

App. ID	Applicant/Location	Program Type	Tax Credit Amount	Project Description	Contributors
202105277080	Erie Civic Theatre Association dba Erie Playhouse - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$26,125	PLAYtime: Build the Love of Literacy is an early learning and intervention program that helps our vulnerable children thrive through proper brain development, increased kindergarten readiness, and age-appropriate literacy skills in an environment that helps build resilience, strengthen self-awareness and navigate emotion. It also models literacy-building techniques for teachers and parents, offers art-infused residencies that enrich inner-city after-school programs and camps, and provides free access to live theatre and family-friendly events. It aligns with the United Way of Erie County's Raising Readers initiative. It supports children at the highest risk of school failure. Testing reveals that 59% of the Preschool and Pre-K children this program targets enter school without adequate literacy skills and 64% of 3rd graders read below proficiency in the Erie Community Schools. Reading proficiency by 4th grade is a key indicator of school success and self-sufficiency as an adult. PLAYtime helps our partners meet the developmental, educational, & emotional needs of their learners. We will present 64 in-person visits at 19 early learning classrooms at 9 sites & a mix of virtual/in-person at 1 other site for a total of 1,280 visits. For each of our 130 preschool, Pre- K, Kindergarten, & First Grade classrooms in schools, we will provide 8 in-person visits, 8 new PLAYtime 'episodes,' & access to 22 'episodes' from the PLAYtime Library for a total of 3,120 visits. To reinforce what children have learned in school, reduce summer slide, & enrich family literacy experiences, this year we added PLAYtime Residencies, Pop-ups, & FAMILYtime. All use performance art to increase literacy that lead to academic success. OUTCOMES: Academic Achievement: Children achieve age-appropriate milestones and demonstrate positive behaviors that lead to academic success. Art Appreciation: Children develop an appreciation for the arts: movement, music, visual and dramatic.	American Tinning & Galvanizing Co., Erie Insurance.
202105287235	Community Action Partnership of Mercer County - Sharon, Mercer County	NAP	\$11,000	Community Action Partnership of Mercer County (CAPMC) in partnership with the City of Sharon has developed a vacant lot maintenance strategy: Lots to Love. The intention of this project is to identify solutions to maintain vacant lots and to make sure that each time a former home is demolished, there is a plan to take care of the land in which it once stood; eliminating blight. The Lots to Love Program utilizes three action strategies for lot stabilization: Side Lot - Where a qualified property owner obtains adjacent property for low to no cost. Lots to Love facilitates the property transfer. Adopt-a-Lot - This particular strategy will give an opportunity for residents to envision a new use for a vacant lot and then see their collective vision realized. NAP funding will be used to oversee the implementation of neighborhood placemaking projects by others; not for the projects themselves. Sponsor-a-Lot - Funding will be used to cover operational expenses to maintain lots. The City of Sharon has made a commitment to demolish abandoned unsafe homes to relieve the high amount of blight the city. As these homes are torn down, a new blight problem has developed. With no one taking care of them, the empty lots that once held these homes has become a problem of their own. The Lots to Love program uses three strategies to eliminate the problem of uncared lots; Side Lot, Adopt a Lot, & Sponsor a lot. # of Neighborhood residents served/impacted by project: 7700. # of low-income individuals assisting with project planning and implementation. 60. # of low-income individuals assisting in neighborhood cleanup & beautification. 50. # of jobs retained by project: 1. # of Blighted Properties cleared by project: 110.	First National Bank.

202105287356	ServErie - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$5,500	<p>ServErie is a faith-based nonprofit that engages volunteers and serves the community from East 6th to 12th and Holland to Wayne Streets, also known as the Heritage District. This area suffers from chronic disinvestment evidenced by blight, low homeownership rates, and high poverty levels. The median income is \$21,254. In 2019, the Count Me In survey identified many issues consistent with health inequities. 23.7% report having trouble affording basic needs. Questions in the survey about health were limited but noted an 18% incidence of asthma (compared to about 8% nationally, CDC) and 35.7% are daily smokers, compared to 14% nationally (CDC). 55.3% report having a health issue, and 11.25% report that their only health provider is the emergency room. 35.7% report having a disability. We intend to improve health equity and property values with this project. We intend to improve two parks – Heritage Park was a coordinated effort with Environment Erie to encourage physical activity and includes raised garden beds that residents can harvest produce from as needed. We will install a yard hydrant to increase produce yields from the garden, as it currently relies on rainwater. The Harry T. Burleigh Performing Arts Garden (PAG) is two and a half blocks away. PAG is a performance space that can be reserved for neighbors to hold picnics and gatherings. ServErie will hold events there, including a Movie Night, which is an opportunity to engage residents and give families low-cost entertainment. PAG will also be utilized as a launching ground for cleanups in warmer weather.??This will increase resident engagement and improve property values over time, as well as improve air quality.</p>	Marquette Savings Bank
