

Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description	Contributors
expERIEence Children's Museum - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$5,500	<p>It is well documented that learning loss occurs when time is spent away from school and a disproportionate learning loss occurs for children from low-income households compounding existing achievement gaps. Making up for lost school time will be even more critical as students were quarantined from their schools in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. This lost school time has potential to further widen the achievement gap making it even more difficult for students to catch up. Education is widely recognized as the key intervention that can break the cycle of poverty. A disproportionate access to learning opportunities outside of school widens the achievement gap between low-income students and their higher-income peers. To address this problem, the Mobile Museum will engage children from low-income neighborhoods with summer STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) learning experiences to avert learning loss resulting from time away from school. The Mobile Museum will provide hands-on STEAM learning experiences for 100 school-aged children attending the YMCA Summer Kids Club and 50 school-aged children attending the Neighborhood Art House (NAH) summer camps. If in-person programming cannot occur, then STEAM education kits, along with teacher instructions and video recordings, will be provided to both the YMCA and NAH. The NAH and YMCA were identified as sites because of their successful programs that serve Erie's low-income families. The goal for the program is to provide hands-on STEAM learning experiences for children that scaffold student learning and avert learning loss resulting from time away from school. Outcomes include that children will: increase understanding of STEAM knowledge and skills, develop interest in and increased positive attitudes about learning STEAM skills and concepts, be prepared for success in school through practiced critical thinking, problem solving, and collaborative skills.</p>	Erie Insurance

<p>Arts Council of Erie dba Erie Arts &amp; Culture - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$55,000</p>	<p>Through Creating with Communities, artists work together with community members, local business owners, neighborhood organizations, and city employees to leverage the power of the creative arts to advance the social, economic, and cultural needs of the community. This program invests in artists living and working in Erie, building their capacity to serve as community leaders. The initiative also invites and empowers the community to participate in the act of transformation. The central focus of Creating with Communities is to increase the self-reliance, self-determination, and sustainability of communities within Erie's urban core, while also directly investing in community-oriented artists who choose to make Erie, Pennsylvania their home. Through this program, guided by artists, residents, merchants, community organizers, and culture-bearers are actively involved in shaping the social character and built environment in their neighborhoods. This project will provide paid opportunities to 12 Erie-based artists. The project will also make investments in neighborhoods located in Erie's urban core. Our plan for evaluating success is four fold. Part one is to measure how the initiative has invested in capacity building of Erie-based artists. Part two is measuring how the initiative was integrated to organizational objectives of neighborhood organizations. Part three is to track how community sentiments changed over the duration of the initiative. Part four is to track how artists access future opportunities through EAC. Of the 14 artists participating in the '20 program, 4 artists applied to become rostered teaching artists with EAC and the PCA and 1 artist applied for a folk arts grant through EAC and the PCA.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>Erie County Historical Society - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$60,500</p>	<p>In 2019-2020, the HHC built a two story, 6000 sq. ft. new exhibit building in an effort to educate young and old in the Erie community, display more of the HHC's 30,000 artifacts, increase tourism, and support Erie's reinvention from a rust-belt city. Exhibit galleries for the first floor of the new building have been designed and the construction is 80% complete. These galleries will be unveiled in 2021. The second floor of the new exhibit building is currently empty. Galleries for this floor will feature the broad topics of Coming to Erie (The indigenous Native Americans through modern Immigration) and Erie At Work (Agriculture, Fishing, Commerce, Manufacturing and Labor). These galleries have not yet been designed nor constructed. This project will secure funding to have the galleries for the second floor designed and constructed. HHC has a successful track record of engaging national award winning exhibit design and fabrication companies to create 7 galleries in 2019-20. This next phase will include community/stakeholder input, identification of artifacts and archives from the HHC collection, close collaboration with the professional exhibit designers, and finally the build-out of the exhibit galleries. Outcomes include: Increased visitation from adults in Erie County and regional tourism (from 5,000 now to 15,000); Increased in visitation from school age children (from 680 last year to 1500); Permit more students to take advantage of the benefits because museums open a world of imagination and exploration, teach critical thinking and empathy, help get students excited about school subjects, teach subject-specific content and skills, and inspire civic engagement; Hire at least six skilled laborers for the construction; Hire two new permanent full-time employees and three part-time employees.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance, Marquette Savings Bank.</p>
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<p>Our West Bayfront - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$20,488</p>	<p>Erie's urban neighborhoods, including the West Bayfront community, have experienced a steady decline since the 1960s, as documented by Erie Refocused, the city's 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Demand for homes in Erie's urban neighborhoods decreased as buyers with financial means opted to move to the suburbs. As a result, ownership rates have decreased and many properties are owned by landlords renting to lower-income families. Vacancy, blight, and crime have become the defining (negative) characteristics of these neighborhoods, continuing a downward cycle that reduces the city's tax base and funds for vital city services. This project expands Our West Bayfront's "Lights On OWB!" initiative to improve safety and reduce neighborhood disorganization in order to deter crime and increase feelings of safety and market confidence in the community. It will strengthen and empower neighborhood organizations in the West Bayfront to better address various neighborhood ideas and concerns. The project will result in improvements to safety, visibility, and perceptions of community connectivity. Visibility and lighting improvements will be made at a minimum of 6 targeted blocks selected in partnership with the neighborhood watch groups as being priority areas for focus. Criminal activity will be deterred or reduced in the target areas. Neighborhood organizations will be strengthened with more people actively involved as a result of the collaborative and pro-active project. Perceptions of the West Bayfront neighborhood among both current residents and potential residents will be improved, eventually increasing the home ownership rate, property values, and the tax base.