowability perspective) is that the intended expenses are basic infrastructure in nature: water; sewer; storm water; retention basin; and broadband.
Project CSLFRF.FY2022.05:	Erie County Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program
Funding Amount:	\$ 1,000,000
Expenditure Category:	5.9 Clean Water: Nonpoint source
Project Overview:	The Erie County Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP) is in partnership with the Pennsylvania ACAP, which was created as a part of the FY 2022-23 General Fund State Budget through legislation called the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund. The purpose of the ACAP is to assist farmers and landowners in the design and installation of agricultural conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will reduce or prevent nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorus) and sediment losses from their farms and improve water quality and soil health across Erie County, which includes the Lake Erie and French Creek Watersheds. Implementation and construction of these water quality BMPs are the cornerstones of the program, which is where a majority of the grant funds will be directed. The program will be administered by the Erie County Conservation District.
Project Status:	Completed less than 50%.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	The overall project outcome is to reduce the amount of nutrients and sediments entering our local waterways, enhancing water quality and improving soil health throughout Erie County.

	<p>The BMPs installed and associated data will be recorded in a GIS system provided to conservation districts by District staff. The data points will show what kind of environmental impact the implementation of these BMPs have locally.</p> <p>The District plans to use established nutrient calculation tools such as the US EPA Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL) and The Stroud Water Research Center WikiWatershed Tool to apply quantitative measurements to the BMPs installed.</p>
Project CSLFRF.FY2022.06:	Project NePTWNE
Funding Amount:	\$ 1,500,000
Expenditure Category:	5.13 Drinking water: Source
Project Overview:	<p>Lake Erie is the most biologically diverse and productive of the Great Lakes. As the shallowest, it warms rapidly making it vulnerable to pollution and climate change. Lake Erie provides over 12 million people with drinking water, recreation, and food. It also supports billions of dollars in fisheries, with an annual harvest of nearly 50 million pounds-providing jobs for over 10,000 workers each year. Unfortunately, it is also under threat; exposed to the stress from urbanization, industrialization, agriculture runoff, introduction of invasive species, and effluent from the sewage treatment plant.</p> <p>Gannon University is committed to its long history of aquatic research, education and outreach. This is demonstrated through its water initiative, Project NePTWNE. Project NePTWNE (Nano & Polymer Technology for Water and Neural networks in Erie) is a water sustainability initiative that takes an inclusive and holistic approach to addressing water quality, climate change, economic development, and quality of life. A major factor impacting water quality and ecological health is the presence of microplastics in waterways. Studies are finding microscopic plastic fibers in drinking water and fish. This is raising questions about how harmful these particles are to people’s health as well as the health of ecosystems which are absorbing plastic at the base of the food web. Measuring, monitoring, and removing these pollutants, along with developing new solutions to prevent the pollutants from ever entering the water must be a priority for our region.</p> <p>Project NePTWNE will be implemented in six phases designed to measure, monitor, mitigate and manufacture solutions that lead to improved water quality. The first phase of this project, to create the Center for Manufacturing and Technology within Gannon’s Institute for Health and Cyber Knowledge (IHACK) is well under way. Construction began in January 2023 and is expected to be completed in August 2023. Phase II of the project is to create the Great Lakes Center for Research and Education. The center will be located in</p>

	<p>the historic Union Fish Company building at Wolverine Park Marina and on Gannon’s campus. In addition to a water testing and research facility, the center will serve as an education center for residents as well as visitors to Erie. The port location will provide education about the relationship between water quality and public health, freshwater native fish species and invasive species, the threat from frequent harmful algal blooms and the greater impact that climate change is having on our Great Lakes.</p> <p>In partnership with the Regional Science Consortium (RSC), Phase III will include the addition of greenhouses on and around Gannon’s Erie campus to grow native plants for Presque Isle, grow and donate fresh produce in Gannon’s Goodwill Gardens to be distributed to local food pantries as well as provide small business opportunities. Phase IV includes the purchase of a more sophisticated research vessel that will allow for expanded research opportunities, K-through post-secondary education, as well as informal citizen learning. Phase V develops a public health and policy program with academic programming and curriculum design to assist the community with data-based reporting, advising, education and outreach. The final phase of the project creates a sophisticated lake health monitoring facility and nanoparticle science lab to identify pollutants and how to mitigate the ecological threats.</p> <p>As more pressure is placed on access to bodies of fresh water and fresh foods (including fish) it is imperative that as a region we are informed, engaged and positioned to respond to threats and opportunities to maintain quality drinking water and ensure the public and economic health of our community.</p>
Project Status:	Not started.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Gannon’s work aims to reconcile the environment with the economy to preserve and steward our local Great Lake while simultaneously responding to community needs and growing the economy through job creation. This is squarely aligned within Cluster One of Infinite Erie: An Investment Playbook.

Project CSLFRF.FY2022.10:	Parade Street Community Center
Funding Amount:	\$33,000
Expenditure Category:	2.34-Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)
Project Overview:	Abundant Life Ministries International will hire a contractor to replace the roof at the Parade Street Community Center. This center hosts non-violence groups, and provides community services including food and clothing distribution, prison ministry, court advocacy and suicide prevention.
Project Status:	Complete.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2024

Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	Recipient hired a contractor to replace the roof at the Parade Street Community Center. The center is located in a QCT and hosts community services including non-violence groups, food and clothing distribution, prison ministry, court advocacy and suicide prevention classes. Located within a HUD Qualified Census Tract. No additional programmatic data required.

Project CSLFRF.FY2024.01	Erie C3 Allied Health and Nursing Labs
Funding Amount:	\$2,000,000
Expenditure Category:	1.10-COVID-19 Aid to Impacted Industries
Project Overview:	The Erie County Community College will create the Allied Health and Nursing Labs program in order to fill vital healthcare workforce shortages exacerbated by the Covid 19 Pandemic. EC3 will partner with three major hospital systems (impacted industries) to provide programs in Digital Medical Sonography, Licensed Practical Nursing, and Patient Care Technicians and Certified Nurse Assistants. EC3's student population is diverse in nature therefore bringing a diverse workforce into the healthcare field.
Project Status:	Not Started
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026
Use of Evidence:	Success will be tracked by number of students graduating with a degree/certification in the provided medical programs compared with the number of those students who receive job offers in Erie County upon graduating.
Performance Report:	Funds are being used to provide programs at the Erie County Community college with the purpose of filling understaffed roles in the healthcare field in Erie County.

Revenue Replacement (Expenditure Category 6): \$3,744,207.87

Project CSLFRF.FY2022.08:	Transfer to Erie County General Fund
Funding Amount:	\$ 3,744,207
Expenditure Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Project Overview:	Transfer of Revenue Replacement dollars made to the Erie County General Fund. Revenue Replacement was calculated using the FY 2019 General Revenue and a 5.20% Growth Adjustment Rate. Per these calculations, Erie County was able to claim \$10,836,209 of its CSLFRF

	allocation as Revenue Replacement. \$7,092,000 was allocated during the budgeting of Tranche #1, while the remaining balance was budgeted from Tranche #2.
Project Status:	Completed.
Anticipated End Date:	December 2026

Use of Evidence:	Not an evidence-based intervention. Expenditure category does not require use of evidence.
Performance Report:	The General Fund is used to support county operational expenses, including staffing, building maintenance, utilities, and other general operating costs.

NOTE: *The only Qualified Census Tracts located within Erie County are found in the City of Erie. If the primary audience for a project is located in a QCT, it has been noted. The majority of the County’s projects, however, are serving a countywide audience, which includes impacted and disproportionately impacted communities, residents, businesses, organizations, and industries in the City of Erie.*