202105287363	SSJ Neighborhood Network - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$27,500	<p>SSJNN's comprehensive neighborhood development programs address the many needs within our service area. Covering 2.5 square miles and 6 census tracts, these are distressed communities that require intervention. Economic risk factors include neighborhood decay, lack of community organization, low educational attainment, high poverty rates and high perception of crime. In 2016, SSJNN began a 6-year, intensive plan through this tax credit Program, combining NAP+NPP partner funding to establish layered projects which address both the social needs and the physical deterioration of the neighborhood. These projects provide a positive impact within 5 distinct community development goals: 1) Improve the physical image of our neighborhoods. 2) Increase safety through crime prevention. 3) Create opportunities for economic development. 4) Increase and support affordable housing. 5) Conserve the neighborhood through community engagement activities. Within our comprehensive program goals, 7 are supported by NAP funding: 1) Provide beautification, healthy food and neighbor engagement through 7 community gardens, 2 orchards and 1 urban farm. 2) Install video surveillance equipment in at least 5 high-risk crime areas to prevent crime and increase feelings of safety. 3) Provide Supported Youth Work Experiences, hiring teens to develop job skills and work readiness. 4) Award 10 home improvement mini-grants to income-limited homeowners to address the safety and stability of structures. 5) Expand use of SSJNN community bike programs, including earn-a-bike, maintenance instruction and assistance, used bike recycling, youth bike safety and touring programs. 6) Coordinate a weekly farmers market June - Sept., featuring regional farmers and the SSJNN Urban Farm, to increase food access and provide opportunity for regional farms. 7) Provide 1:1 match for SNAP, WIC and Senior FMNP voucher produce purchases at the farmers market.</p>	Erie Insurance

202105287176	YMCA of Greater Erie - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$12,375	<p>According to the CDC, 6 in 10 US adults has a chronic condition; 90% of the US's health care expenditures are for chronic and mental health conditions; these conditions account for 7 of the 10 leading causes of US deaths. Chronic diseases and risk factors tend to disproportionately affect people of lower socioeconomic status and certain racial and ethnic populations. According to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Erie County is ranked 55th out of 67 PA counties in health outcomes. The Erie County Department of Health's Community Health Assessment reports that heart disease and cancer accounted for 45.4 % of all deaths pre COVID-19. The YMCA of Greater Erie proposes the grassroots expansion of its evidence-based chronic disease prevention programs to low-income and marginalized populations aimed at reducing the incidence of disease occurrence. Programs include Diabetes Prevention Program, Blood Pressure Self Monitoring Program and Moving for Better Balance Program. In partnership with like-minded organizations, the Y will lead grassroots outreach efforts to identify populations with eligible health and income criteria. Each evidence-based program has its own set of measurable outcomes: Diabetes Prevention Program- Reduce body weight by 7% and increase physical activity by at least 150 minutes per week within the first half of the program. Blood Pressure Self Monitoring- Attend at least two 10-minute consultations per month, demonstrate proper measuring techniques, attend 4 nutrition seminars and record and track blood pressure at home. Moving for Better Balance - Learn and demonstrate eight movements modified especially for falls prevention. The program employs a FT Director of Chronic Disease (funded previously through NAP) as well as 8 PT lifestyle coaches, heart-healthy ambassadors and program administrators.</p>	Altman-Hall Associates, Weber Murphy Fox, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, Rebich Investments (Ameriprise)
202105277062	The Colonel Drake Cultural Alliance, Inc. - Oil City, Venango County	NAP	\$2,750	<p>The Colonel Drake Cultural Alliance, Inc. (CDCA), in partnership with Community Playhouse, Inc. (CPI), is undertaking rehabilitation of the historic Lyric Theatre in Oil City (a DCED designated Keystone Main Street). For decades, Oil City has suffered from substantial economic and social decline resulting from the loss of the oil industry. As such, the CDCA and CPI are undertaking a grassroots community development effort to bring the Lyric Theatre back to its former glory. The severely depressed nature of Oil City's economy has plunged many residents into poverty. Therefore, residents suffer from social inequalities that leave them behind in terms of income, educational attainment, condition of housing, etc. The Lyric Theatre will provide a safe, publicly accessible community space where Oil City residents can expand their cultural horizons and become involved in community art exhibitions, live performances, and other community events to take place in the building. The Lyric Theatre Rehabilitation project will not only strengthen Oil City's economy by providing a strong downtown anchor in Oil City's North Side, it will serve as a gateway for Oil City's disadvantaged residents to experience the arts and education. Below are our selected Project Success Measures and Community Impact Measures: 1. # of Neighborhood Residents Served/Impacted by the Project: 4,916. 2. # of Direct Jobs Created by the Project Paying More than State Minimum Wage: 5. 3. # of Commercial/Industrial Buildings Rehabbed: 1. 4. # of Community Gathering Places Created to Serve a Need for Youth: 1. 5. # of New Facia Added to Revive Community Appearance: 1. 6. Median Property Value: Rise to \$56,000. 7. Poverty Rate: Decrease to 16.0%. 8. High School Graduation Rate: Increase to 95.0%. 9. Unemployment Rate: Decrease to 8.5%. 10. State and Local Taxes: \$107,551. 11. Population: Slow Decline to 9,600. 12. High School Graduate or Higher Ed. Attainment: Rise to 6,350.</p>	Maplevale Farms.