</p>	<p>Electrical &amp; Mechanical Systems, Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>Erie Civic Theatre Association dba Erie Playhouse - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$9,625</p>	<p>The nucleus of the Erie Playhouse's COMMUNITY COMMITMENT REIMAGINED project is PLAYtime, an early learning and intervention program that helps underserved children thrive through increased kindergarten readiness and literacy development. It prioritizes social justice issues in a compassionate environment that fosters acceptance, celebrates diversity, and builds empathy. It also models literacy-building techniques for teachers and will provide access to live theatre, when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. It addresses objectives of five Erie initiatives. It supports children at the highest risk of school failure. Testing data shows that 71% of Erie children enter Erie Community Elementary Schools (ECES) without adequate literacy skills. Data from the most recent PA State System of Assessment reveals that only 35% of all ECES 3rd graders read at proficient and advanced levels. Reading proficiency by 4th grade is a key indicator of school success and self-sufficiency as an adult. COMMUNITY COMMITMENT REIMAGINED has pivoted to virtual platforms to support our Pre-K and ECES partners who are struggling to meet the needs of their learners, especially as plans to reopen schools change almost daily. As of now, Pre-K sites are open with children in smaller, isolated groups, and ECES will be all remote or Cyber learning, at least for the first quarter. OUTCOMES: PLAYtime Pre-K: YEAR 1-Children engage in pre-reading development skills and demonstrate an increased interest in books; YEAR 2-Children demonstrate on-target pre-literacy skills; YEAR 3-Children score proficient or higher on kindergarten literacy assessments. PLAYtime Kindergarten and Grade 1: Students succeed academically and are physically, socially and emotionally healthy. To achieve these outcomes, we will use performance art and equity-based training to increase literacy and build positive behaviors with regard to gender, race/ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, and language.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance, American Tinning &amp; Galvanizing Co.</p>
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Perseus House - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$5,500	<p>Since our residents, ages 12 to 18 are under our care 24 hours a day, there have been times when weather or some other incident has resulted in us losing power at these facilities. Our answer to that dilemma at two of our more remote locations, we have purchased back up generators. This has proven invaluable as the need to relocate children has been eliminated with those generators. Currently four of our locations do not have back up generators. Essentially our project is to purchase and have installed back up generators at those four sites. The benefit of having these generators is that no matter what natural or manmade event causes us to lose our main source of power. The generators will allow us to keep clients and staff safe by not having to relocate them to our buildings that were not affected by the power outage. We plan to accomplish this by reaching out to vendors and business in the City of Erie who see a need for assisting social service agencies such as Perseus House. Expected outcomes are that no matter what the incident or type of weather we will be able to maintain our clients in a safe and comfortable environment without having to take the risk of relocating them at any time during the day or night, depending upon the time of year. Safety is our number one concern along with treatment for our residential clients. We believe the back up generators make Perseus House a safer agency where staff can concentrate on the treatment of clients and not need to worry about the possibility of relocation or change of routine during some sort of natural disaster such as a snow storm.</p>	Northwest Bank.
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<p>Erie Zoological Society - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$68,750</p>	<p>The City of Erie has a 14% to 15% lower household and per capita income than the state average. This has a huge impact on families in the City. The Erie Zoo is one of the region's leading family destinations. The Zoo is typically open free for two hours every Sunday afternoon to bring families together in an enriching environment. These two hours are the busiest of the week and guests come from some of the poorest neighborhoods in the City. They are also the two most diverse hours of the week. Use of the Zoo's free time is growing. Visitation often stresses the park's capacity. To address this demand the Zoo undertook a master plan and its first capital campaign in over 25 years. The plan calls for the first expansion of the park in 50 years. This expansion will help reduce the capacity limitations incurred during free time. The Covid19 pandemic has forced the Zoo to suspend this program. These NAP funds will help the Zoo complete its master plan and reinstate the free hours. NAP funds will be used to construct several components of the Erie Zoo's Master Plan. Specific projects would be related to the new giraffe exhibit. The primary project would be the giraffe-feeding platform where guests would be able to get close to giraffe height and feed them for a fee from time to time. This exciting experience has never been available at the Erie Zoo. Funds generated from this program will help pay for the giraffes' food. It will also fund construction of an adjacent storage building with room for various items needed for the use of the platform. The project will create at least six temporary construction jobs and retain two full time animal keeper jobs at the Zoo.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>SSJ Neighborhood Network - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$27,500</p>	<p>SSJ Neighborhood Network will address the following problems: IMAGE: Public spaces require attention; 45% of homes are adjacent to distressed properties, 20% require major renovation; code sweeps create financial hardship for many homeowners. PLAN: award renovation mini-grants; provide vacant lot beautification through community gardens SAFETY: Crime &amp; perception of crime is high. PLAN: Install surveillance equipment to prevent crime and increase feelings of safety. ECONOMY: 26% residents did not graduate HS, youth enrichment programs are scarce and workforce development opportunities are inadequate. PLAN: Offer enrichment education &amp; work readiness programs to build problem-solving and career skills. DISORGANIZATION: 76% of residents have low to moderate incomes, unemployment is high; 36% are food insecure and neighborhoods are classified food deserts. PLAN: Provide community gardening, hold farmers markets &amp; match SNAP benefits. IMAGE: Award at least 10 property rehabilitation mini-grants; offer opportunity for neighbors to participate in 7 community gardens, 2 urban orchards and 1 urban farm. SAFETY: Install video surveillance equipment in at least 5 new high-risk crime or "hot spot" areas. EDUCATION &amp; ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: Implement educational and work readiness "Pedal Mettle" bike co-op with at least 30 youth; Employ at least 6 youth in urban farming social enterprise as part of our larger, SSJNN Supported Youth Employment career and workforce development program. ORGANIZATION: Coordinate weekly farmers market June - September; provide 1:1 match for SNAP, WIC &amp; senior FMNP voucher customers at farmers market.