202105195391	Erie County Historical Society - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$5,500	<p>ECHS has a collection of over 200 years of Erie County, PA, archival material in storage. It is currently only accessible to the public, school students, and researchers with a scheduled visit to our campus. This has proven problematic with the pandemic because of mandated closures and social distancing severely limiting the number of researchers at a time. In addition, visiting the campus can be problematic for those with mobility issues and/or disabilities. To ensure archival materials are accessible, they would need to be digitized and the more popular collections made available on the three websites, ECHS, Erie County Library, PA Power Library. The project will have long term benefits as it addresses accessibility challenges faced by researchers with health and mobility issues now and in the future. This grant will allow us to conserve and preserve our collection of primary source material, much of it exclusive to our facility. Independent researchers, genealogists, students from Erie area school districts and 5 local universities will all benefit from this project. It will help us preserve and make available primary source material related to over 200 years of Erie's history. with the following outcomes: Hire 3 new staff members: a digitization coordinator, an archival processor, and a digital technologist who will be responsible for scanning material and uploading it to an online database. Purchase technology dedicated to this project including a workstation with a desktop computer, printer, high resolution scanner, and a dedicated server with built in redundancy. Create a digitization procedures manual. Train staff in archival standards for processing and scanning techniques. Train staff in use of PastPerfect. Prioritize material to be processed and digitized. Add key documents to three websites, ECHS, Erie Co. Library, PA Power Library.</p>	Marquette Savings Bank.
202105215595	Erie Center for Arts and Technology - Erie, Erie County	NAP	\$55,000	<p>Overall poverty rate of the neighborhood is 49% compared to Erie's poverty rate of 16.3%. 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. 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; Youth participating in after school or weekend activities: 150; Direct Jobs created: 1; Buildings rehabbed: 1; Centers for Youth: 1.</p>	Calypso Enterprises.

202105215565	Erie Center for Arts & Technology - Erie, Erie County	NPP 2/6	\$132,500	<p>A large number of “disconnected youth.” Disconnected youth are young people 16-24 who are neither in school nor working. Target area 15.7%, higher than the City of Erie, which is 1.6%. Overall poverty rate of the neighborhood is 43% compared to Erie’s poverty rate of 16.3% and the State of Pennsylvania at 12.8%. Child neighborhood poverty rate is 87%. Unemployment is 11% compared to the City of Erie, 5.4%, and the State of Pennsylvania at 5.3%. Area high school graduation rate is only 71.2% compared to 91.3% for the City of Erie, and 90.5% for the State of Pennsylvania. (SNAP) at 61% (up from 54.2% in 2020), vs. 17.6% for the Erie region and 14% for the State of Pennsylvania. Homeownership rates in the neighborhood are 31% compared to 66.1% City . 24% of houses in the target area are vacant, compared to 9.1% in the City of Erie. Life expectancy in the neighborhood is 70.6 years compared to lower than both the City 77.9 and Pennsylvania at 78.5. 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; 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; Buildings rehabbed: 1; Centers for health services: 1; Centers for Youth: 1.</p>	UPMC (6yr), Calypso Enterprises (5yr)
202105266839	Downtown Bradford Revitalization Corp. - Bradford, McKean County	NPP 5/5	\$150,000	<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 four years of the 2nd Ward NPP, nearly \$2.785 million in private, federal, state and local was invested in housing, commercial development, infrastructure, crime prevention and community involvement 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 5 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; 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 including planning for a third phase of NPP and maintain green space for neighborhood use.</p>	Northwest Bank, Zippo

202105266878	Gannon University - Erie, Erie County	NPP 6/6	\$140,000	<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 blighted and neglected properties, a steep decline in homeownership rates, concentrated poverty, limited neighborhood amenities, and weaker community networks. Our West Bayfront, a 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 including home repairs, safety improvements, and open space enhancements, 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 targeted areas by providing resources to 15 properties for repairs. Second, it will address blight and create safe, affordable housing through the acquisition and renovation of three blighted properties creating 5 units of affordable housing. Third, it will support 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 safety through the installation of security cameras and lighting improvements and by strengthening neighborhood watch groups. Fifth, it will empower residents and strengthen local networks through community events and volunteer opportunities. Finally, an extensive community input process will be conducted to re-evaluate priorities within the OWB Community Plan and set goals for the next 5-year period.</p>	UPMC, Marquette Savings Bank
202105276906	Bayfront East Side Taskforce - Erie, Erie County	NPP 4/6	\$280,000	<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 2021-22 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.</p>	UPMC, Erie Insurance

202105287312	DON Enterprises, Inc. - New Castle, Lawrence County	NPP 2/6	\$80,000	<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. 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-inc. households there is an overwhelming need for revitalization. The Building New Castle NPP is a needed resource that will help tackle blight and revitalize this neighborhood. -Elm St. Man. in training and executing Elm St. Plan: Home Repairs- Help 10 homeowners: 1. Improve the façade of 3 homes; 2. Increase the security of 5 homes; 3. Make 3 homes accessible. Demo: 1 vacant blighted property demolished; 1 land cleared and seeded. Business District: improve the façade of 1-2 businesses. Playgrounds and Community Gardens: Improve the appearance of 1 playground; Improve the capacity of the community garden from 80 to 100 households. Host 4 Education Workshops: 1 Homeownership; 1 on community resources available; 1 on Land Contracts: 1 on healthier foods. Image and Identity: Host 2 Community Events: 1 Community cleanup day; 1 harvest day; Continue to work on updating the Elm St. webpage. Safety and Security: Increase lighting on 10 homes; Promote and increase attendance of the neighborhood. Acquisition of Sidelots: helping homeowners with application fees to purchase sidelots. Affordable Housing Pandemic Relief: help to cover increased cost of build materials due to Covid-19. General Outcomes: Reduce signs of distress and improve appearance of neighborhood.</p>	DON Management, WesBanco
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202105287369	SSJ Neighborhood Network - Erie, Erie County	NPP 6/6	\$200,000	<p>SSJNN's NPP revitalization projects target one of the City's most problematic census tracts, where economic risk factors include neighborhood decay, lack of community organization, low educational attainment, high poverty rates and high perception of crime. Median home value is 45% lower than the City average, 60% of homes were built before 1940, and over 20% of the structures require major renovation. Rental vs. owner-occupied housing rates are 2 times higher than City and County rates. Higher-than-average blighted property rates and high vacancy rates add to the acute need for stabilization and neighborhood conservation. In 2016, SSJNN began a 6-year, intensive plan through this tax credit program, combining NAP+NPP partner funding to establish layered projects which address: Physical Image; Safety; Affordable Housing; Economic Development; Neighborhood Conservation &amp; Engagement. This application represents year 6 of the plan. Within our comprehensive program goals, 5 are supported by NPP funding: 1. Remove blight and provide place-making activities for neighborhood beautification through the acquisition and demolition of one blighted, structurally unsound property for development into a garden, park or community green space. 2. Implement neighborhood clean-up initiatives and increase a sense of neighborhood identity and pride through installation of one mural or urban art piece. 3. Stabilize distressed commercial corridors by providing up to five, 1:1 matching commercial façade improvement incentives to encourage investment. 4. Create safe, affordable housing and increase home ownership through the purchase and complete rehabilitation of 1 vacant and distressed home to offer within our first-time home-buyer program. 5. Support affordable housing through award of at least five, residential façade improvement and property rehabilitation grants requiring a minimal, 10% owner match.</p>	Highmark Health Insurance, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank
202105287370	10 Thousand Friends of Pennsylvania - New Castle, Lawrence County	NPP 5/6	\$180,000	<p>New Castle's South Side suffers from conditions common in Rust Belt cities with population loss. Though jobs are available, 38% of residents live below poverty level and 14% were unemployed, prior to the pandemic. Many South side households have been hit hard by the pandemic, with job losses or having to stay home from work with schools being virtual. Food insecurity has increased dramatically. Walkable access to services, recreation and fresh food are limited and housing values are low, averaging \$51,000 for a single family home. 1 out of every 8 properties is vacant and more have deferred maintenance. (Data: FFIEC, 12/2020.) Rents are more expensive than many mortgages. To improve health, neighborhood stability, and break cycles of generational poverty, community development should focus on improving homeownership and education outcomes, reducing blight, growing small business and neighborhood assets, and providing equitable access to fresh, healthy food and active recreation. Our asset-based community development approach works to alleviate issues through collaborative partnerships with local government, Blueprint Communities coalition, and non-profits like the Walker House, DON Services and United Way. Outcomes include but are not limited to: equitable access to public spaces and recreation; 2 new sporting fields; active sports opportunities for 30 youth and their families; 2-4 owner occupied homes repaired; 2 side yards added; 20 graduates of homeownership education; first time homeownership for 5-7 households; better school grades for 20 at risk youth; 2500+ meals and fresh produce to food insecure households; microloans for capital improvements for 3-5 small businesses in business district; 20 neighbors engaged in gardens; plant 25 trees and expand resilience; property values increase by 5%. Long term outcomes: high school graduation rate increases; increased homeownership rates, generational wealth transfer increases for BIPOC households.</p>	First Commonwealth Bank, UPMC, First National Bank

202105287160	Warren Forest Counties Economic Opportunity Council - Warren, Warren County	SPP	\$75,000	<p>The lack of affordable housing options continues to be a major issue plaguing the community. This issue is the culmination of a lack of subsidized and supportive options that meet the demand, growing poverty, population decline, low wage jobs, and lack of economic growth. People, 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 seek out non-subsidized options. Families needing more than 2 bedrooms face additional challenges due to the lack of rental inventory for larger 3 and 4 bedroom options which are also affordable and safe. Further, many low-income households lack reliable transportation and need housing in the downtown Warren or more populated areas for employment. Providing permanent, safe, and affordable housing options for larger households is essential. The Agency proposes utilizing funds to complete the needed repairs, updates, and renovations to two properties ideally located in downtown Warren. The first is a single family 3-bedroom house sold to the Agency in 2020 from the owner who had relocated. The home had previously been rented and is in need of renovations as well as addressing basic wear and tear. The second is a duplex with 2, 3-bedroom units which could also be rented by an eligible family. This home needs kitchen and bathroom renovations, electrical upgrades, basic repairs, and new back porches. Proposed improvements will be completed based on professional architectural plans. Once complete the units will be rented to eligible, low-income family households with a mental health diagnosis who have established services and can live independently. Applicants are approved by the Housing Advisory Board which is composed of community stakeholders.</p>	Northwest Bank