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>Community Action Partnership of Mercer County - Sharon, Mercer County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$11,000</p>	<p>The Lots to Love Program is a vacant lot revitalization strategy, in which all vacant lots in a target area are cared for and maintained. As the project supervisor fosters community engagement, neighborhood blight is reduced. Presently a pilot program, Lots to Love has had a greater impact than anticipated, becoming the implementation arm of the City of Sharon's Blight Plan. While the project is proving to be successful, we underestimated the scope of the project and what it actually means to re-purpose an empty lot. The program has persevered despite a delay in the grant award, as well as the pandemic, which brought a new challenge to community engagement. To continue the revitalization of the neighborhood started with the first NAP grant, the project supervisor's position must be funded to support the activities of re-purposing the empty lots, seeking sponsors and lot adopters and refining the process that will be used to implement the program city-wide. -Retain the one position the job of Lots to Love Project Supervisor. Decrease gap in funding through the development of a Solicitation Plan that includes tax credit contributions, grants, cash, in-kind services. Increase partnerships with neighbors, non-profits, businesses and vendors to sponsor or adopt a lots. Continue to implement all three strategies (Side-Lot,, Adopt a Lot and Sponsor a Lot) to assure that each of the empty lot properties razed (54 properties) from Sept. 2019 to Dec. 2020 have and assigned Lot Strategy Designation.</p>	<p>First National Bank</p>
<p>Performing Arts Collective Alliance - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$11,000</p>	<p>PACA has been working diligently since taking ownership of the building to make it available and accessible to all patrons, artists, students, and visitors. The Mayer building was built in 1899 long before the passing of the Americans for Disabilities Act, therefore much of the building is not accessible to people with mobility issues. PACA hopes to change this so that anyone wishing to use, rent, or visit the spaces can do so. In addition, adding the two new tenants on the first floor opened up the need for restroom facilities for those tenants and their customers. While we cannot fix all the issues with the building, we can make every accommodation possible for those needing assistance. The first-floor bathroom with the accessibility ramp is making that accommodation. The first several steps have already been completed. Blueprints have been drawn up and approved, permits have been paid, and thanks to the generosity of the City of Erie, demolition and initial construction has begun. One change has been made. While it isn't required to have two restrooms, PACA has decided to make the area on the first floor a double restroom to accommodate more than one person. The restrooms will include a wheelchair ramp, doorways that will accommodate all types of wheelchairs, hardware and safety bars that will assist anyone using the restroom and door handles that are accessible to all patrons. This will help the first-floor tenants especially. Construction began in August of 2020 with expected completion (pending available funding) in the Spring of 2021.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance.</p>

<p>All About Character, Inc. - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NAP</p>	<p>\$16,500</p>	<p>This project has been an ongoing process for over several years. Putting active Pennsylvania State Troopers and local law enforcement officers in the classroom working with K-8 students regarding good character education. Now more than ever we need to help our youth make better decisions in school and in the community, this project accomplishes that. With the unfortunate state of affairs between youth and law enforcement we must continue to reach students at a young impressionable age, so police can be viewed as good vs evil, this project does that. We also plan to continue improving students behavior and decreasing disciplinary referrals in school with this project. Data suggests it is working. The project is designed to put active troopers / law enforcement in the classroom for 32 weeks, 5 hours a day and 1 day a week. Penn State Behrend CORE's Evaluation Report (downloaded) indicates from pre-post testing and control vs comparison schools that 1. Police perception among youth improve. 2. Reported better self-control. 3. Endorsed less aggressive beliefs about physical aggression. 4. Endorsed less relationally aggressive (females only). Due to COVID-19 it is even more crucial that we continue this project. We are currently developing a Learning Management System (LMS) or Digital Platform which will enhance the current in school model. Students will have access to the program five days a week in hopes of continuing the current positive findings.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance.</p>
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<p>Gannon University - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NPP 5/6</p>	<p>\$140,000</p>	<p>This project will continue to build on collaborative efforts to revitalize Erie's West Bayfront neighborhoods, an area that the city's comprehensive plan calls the city's "greatest residential asset" despite limited market confidence. The decline of population in Erie's core neighborhoods has resulted in blighted and neglected properties, concentrated poverty, limited neighborhood amenities, and weaker community networks. OWB, a small, resident-led nonprofit affiliated with Gannon University, will continue to coordinate a broad coalition including local government, resident groups, businesses and houses of worship to undertake tangible and strategic projects that improve quality of life, empower residents, and build market confidence in order to attract new investments in the community. This project will focus on six primary areas. First, it will improve property conditions in a targeted area by providing resources to 23 properties for repairs. Second, it will address blight and create safe, affordable housing through the acquisition and renovation of one blighted property creating two units of affordable rental housing. Third, it will support commercial district revitalization of the district's primary neighborhood-focused commercial area with the implementation of property improvements, traffic and safety improvements, and promotion of local businesses. Fourth, it will improve parks and public spaces with the second phase of Bayview Park enhancements and improvements at Cascade Park. Fifth, it will improve safety through the installation of security cameras and lighting improvements. Finally, it will empower residents and strengthen local networks through community events and support for neighborhood projects.</p>	<p>UPMC, Marquette Savings Bank</p>