202105174857	Erie DAWN - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$180,000	<p>Making Housing My Home project plans to accomplish bringing more families out of poverty, help families remain in their existing safe and secure housing, and help families that are currently homeless move to either transitional or permanent housing. Statistics from United Way of Erie County show nearly 18.3% of Erie County and 28.5% of the city of Erie residents live below the federal poverty level. The poverty rate for women in the city of Erie is 30.3% and the poverty rate for children is 44.9%. At Erie DAWN we serve the families that are the poorest in our community. As part of the solution to reoccurring homelessness and part of a homeless prevention initiative Making Housing My Home project will assist families with financial support and intense case management. The program goal is for at-risk families to remain in safe affordable stable housing, increase their life skills, and improve their income capacity. The Making Housing My Home project will be accomplished by the following goals. Forty families will be helped with financial assistance and case management. Families will learn needed life skills training through intensive case management to keep those with the history of losing their housing due to lack of payment and lack of keeping their housing a suitable living place. The project will determine who is able to work on additional job training and able to improve their income capacity. Two housing units will be updated with energy efficient electrical, plumbing and heating to make each unit safe, secure and move in ready. Main location will be updated with security measures so the women who come for services will feel safe and secure as many are victims of domestic violence.</p>	Calypso Enterprises, Erie Insurance.

202105287281	Erie Downtown Partnership - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$120,000	<p>The Downtown Erie has experienced a major stress test on its social and economic infrastructure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As businesses have suffered economic hardship and have slowly reopened the environment of downtown has also suffered. Despite a decrease in massing and vehicle load, there has been a sharp increase in littering. Illegal dumping is prevalent, drug paraphernalia is more commonly found, and human waste is a common site throughout downtown. All of these visuals provide a strong perception that downtown is unclean and unsafe. With the homeless shelters operating at limited capacity, many unhomed and vulnerable individuals are sleeping rough throughout the downtown, including outside of buildings and massing in downtown's central park, adjacent to many downtown restaurants. The optics of downtown have been diminished and consumer confidence has steadily decreased as a result of downtown having pronounced areas of distress and concern. Short-term outcomes are expected to be: Improved and maintained cleanliness, Low/no COVID-19 community spread, Heightened visibility of patrol services, Vulnerable individuals are served with dignity and respect, Guest satisfaction, Improved pedestrian experience, Improved business/merchant experiences. Intermediate outcomes are expected to be: Improved quality of life shift in perceptions, Less presence of aggressive panhandling, loitering, visible drug and alcohol use, people "sleeping rough", Business retention and enhanced support, Improved design of built environment, Reduction in petty and violent crime, and Increase in patrons and guests. Long-term outcomes are expected to be: Improved and maintained consumer confidence, Elevated standard of care and pride of place, Robust business attraction and investment, Business retention and decreased business closures, Commercial and residential vacancies occupied, and Downtown is premier destination for dining/shopping/gathering.</p>	Erie Insurance, Erie Bank, Marquette Savings Bank
202105287149	St. Martin Center, Inc. - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$176,250	<p>St. Martin Center, Inc's COVID Relief Project will provide security deposits and multi-month assistance for rent, mortgage, and/or utilities for those facing hardships due to COVID or otherwise; offer food pantry delivery; mobilize staff to work with clients who cannot come to our center; and add online program forms to our website for clients to access. Households are currently months behind on housing and/or utility payments. We will provide multi-month assistance with the goal of preventing homelessness. Security deposit assistance will move households into housing. We will provide food pantry delivery to senior citizens, those with disabilities, and those who lack transportation. We will equip staff to travel to clients who cannot come to our center. Lastly, we will build online forms for clients to complete from home to access services. This will provide another avenue of service provision and expedite the process. 215 households will receive security deposits or multi-month rent/mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness. SPP funds will be leveraged with other sources to maximize impact. Ex: \$500 may be used from other sources with \$500 from SPP funds. We anticipate delivering food pantry items to 5% of clients and will focus on senior citizens, those with disabilities, and those without transportation. 10% of clients will receive in-home visits from caseworkers. We will build online forms to expedite our service provision and provide another avenue of accessibility for clients. SMC regularly links with over 70 organizations including mental health providers, faith based groups, Catholic Charities, and local parishes; all of whom refer households to us. We also work with the local Continuum of Care through Erie County Care Management for housing referrals.</p>	Calypso Enterprises, Erie Insurance, Eriez Magnetics, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, PNC Bank, UPMC.