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<p>Bayfront East Side Taskforce - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NPP 3/6</p>	<p>\$280,000</p>	<p>BEST's Neighborhood Partnership Plan focuses on increasing neighborhood services, removal of blight, development of housing opportunities, homeowner education and youth programming. These strategies will transform the neighborhood into one families, individuals and businesses desire to live, work and play. The following list of specific activities to be completed with 2020-21 Neighborhood Partnership Program: 1.Promotion of the East Bayfront Neighborhood and activities through media outlets. 2.Continued development of new home owners as well as safe and affordable rentals. 3.Blight removal for future infill development. 4.Green space maintenance. 5.Home repair and home maintenance for low income homeowners. 6.Coordination of volunteers and marketing of volunteer opportunities. 7.Focused efforts to improve the safety and security of the neighborhood. 8.Long range planning for developments to attract new businesses and neighborhood residents. 1 Maintain a commercial space and high quality affordable rental units. 2 Acquire three blighted properties in 2020-21. 3 Demolish three blighted properties in 2020-21. 4 Maintain a repair fund to assist low-income homeowners with emergency repairs and to correct housing code violations. 5 Provide at least 19 units of safe affordable rental housing to low income tenants. 6 Development of new rental housing attractive to market rate tenants in the East Bayfront Neighborhood. 7 Reduce crime in neighborhood by installing security cameras and monitoring. 8 Provide community-building events and promote the positive aspects of the neighborhood through media. 9 Promote, recruit and provide volunteer opportunities for those interested in supporting the efforts of BEST. 10. Outreach to neighbors to both promote BEST services and activities as well as provide referrals for other social service and government agencies.</p>	<p>UPMC, Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>SSJ Neighborhood Network - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NPP 5/6</p>	<p>\$200,000</p>	<p>PROBLEM: Projects target one of Erie's most problematic census tracts, where 47.29% of the residents live in poverty and the unemployment rate is 12.69%. Median home value is 45% below City average, more than 20% of structures require major renovation, rental vs. owner-occupied housing rates are disproportionately high, and blighted property and high vacancy rates add to the need for stabilization and revitalization. In 2016 we began a multi-year comprehensive plan to address these issues, with positive results. This application represents year 5 of the 6-year NPP. GOALS AND PRIORITIES: 1. PHYSICAL IMAGE: improve the physical image of the neighborhood. 2. CRIME PREVENTION: improve neighborhood safety. 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: stabilize distressed areas and encourage investment. 4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: create affordable housing and increase home ownership. 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: improve quality of life, create self-sufficiency, and increase communication with local policy makers. Projects address each priority goal: 1. PHYSICAL IMAGE: Purchase and redevelop one blighted property, replacing it with community green space; complete at least 10 business or residential façade improvements, install urban art. 2. CRIME PREVENTION: Install video surveillance in high risk areas; provide partnerships that identify and remediate at-risk issues. 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Provide incentives to retain businesses; develop beneficial partnerships with business owners; award commercial façade improvement grants. 4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Purchase one vacant single-family or multi-unit property, rehabilitating it for affordable housing or use in our home ownership program; provide residential façade improvement grants. 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Increase opportunities for neighborhood residents and businesses to take an active role in the shared goals of neighborhood development and social organization.</p>	<p>Highmark Health Insurance, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank</p>
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<p>10 Thousand Friends of Pennsylvania - New Castle, Lawrence County</p>	<p>NPP 4/6</p>	<p>\$180,000</p>	<p>New Castle's South Side suffers from many of the common conditions affecting legacy cities with decades of population loss, blight, and stagnant housing values. Although jobs exist, nearly 1/3 of residents live at or below poverty level with limited access to fresh food, goods and services within the neighborhood. Our asset-based community development approach works to alleviate these issues through collaborative partnerships with local government and neighborhood non-profits. Now that most of the blighted vacant homes have been addressed, we're switching gears to development – rehabbing 2 homes for affordable homeownership, creating side yards and emergency home repairs for safety and / or deferred maintenance issues, while continuing to support youth and meal programs and community gardens. With the COVID-19 economic downturn, we're providing emergency food assistance to households, a microloan fund for small business working capital and evaluating as additional needs arise. 10,000 Friends applies a collaborative partnership approach, using asset based community development strategies to strengthen key neighborhood assets, such as homeowners, organizations, and businesses. Outcomes include: overall blight reduction, 2 sideyard lots acquired by homeowners, increase property values and green space; 7-9 housing units repaired and rehabbed, increase and retain homeownership and financial literacy; educational enrichment for 25 at risk youth; provide 2500+ meals and 1000+ food boxes to food insecure households; grow fresh produce and expand access to it; improvements to facades and accessibility in the business district and working capital for struggling small businesses in the economic downturn; short term emergency assistance for COVID relief.</p>	<p>First Commonwealth Bank, UPMC, First National Bank</p>
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<p>Downtown Bradford Revitalization Corp. - Bradford, McKean County</p>	<p>NPP 4/5</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>NPP private contributions will be used to continue the revitalization efforts in the City's Second Ward Neighborhood. The partnership formed by the Downtown Bradford Revitalization Corporation, City of Bradford and private NPP investors, Northwest Bank and Zippo Manufacturing Company in 2013 will continue to address blighting conditions in a predominately low income neighborhood by following the goals and strategies outlined in the 2nd Ward Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Update. Over the first three years of 2nd Ward NPP, nearly \$2.4 million in private, federal, state and local was invested in housing, commercial development, infrastructure, crime prevention and community involvement to improve the quality of life and provide job opportunities. With Year 4 tax credit approval, the 2nd Ward NPP plans to continue its efforts to address blight and improve the quality of life in accordance with the NPP Improvement Strategies outlined in the 2nd Ward NPP Plan. Year 4 NPP investments will be used to improve living conditions and neighborhood appearance; stabilize the housing stock and increase the tax base; promote the neighborhood; involve residents and stakeholders and make for a safer place for residents to live. NPP investment and other funding sources will be used to address blighting conditions by renovating residential properties to meet housing code standards and providing matching funds for exterior facade improvements; eliminate potential property damage due to street flooding; continuing to provide a neighborhood crime watch technology tool; acquire and remove structures that are a nuisance and blight on the neighborhood; involve neighborhood residents through stakeholder meetings and events and maintain green space for neighborhood use.</p>	<p>Northwest Bank, Zippo</p>