202105287244	Climate Changers, Inc. - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$90,000	<p>The COVID pandemic exposed serious Social Justice Issues in the heart of the City of Erie when the lack of internet access and the ability to conduct business online became apparent. Connection to education, job search, basic necessities, and health care are a key factor to every category in the Social Determinants of Health matrix; Economic Stability, Neighborhood And Physical Environment, Education, Food, Community And Social Context, Health Care System. Without the ability to connect online resources are limited. Climate Changers (CC) TASC Hub (Treatment Assistance Service Care) overarching goal is to reduce social injustice issues providing a safe place where members of the community can: shift their mindset from hopelessness to hopeFULLness; acquire help; get online to conduct business; get an education; find work. Individuals whose basic necessities are met and gain access to opportunities have a better chance of becoming healthy, happy productive members of society. Climate Changers is expanding the number of TASC Hub stations with computers, printers, plexiglass enclosed areas, and COVID sanitation. Granting access to online education, trade jobs, Work Ready Program (WRP), Total Change Program (TCP), social services, and job search. Climate Changers' overarching goal is to reduce the social injustice issues caused by lack of access to tools and provide a safe place where members of the community can get online to conduct business, provide an education and find work, becoming self-sufficient. The TASC Hub provides a clean environment for individuals and families to get online in our facility at 314 E. 11th Street. Projected outcomes by May 2022 include: 20 people per day utilizing TASC Hub services; 1600 participants enrolled in GED, WRP, TCP, Trade/Skills, or using job search; 8,200 family bags of food, and 750 new winter coats distributed annually. 200 jobs obtained with TASC Hub usage and classes provided; 2 FTE and 25 PTE hired as facilitators.</p>	UPMC.
202105287398	Corry Community Development Corporation - Corry, Erie County	SPP	\$68,625	<p>Corry is in a 30-year population and economic slide. Corry population: 7,216 (1990 census), 6,834 (2000 census), 6,605 (2010 census) and 6,288 (2018 census estimate). Corry poverty is a staggering 22.2% (2013 – 2017 American Community Survey). 33.4% of Corry residents under 18 live in poverty as do 21.2% of residents 18 to 64. To solve these issues, the Corry Community Strategic Plan has prioritized saving Corry's housing stock and neighborhoods among four other core areas. Over ten years, blight will be eliminated by raising property maintenance standards, cultivating neighborhood pride expressed through heightened upkeep standards, taking steps to cure negative equity, and implementing property inspection program. Based on community-wide conditions inventory, 10-year renovation goals include upgrading 261 properties from Average to Good, 137 properties from Troubled to Average, and 69 properties from Distressed to Average guided by community conditions survey. Corry's plan will stabilize our near downtown blocks, implement a citywide exterior property inspection program with raised standards, and develop subsidies to address negative equity. We will rightsize our housing market, aggressively and surgically thin obsolete structures, and renovate derelict properties through partnership with the Erie County Landbank and the Corry Neighborhood Initiative (9 in 2020). We will incentivize improvements through Renaissance Block matching grants (24 in 2020, 27 in 2021), Home Sweet Home, Corry, PA (HSH): free exterior painting/landscaping for vulnerable residents (8 in 2021) &amp; home renovation and occupancy or remediation (2 in 2021). With Erie County Land Bank &amp; CNI, we will annually upgrade 26 Average homes to Good, 14 Troubled homes to Average, and 7 Distressed homes to Average as identified in a community conditions assessment. In 2020, 6 construction jobs were created, \$159,879 matching funds leveraged, and direct/indirect investment increased.</p>	AI Xander Co., Bracken Funeral Home, Corry Custom Machine, Dynasty Construction Unlimited, Jane Roche.