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<p>Erie Center for Arts &amp; Technology - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>NPP 1/6</p>	<p>\$132,500</p>	<p>Overall poverty rate of the neighborhood is 49% compared to Erie's poverty rate of 16.3%. In Tract 800 the poverty rate is a staggering 90%. The unemployment rate is 12.65%* compared to the City of Erie, 5.9%*, and the State of Pennsylvania at 5.8%*. Pulaski Lighthouse Area high school graduation rate is only 68.6% compared to 91.3% for the City of Erie, and 90.2% for the State of Pennsylvania. Life expectancy in the Pulaski Lighthouse Area neighborhood is 70.6 years compared to lower than both the City of Erie and the State of Pennsylvania at 77.9 years and 78.5 years, respectively. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) at 54.2%, vs. 17.6% for the Erie region and 14% for the State of Pennsylvania. Disconnected youth are defined as young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are neither in school nor working. In the target area that number is 15.7%, tracking far higher than the City of Erie, which is only 1.6%. Residents served: 4771; Choice between food or medical services: 1000; Low-income residents learning budgeting skills: 150; Youth participating in after school or weekend activities: 100; Residents who completed job training: 25; Residents who gained full time employment: 15; Residents who gained part time employment: 5; Long term recipients of food subsidy: 100; Recipients of food subsidy learning self-sufficiency: 150; Meals provided to low income residents: 250,000+ (family of 3X3 meals a day X15 days per month X 12 months); Direct Jobs created: 2; Direct Jobs retained: 2; Patients served by other health services: 4500; Buildings rehabbed: 1; Centers for health services: 1; Centers for Seniors: 1; Centers for Youth: 1; NARCAN/CPR training: 100</p>	<p>UPMC (6yr), Calypso Enterprises (5yr)</p>
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<p>DON Enterprises, Inc. - New Castle, Lawrence County</p>	<p>NPP 1/6</p>	<p>\$80,000</p>	<p>New Castle has experienced population losses and overall decline due to the de-industrialization of the region. In 1950, the pop. peaked at 48,834 and by 2018 dropped to 21,797. The Lower East Side has a population of 1269 people with 13% identifying as nonwhite, and 25% of households have children. The median household income is \$33,977 and almost 33% of the pop. live in poverty. The LES has 624 homes with most built in the 1920s. Homes are larger 2 story with detached garages. The home values have declined since 2000 and the avg. home value is \$13,751. 61 % are owner-occupied with less than 4% accessible. 261 are in great condition, 300 are in need of ext. and inter. Improv., and the remaining homes are in severe disrepair or are vacant. With declining pop., job loss, aging housing stock and low-income households there is an overwhelming need for revitalization. The Building New Castles NPP is a needed resource that will help tackle blight and revitalize this neighborhood. a. Elm Street - Submit Elm Street Plan; Hire full-time Elm St. Man. b. Home Repairs - Help 10 homeowners 1. Improve the façade of 3 homes 2. Increase the security of 5 homes 3. Make 3 homes accessible. c. Demo - 2 vacant blighted prop. demolished; 2 lands cleared and seeded. d. Business District - Improve the façade of 3 businesses. e. Playgrounds and Comm. Gardens; Improve the appearance of 1 playground; Improve the capacity of the comm. garden from 50 to 80 households. f. Ed. Workshops - Host 4 ed. work shops; 1 Homeownership; 1 on community resources available; 1 on Land Contracts; 1 on healthier foods. g. Image and Identity - Host 2 Community Events; 1 Community cleanup day; 1 Block party/garden harvest day; Create a Webpage for NPP. h. Safety and Sec. - Increase lighting on 10 homes; Promote and increase attendance at the Community Watch Meetings. i. Gen. Outcome - Reduce signs of distress and improve appearance of the neighborhood; Create 3 sustainable jobs.</p>	<p>DON Management, WesBanco</p>
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Erie DAWN - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$22,500	<p>COVID-19 Housing Care will help the families currently in the Erie DAWN program and those who are homeless or nearly homeless in our community who reach out to us for help. The COVID epidemic it has been extremely difficult on the low-income families in Erie, PA. Job losses have left families struggling to pay for necessities such as housing, food and medical care. The families are faced with the question which do I pay first. We hope to accomplish less worry and stress for the families by helping to relieve some of their financial burden. The main goal is to keep the community families we served in their homes and employed. As COVID-19 continues to spread across the nation, Erie PA continues to see a daily increase of double-digit numbers for those that tested positive with COVID-19. Most of the families we serve are low income and struggle to make ends meet. During the shut-down many lost their jobs, others were not able to work because they did not have child-care and then others had the fear, they would not be able to pay their rent because their hours were cut. Even though the community has started to open up there are still many obstacles that we have to overcome. A recent survey by the Pew Research Center shows that more than half of low-income adults have lost their jobs or experienced a pay cut due to COVID. Unable to build up their own safety net resources low-income families are unsurprisingly the least prepared for job loss and pay reduction. By helping the families with rent and utilities payment, it is our hope that they will struggle less with the other demands on their monthly budget.</p>	Erie Insurance
Citywide Development Corporation - New Castle, Lawrence County	SPP	\$45,000	<p>There are high blighted areas in the City of New Castle. 38.8% of the homes have a value of less than \$54,000. 46.9% have a value between 54,001 and \$109,000. The housing stock in New Castle is mostly old, wooden framed homes. There are currently 9,817 houses and apartments in the City. Median income in New Castle is \$31,044 and in PA it is \$56,95 There are pockets of poverty as high as 56%. Many homeowners cannot afford insurance or in some cases taxes. Due to this, some homeowners find themselves ineligible for programs such as Weatherization, HOMEs, or other programs, This issue was brought to light at the housing summit.. This problem increases the blight in the City. To reduce the blight of homeowners living in their property by making them eligible for housing repair programs. The plan is to have at least 75 households reviewed and to assist 40 homeowners to achieve their goal of applying for housing programs. This goal will be established based on the taxes or insurance being paid and up to date and an application completed for homeowner housing assistance applied for with the intent to remove blight. Lawrence County Community Action will be a partner in this project. This is a pilot to see how this helps the community and how many more homes may be in need. If it is determined that the project has ongoing needs, alternate funding will be considered.</p>	Holistic Industries, First National Bank