202105277063	Mercy Center for Women - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$613,125	<p>Permanent housing challenges are a reality in Erie Pennsylvania. With the purchase and renovation of the Holy Rosary building (HR) Mercy Center for Women (MCW) will work to resolve the housing problem for the Academy-Marvintown Neighborhood. The 2020 Single Point In Time (SPIT) count identified 1,004 persons as homeless within Erie County on the night of January 24, 2020. According to the 2020 SPIT Report for Erie County "the issue of homelessness is nothing new to our community. The issue of finding sustainable, affordable housing for those in need has been a challenge for several decades." The MCW project is a \$2,500,000 investment in the neighborhood that will begin to address the problem of housing and with the renovations of the Holy Rosary Building, MCW will create permanent apartment options for women and their children in the Erie community. The project will support several outcomes. MCW purchased the Holy Rosary building and adjacent land, including a shared parking lot, in May of 2019 and began site preparation later that year. Site preparation included the removal of all lead and asbestos materials, code upgrades, and renovations to the east end complex. This year the HR project will continue with the construction and remodeling of the building into 13 apartments, including walls and finishing work, creating an education/resource center and developing office spaces for community service providers. The estimated construction jobs created by the Holy Rosary project over the construction period will include 50-60 people, representing different trades and hired as subcontractors, each with three to four-person crews. Once the building opens jobs created will include a receptionist, a facilities manager, snow removal and grounds maintenance. There will also be volunteer opportunities in the thrift store and food pantry.</p>	Accudyn Products, American Tinning & Galvanizing Co., Calypso Enterprises, Erie Insurance, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank
202105277056	Redbank Valley Historical Society, Inc. - New Bethlehem, Clarion County	SPP	\$110,813	<p>The New Bethlehem Health and Heritage Initiative will serve two major purposes: 1. Promote the physical, social, and economic health of New Bethlehem residents by promoting social and intergenerational interactions, providing safe community space for use of residents and groups of diverse backgrounds, and providing new opportunities for New Bethlehem residents to thrive economically. 2. Preserving the rich heritage of New Bethlehem and the Redbank Valley through genealogical research, experiential learning, and historic rehabilitation. The former First National Bank Building, to be donated to the Redbank Valley Historical Society (RVHS), will serve as the hub of RVHS's operations. The building will be used for monthly educational meetings, educational exhibits, genealogical research, performing arts events, educational performances, and publicly accessible and open meeting space. The building will serve as a strong community anchor in downtown New Bethlehem. The New Bethlehem Health and Heritage Initiative will have wide-ranging impacts on the economic and social health of New Bethlehem's most disadvantaged residents. One of New Bethlehem's most iconic buildings will be rehabilitated, which improves the aesthetic and functional nature of New Bethlehem's downtown. Once completed, it is projected that the building will serve 2,000 neighborhood residents annually during charitable events, history exhibitions, live performances, programming for children and seniors, job and career fairs, and a variety of other community programming. The project will have measures community impacts relating to the economic health of New Bethlehem, including raising the median property value, lowering the poverty rate, increasing the median household income, and increasing the population of New Bethlehem Borough. The RVHS' educational offerings will also foster a life-long love of learning, thereby decreasing school drop out rates.</p>	Charles P. Leach Agency, First United National Bank, Tom's Riverside Quality Foods, Robindale, Clarion County Community Bank, Laura Moore Counseling Services.

202105287263	Clarion County Adventures - Clarion, Clarion County	SPP	\$442,500	<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 created limited availability of recreational space for some of its most vulnerable and rural 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 the most vulnerable residents in Clarion Borough without accessible and affordable recreational space. Clarion County is also recovering economically from the loss of coal-related employment. The Clarion County COVID-19 Outdoor Recovery Initiative seeks to provide social-distancing compatible, accessible recreational space that will enable outdoor fitness, recreation, and education to mitigate against and prevent the spread of COVID-19. CCA, a subsidiary organization of the CSF, is seeking \$1,085,000 in SPP donor contributions for construction of the Clarion Multi-Generational Community Park. The Park will provide recreational space to offset the closure of interior spaces, such as gymnasiums, as a result of COVID-19. The Park will provide new, previously inaccessible access to recreational amenities to the young and old, as well as the County's disabled and low-income residents. As well, the Park's attraction of visitors will spur economic activity in Clarion Borough, aiding the community's recovery from the COVID-19 caused economic downturn.</p>	Farmers National Bank of Emlenton, S&T Bank, Brookville Services, Northwest Bank, Kriebel Resources, Kriebel Resources Co., Kriebel Production Co., Seubert & Associates, The Commodore Corp., Tom's Riverside Quality Foods, Clarion County Adventures 2021, Terra Works.