<p>Mercy Center for Women - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$27,000</p>	<p>Permanent housing challenges are a reality in Erie Pennsylvania. With the purchase and renovation of the Holy Rosary School building (HRS) Mercy Center for Women (MCW) will work to resolve that problem for the Academy-Marvintown Neighborhood. The 2019 Single Point In Time (SPIT) count identified 1,040 persons as homeless within Erie County on the night of February 1, 2019; the largest number of reported homeless individuals for recorded records. Not Having Enough Money was cited most frequently as the cause of homelessness, followed by Lack of Employment, Domestic Violence, Eviction, and Health Problems. Most of the respondents reported that they needed the following to gain independence: Housing, Transportation, and Employment. To address this problem, Mercy Center for Women will continue with Phase 2 of the Holy Rosary Building Development project to provide more permanent housing options to women and children in the Erie community. MCW will accomplish Phase 2 with the installation of the HVAC System in the building. MCW will seek three bids for the HVAC work before they choose a contractor to begin the work. Rabe Environmental Systems submitted a proposal in May; two other bids are forthcoming but have not been received in time to include with this application. HVAC work will include gas fired heating, ventilation, and electric air conditioning for all areas of the building. Construction will also include all rooftop units to be completed with the options to comply with BIU. The goal of Phase 2 is to begin the project in the Fall of 2020 at the east end of the building which includes the Dress for Success space, Early Connections and office space. A second outcome will be supporting 13 apartments with the HVAC systems. Gymnasium HVAC will be completed at a later phase. The work will be supervised by Chris Jones, Project Manager; Chris has 20 years' experience managing projects of this size and scope.</p>	<p>Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, Eriez Magnetics</p>
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<p>Voices for Independence - Millcreek Township, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$60,000</p>	<p>Voices for Independence has over 20 years of ADA accessible home modification experience. Over the past four years, the need for home modifications for individuals with disabilities has increased dramatically. The cost of each separate project varies depending on the individual's need. If approved for the SPP tax program, the funds will not be received till November or December, so to date we do not have assigned projects for the SPP Tax funds. We can safely estimate that we will complete a minimum of twenty home modification with approved committed funds. These modifications are extremely varied depending on the individual's disability in question. These modifications will range from installations of an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp, widening doorways for wheelchair access, installing grab-bars, roll under sinks, barrier free roll in showers or whatever modification is needed to meet the individual's needs to ensure that they can live independently. Mr. Rick Hoffman is our Home Modifications director, having worked in his position for nine years and modified over hundreds homes for constituents. Under Mr. Hoffman work Matt Gilbert, Dave Seib, Denny Belknap Jr. and Pete Ives, all Home Modification specialists. This team, every day, finds and modifies locations in the greater Erie area for the many in need of a home modification so they can live independently. The funding will be placed towards the purchase and installation of home modification items. These items will be purchased and installed according to the needs of the consumer, and include ramps, transfer bars, accessible stove ranges, accessible refrigerators, lowered countertops, stair lifts, and much more. There will also be a small amount of the funding set aside for the transportation of staff in order to facilitate the viewing and modification of homes.</p>	<p>Erie Insurance, Northwest Bank.</p>
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<p>Climate Changers, Inc. - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$45,000</p>	<p>In the wake of the COVID Pandemic, Erie's inner city, where most residences are considered at-risk, was hit the hardest. Social service offices were closed/staffing low, schools canceled, UC office overwhelmed, as noted by Governor Wolf. Inner-city impacted: employees, disabled, released prisoners, Non-English speaking, unemployed, children, elderly, families, and homeless. They were exposed to unsafe areas as the offices reopened. People crammed into Social Service and UC offices to file for benefits. The challenges they face include; phones, social distancing, masks, cleaning supplies, food, childcare, resources, internet, identification, waiting lines, information, transportation, access to education, and health care. Climate Changers' Post Pandemic Pathways Program brings an immediate solution with its TASC Hub (Treatment, Assistance, Service, and Care), which provides a safe environment to conduct business including access to services and technical help for students online access. Climate Changers' main facility will provide 25 TASC Hub units per day M - F. TASC Hubs are technology spaces with peripherals, built using proprietary software to give safe access to resources – 6 feet apart, with plexiglass enclosures, each supplied with disinfectant supplies and thoroughly clean daily to reduce COVID exposure. Each with secure internet access connecting directly with resources – peripherals included for verification and connectivity purposes. The units comply with COVID Safety precautions for social distancing and sanitation procedures to help reduce the spread of COVID in the inner city. These TASC Hub units will give participants access to; social services, information, document retrieval, education (GED, etc.), job readiness, health care, food, clothing, K-12 online education, and other resources requiring internet or phone access in a safe environment. We expect to have a minimum of 25 people per day 5 days a week accessing services (125 per week min.).</p>	<p>Bonnell's Auto Group, Erie Insurance</p>
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<p>Crime Victim Center of Erie County - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$344,850</p>	<p>Victims of rape need a place that not only feels and looks safe but is in fact secure and protected. This project will ensure the Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) will be a welcoming, safe and secure facility for a victim of sexual assault. The SARC is located in ZIP Code 16501 near downtown Erie, PA. This ZIP Code is considered the poorest of zip codes in the county. While crime rate is not the highest in this area, the building does needs to be safe to approach 24 hours a day. 94% of assault patients who present to emergency departments or rape crisis centers are females, current studies indicate a lifetime prevalence of sexual assault as occurring among 1 in 33 males. There is also concerns resulting from studies that homeless victims of rape do not report or seek medical care. Our center will be a place anyone will feel supported and cared for with respect and empathy. A recent survey done by a local university found that ensuring the building is visibly safe and welcoming, in would increase the likelihood of use. This phase of the project will require the installation of new windows, fire and safety alarms, camera and security system. With the stop of non-essential work due to covid, this will help those contractors that were not able to work during those times. Several bids came from local, small firms that focus on training new refugees in our community. The center will provide not only on-call work for local SANE's (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's) A SANE needs not only additional certification but also continuing education. This center will provide this opportunity.</p>	<p>Calypso Enterprises, Northwest Bank, Hagan Business Machines, Lakeport Distributors.</p>
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<p>St. Martin Center, Inc. - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$155,250</p>	<p>St. Martin Center, Inc's COVID Recovery Project will expand our current programs to serve families impacted by COVID-19. Eviction and foreclosure moratoriums are expiring shortly, and households are behind on payments. We will provide financial assistance to keep families from homelessness. We'll offer down payment and closing cost assistance for those ready to buy homes. Food pantry delivery will ensure vulnerable clients who cannot come to our facility have food. We will add one more day of professional cleaning and make COVID-19 modifications to our facility to keep staff and clients safe. We will upgrade our outdated phone system to handle an influx of calls and remote work and implement other minor technology updates. To best assist various populations, we will mobilize a case manager to work "on the road." Lastly, we will provide transportation assistance, prescription assistance, personal care items, and photo ID cards, and staff training as needed. 90-450 households will receive multi-month rent/mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. The number served will vary based on amount needed. SPP funds will be leveraged with other sources to maximize impact. Ex: \$900 may be used from other sources with \$100 from SPP funds. Average rents are over \$700/month. We will also provide limited transportation and prescription assistance, personal care items, photo ID cards, and down payment/closing cost assistance. We anticipate delivering food pantry items to 15% of clients. 25 staff and numerous clients will avoid risk of COVID-19 due to measures including increased protections for the food pantry; hand sanitizer stations; Plexiglass dividers; an added cleaning day; and other measures. An upgraded phone system will allow us to process hundreds of client calls weekly. Minor tech upgrades will help staff work more efficiently. 75% of a case manager's vulnerable clients will be better served by making this position mobile.</p>	<p>Calypso Enterprises, Eriez Magnetics, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, PNC Bank, Erie Insurance.</p>
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ServErie - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$63,750	<p>ServErie plans to use tax credits to reduce blight through home repair and demolition in one of Erie's poorest neighborhoods, the Heritage District, located between E 6th and E 12th St. from Holland to Wayne St. A 2016 survey by the authors of Erie Refocused, Erie's Comprehensive Plan found that over 60% of all homes in the Heritage District are beyond repair or need significant investment. The study illustrated three interrelated issues (1) an imbalance of housing supply &amp; demand (2) depressed housing values that suppress investment in housing and (3) class and racial disparities in the City. A subsequent survey by the City of Erie Code Enforcement 2019 indicated worsening conditions. That survey generated a list of 89 unsound properties - properties that are structurally deficient and need repairs far exceeding their value. Blight costs the city and property owners thousands of dollars in lost tax revenue, tax delinquencies, municipal services, police and fire calls. ServErie will use tax credit contributions to acquire and demolish at least 3 blighted properties and repair 4 properties that have not reach the point of no return focusing on a 1.3 block area. We chose the target area because of its location next to Erie's downtown. The area (1) has the highest concentration of blight; (2) the highest number of blighted rentals which could make them easier to acquire; (3) it is where ServErie intends to build its Neighborhood Resource Center; (4) and is in the area chosen for ServErie's summer project in 2021. The summer project will mobilize about 1,000 volunteers over 3 days to complete improvement projects in a six block area. The area is also inline with recommendations in Erie Refocused due to its location. It is an area identified as a priority for improvements.</p>	Erie Insurance, Marquette Savings Bank
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<p>Impact Corry - Corry, Erie County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$161,760</p>	<p>Corry will rise from 50-year rustbelt descent, replacing poverty and disenfranchisement with opportunity and engagement. COVID-19 accentuated how far our region has fallen behind and the digital chasm redlining education, opportunity, upward mobility, socialization, and life expectancy. This project will make the Corry Area School District an end-to-end high-speed Internet zone, connected to the world of remote work, education, business, medicine, job training, and community safety net. It will also develop real-world infrastructure, housing, and public spaces. We will begin with free access to high speed Internet for low-income students and universal, wired, 100Mbps fiber connectivity in every home and business in Corry. Phase one (this request) will install 10 miles of fiber accessing 1112 residences and 321 businesses; provide free fiber to 25 non-profits, connect 90 low-income students to remote learning free of charge, and increase data speeds while decreasing costs. Guided by our Community Strategic Plan, we are subsidizing housing revitalization and stabilization; connecting to the global Internet economy; attracting inventors, makers, tradespeople, and professionals; polishing our public spaces; and updating infrastructure. Success in these areas is reliant on universal connection to reliable, high-speed Internet. To accomplish this we will install and/or provide: 10 miles of 144 &amp; 244 strand fiber with 100Mbps speed to 1112 residences and 321 businesses; free mobile hotspot network across Corry and along 8 miles of trail; one-year free fiber to 25 local community benefit non-profits; Internet cost reductions averaging 320% for businesses and 25% for residences; speed increases averaging 210%; 90 free high-speed wireless connections for low-income students (increasing in each phase); and 10 years free fiber connection for Corry Area Hi-Ed offering student connection hub, job training, online learning and free resident access.</p>	<p>Maplevale Farms, Corry Laser Technology, Corry Manufacturing Company, David Corry Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Erie Insurance, In The Stix Broadband, Peterson Bros, Rossbacher Insurance Group, Tonnard Manufacturing Corp.</p>
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<p>Warren Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council - Warren; Youngsville, Warren County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$82,500</p>	<p>A lack of affordable housing options has grown to become a major issue facing the community. This issue is the result of a lack of subsidized and supportive options to meet demand, growing poverty, population decline, low wage jobs, and lack of economic growth. People, and particularly those with barriers such as substance abuse, mental health, or physical disability, struggle to find safe, affordable housing that meets the needs of the family. Long waiting lists for subsidized housing often forces low-income individuals and families to see out non-subsidized option. Families needing more than two bedrooms face additional challenges due to the lack of rental inventory in the area for larger 3 and 4 bedroom options which also remain affordable and safe. Further, many low-income household lack reliable transportation and need housing closer to services and employment options. Providing permanent, safe, and affordable housing options for larger households is essential. The Agency proposes utilizing requested funds to complete needed repairs, updates, and renovations to two, 3-bedroom single family homes that can be utilized to fill a need for affordable, permanent options suitable for eligible families. One home was sold to the Agency in 2020 from an owner who had moved outside the area. The home is ideally situated in downtown Warren and requires some work prior to renting to an eligible, low income family with a mental health diagnosis and/or disability. The second home is also 3 bedrooms and located in Youngsville. This home needs updates and some work to install heating in the second floor. The Agency has considered utilizing this home as a sober living house for individuals in active recovery from substance abuse who need to be close to services and reunite with family. Last, a portion of the funds will be utilized to repair the main concrete steps to the offices for EOC Housing and Community Service programs. The steps are a safety hazard.</p>	<p>Northwest Bank</p>