202105287391	Julia Hospice and Palliative Care - McKean Township, Erie County	SPP	\$20,063	<p>Erie County is an aging community with a poverty rate higher than both the state and national averages. As people come to the end of their lives and need care (hospice), many people are faced with unexpected realities. Over 20% of hospice patients need more intense medical care. Unfortunately, there are almost no options here for them in Erie County. There is an even larger number of people who do not have anyone to take care of them, and they are unable to afford the exorbitant fees to stay in a nursing home. Currently, in Erie County, the only palliative care services available are at the two major hospitals. Combined they are meeting less than 20% of the overall need in both the hospitals and in the community. COVID-19 has only made the need for services more desperate and left those in nursing homes to die alone. Julia Hospice and Palliative Care plans to build the first residential/inpatient hospice facility and palliative care clinic in Erie County. We expect to reach 60-70% of our projected annual patient service volumes by the end of 2022. JHPC plans to employ 37 part-time and full-time employees. Staff salaries with benefits totaling over 3 million dollars. JHPC will utilize 10 to 15 volunteers from diverse backgrounds. End-of-life training will be provided to those who care for patients and all support staff. Most importantly, we plan to increase the utilization of hospice and palliative care services by those who are underprivileged in Erie County. The current use is less than 1%. To accomplish this, we will partner with community centers located in the three Medically Underserved Areas (MAU) of Erie County, offering education and services to those who need them regardless of their ability to pay. JHPC will offer those who are at the end of their lives a home where people can live until their passing surrounded by those who love them. JHPC will offer inpatient care to those whose medical needs cannot be met in one's home.</p>	Erie Bank, Accudyn Products, Hilling-Pfeffer Insurance Agency

202105256778	Crime Victim Center of Erie County - Erie, Erie County	SPP	\$168,750	<p>Project focuses on Prevention Education programs like boundaries, internet safety, healthy relationships, personal body safety and more within our local schools, child care centers, after school programs and local community centers. We will provide emotional support, guidance, and counseling for students who are victims of crimes including burglary, child abuse or neglect, bullying, sexual assault or abuse, domestic violence, hate crimes, kidnapping, robbery, stalking/harassment, teen dating violence, threats, theft, and survivors/witnesses to homicide. Advocacy services provided in conjunction with District Attorney's Office, District Magistrate offices and law enforcement agencies including outreach, accompaniment to preliminary hearings and police interviews. The goal will increase outreach and court accompaniment for preliminary hearings on a more consistent basis, ensuring that victims within the outlying areas are receiving appropriate services in the criminal justice process. This project engages school personnel, parents and community organizations in promoting healthy relationships, creating safe school and afterschool environments and responding effectively to incidents of violence and abuse. The anticipated impact will be first and foremost informed youth who are otherwise at risk, secondly ease of access to services that students would not otherwise know about or have access to when needed. The anticipated long-term impact on the community will be less violence or threats of violence in the local schools. In turn will reduce the number of interventions by police and reduce the number of arrests over time. We will focus on the desired goals of the program first by attendance then by a baseline survey to measure the students understanding of violence, types of violence and their knowledge of available services should they be a victim of violence. A questionnaire will be gives midway through the program and then a final during the last class.</p>	Calypso Enterprises.
202105287193	Kane Area Revitalization Enterprise - Kane, McKean County	SPP	\$37,500	<p>In recent years, Kane has been undergoing a revitalization effort spearheaded by nonprofit, governmental organizations, and private businesses. The results have been unquestionable—with over 25 new businesses opening, and \$5 Million invested in building renovation and blight demolition in our business district. With this positive publicity and forward movement, people want to come to Kane. Our Eastern Gateway neighborhood is not an accurate representation of all that is happening. As the first step in an eventual 5 year NPP program, we would like to start a Residential Façade Improvement Program and demolish blight. Many of the residents in this neighborhood are wonderful people who do not have the means to tackle projects to improve their home values and property appearances. A lot of the housing stock in this neighborhood is old, blighted, and in need of updates—with this program in place, those residents with the desire to, will be able to help themselves. We have already been working with our Borough Council to acquire properties that are identified as blighted, abandoned, or unoccupied to demolish and develop new affordable housing. KARE will acquire at least 2 identified blighted homes from the Borough for demolition upon this project start. Once demolished, these parcels will be improved and can be used to create affordable housing or green space in our future NPP program. An application process will be developed for a Residential Façade Improvement Plan, allowing residents in the designated area to obtain quotes for approved home and streetscape improvements and receive the funding to complete said projects by the project end date (Sep 30 2022). Local contractors and resources will be the primary choice for all projects, keeping money in our local economy.</p>	Northwest Bank

202105287133	Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County - Sharon, Mercer County	CFP	\$13,750	<p>The Community Food Warehouse (CFWMC), the food bank for Mercer County, is the primary source of emergency food assistance. We serve over 4200 food insecure households through 32 member agencies, which include food pantries, soup kitchens, abuse and homeless shelters, after-school programs, low income daycare centers, and mental health treatment centers/group homes. Our mission is to provide supplemental food to those who are food insecure and to raise awareness of hunger throughout Mercer County. Our target population is always low-income county resident individuals and families. We are applying for a single project: Regular food program for mass distribution of shelf stable food items as well as frozen and various refrigerated products through a pantry system and various congregate feeding programs. The donations made to this program will enable our food bank to purchase food items in bulk to help alleviate food insecurity among our county's residents. We plan to accomplish this through our regular mass food distributions through our member agencies on the front lines. A variety of boxed, canned, fresh, refrigerated and frozen food products will be sourced, purchased, warehoused, and distributed to member agencies for front line food distribution throughout the year. Fresh fruits and vegetables will be sourced locally during the harvest season and in the off-season, through the Mid-Atlantic Regional Co-Op (MARC). Should we find the need to hold mass public food distributions, we would also conduct those, especially for produce.</p>	Hudson Construction, Mercer County State Bank, Honest Industries
202105287258	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	CFP	\$534,001	<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 need throughout 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 other necessities of life (i.e. rent, healthcare, 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 39 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 distributions and the Senior Box Program.</p>	Calypso Enterprises, Country Fair, Eriez Magnetics, IP Services, Marquette Savings Bank, Northwest Bank, Plastics Services Network, Whirley DrinkWorks, C.A. Curtze, Giant Eagle, Hillandale Farms, Smith Provision Co., Smucker Food.