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Community Shelter Services - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$15,000	<p>Community Shelter Services will rebuild and strengthen several elements of our facility that have failed due to overuse and strain of maximum capacity during the COVID 19 shelter in place orders from the Governor's office. The main building in which our programs and administrative offices are housed was built in 1914. The infrastructure is in various stages of condition which we address annually with our Buildings and Grounds Committee and Maintenance Department. We budget appropriately for regular maintenance and repairs. We will complete several urgent unanticipated building repairs and improvements that make our facilities safe, secure, and more functional and energy-efficient for our clients and staff while dealing with the COVID 19 pandemic. These repairs are a direct result of overuse and breakdown with our clients staying in the facilities throughout the day and for longer stays. Specifically, we ask for \$20,000 in tax credits for air conditioning condenser replacements. Community Shelter Services has replaced one of seven air conditioning condensers in the Emergency Shelter that houses homeless families with children, adult men and, women, including veterans, and clients suffering from previous medical conditions and mental health issues. We will engage our local heating and cooling provider to continue working with our maintenance staff to repair and replace 6 remaining air conditioning condensers that failed this summer of COVID 19. Our staff will also rebuild the men's shower and restroom facilities as well as the laundry facilities and kitchen exhaust system. These areas of infrastructure have begun to breakdown from overuse.</p>	Northwest Bank
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<p>The Children's Scholarship Fund of Pennsylvania - Clarion, Clarion County</p>	<p>SPP</p>	<p>\$335,250</p>	<p>The COVID-19 Pandemic has created unprecedented health and financial challenges for people across the United States. In Clarion County, the COVID-19 Pandemic has limited availability of recreational space for some of Clarion County's most vulnerable residents. Clarion Borough and Clarion Township residents, in-particular, look to indoor recreational spaces to engage in physical and social activity. Facilities such as the Clarion Main Street Senior Center, Clarion County YMCA, Tippin Gymnasium at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and school gyms are spots where Clarion Borough residents, young and old, seek physical and social activity. However, necessary COVID-19 mitigation efforts resulted in temporary closures of these facilities, which left some of Clarion Borough's most vulnerable residents without accessible and affordable recreational space. The Clarion County COVID-19 Outdoor Recovery Initiative (Initiative) will establish recreational and learning space for area residents. The Initiative will be comprised of three projects that enhance recreational offerings in the Clarion area. These projects include: 1. Clarion Multi-Generational Community Park: Establishment of a 2.5 acre ADA-accessible multi-generational park on a former heavy industrial storage equipment lot. 2. Eagle's Nest Overlook: Purchase of two blighted properties at the corner of N. 6th Avenue and Liberty Street for creation of a scenic overlook with a viewshed of the Clarion River. 3. Experiential Outdoor Learning Space: Development of biodiversity exhibits along the Clarion Loop Trail in partnership with Clarion University of Pennsylvania. The Initiative is anticipated to serve 4,749 residents between Clarion Borough and Clarion Township, result in beautification and blight removal across Clarion Borough, and improve the Borough's median property value, poverty rate, and unemployment rate.</p>	<p>Miles Brothers, Brookville Services, Clarion County Community Bank, Farmers National Bank of Emlenton, First United National Bank, University Korner, S&amp;T Bank, Seubert &amp; Associates, Terra Works Inc.</p>
<p>Whitethorn Digital, LLC - Erie, Erie County</p>	<p>EZP</p>	<p>\$54,175</p>	<p>Whitethorn Digital plans to renovate the two story, 2,400 square-foot space that has sat vacant for over ten years. It will be the new Headquarters for the company. It is our hope that the new Whitethorn Digital HQ will become an easily-recognized and iconic fixture of downtown Erie for years to come. The building will house our company's 8 current employees, and we expect to hire 2 additional full-time employees by the end of June 2021. Construction has already begun and the final completion date will be December 31, 2020. All permits have been secured. The project commenced demolition and will soon start renovating the building. Between the acquisition and build out the project is anticipated to spend \$500,000. During the EZP investment period (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021) the total qualified expenses are \$216,699. All of the project cost is covered by owner's equity. The EZP costs will include utilities, electrical, HVAC, plumbing and updating the facade as well as many other improvements to the general construction of the building.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest PA - Cameron County, Clarion County, Clearfield County, Crawford County, Elk County, Erie County, Forest County, Jefferson County, McKean County, Venango County, Warren County</p>	<p>CFP</p>	<p>\$815,788</p>	<p>The issues of food insecurity and alleviating hunger require a comprehensive approach and a wide range of stakeholders including, but not limited to, farmers, agriculture associations, food banks, emergency food providers, advocacy groups and government entities. The Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania seeks to play a central role in alleviating hunger throughout its 11-county service area by providing supplemental food to individuals in need. By providing food to those in northwest Pennsylvania, Second Harvest can help address problems associated with inadequate nutrition such as poor health, the need to choose between paying for food and paying other necessities of life (e.g. rent, health care, utilities), children's difficulties with school performance and their overall physical and cognitive development. Second Harvest has alleviated hunger by providing food to people in need for 38 years. Second Harvest provides more meals to children, families and seniors than any other hunger-relief organization in northwest Pennsylvania. The process of getting food to those that are hungry requires a dynamic infrastructure and a sophisticated system. Second Harvest cultivates partnerships with and secures donations from food and grocery manufacturers, retailers, foodservice locations, restaurants, packers and growers, government agencies, individuals and other organizations. Second Harvest then coordinates and facilitates the movement of donated food to member agencies including food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, BackPack Programs, School Pantries, Produce Express distributions, Military Share - a Produce Express Program and the Senior Box Program.</p>	<p>Calypso Enterprises, Erie Insurance, Eriez Magnetics, IP Services, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, Plastics Services Network, United Refining Company, Whirley DrinkWorks, C.A. Curtze, Giant Eagle, Hillandale Farms, Smith Provision Co., Smucker Food, Wegmans, Country Fair</p>
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