

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
IN THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM,
FIRST FLOOR
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:32 A.M. E.S.T.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (the “Authority”) was held upon proper notice in the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (“DLCC”) Executive Board Room, first floor in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, March 13, 2025, commencing at 10:32 A.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Member
Councilman Anthony Coghill, Treasurer
Mulu Birru, Member
Michael Quatrini, Vice-Chairman
Councilman Robert Palmosina, Member

Also Present: Aaron Waller, Bridget Pascal, Rodney Pratt, Jeff Garstka, Alicia Matos, Theresa King, Hillary Frisbie, Dom Summers, Doug Straley, Connor Reiche, Jhason Dixon, Sandhya Giri, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Morgan Schmitt, Sara Lane and Sean Holsing, of SMG; George Meehan, Levy; DJ Makosky, AllCo Treasurer; Matthew Wilson, Pittsburgh Steelers; Paul McKrell, Controllers Office; Diane Hunt, RAD; Erica Rocchi Brusselars and Maria Montaña, Allegheny County Treasurers Office.

Senator Wayne Fontana called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Morgan Hanson followed with a roll call of the board members. Mr. Hanson advised that a quorum was present.

Senator Fontana continued to public participation and asked if any audience members wanted to address the board.

Ms. Erica Rocchi Brusselars, Allegheny County Treasurer, stated the treasurer's office has partnered with the Allegheny County Controller's Office to do regular tri-annual audits of hotels paying hotel tax.

Seeing no additional requests from the public to address the board, Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2025. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a new agreement with First American Industries (FAI) in the amount of \$48,000 for the purchase and installation of 11 water fountains with bottle filling capability for use in the DLCC.

Mr. Morgan Schmitt, Facility Manager at the DLCC, stated with the increase in the number of sporting events hosted at the DLCC the demand for bottle filling stations has increased. The existing water fountains do not easily accommodate refilling reusable water bottles. The upgrade to water fountains, which include touchless bottle fillers, antimicrobial materials, and an ADA compliant modern design, will also allow for increased use of reusable water bottles, reducing waste.

In February of 2025, a bid notice was publicly advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Builders Exchange, the Authority's website, the African American Chamber of Commerce, First Source Center, and Riverside Innovation Center. The notice was sent to 19 vendors, including two WBE vendors. Three bids were received on February 27, 2025. SMG (d/b/a ASM Global) staff reviewed pricing submitted by the vendors and recommends FAI for this purchase order due to being the lowest responsible bidder.

All water fountains will come with an 18-month warranty on parts and a one-year labor warranty. The equipment has minimal lead time due to being a stock item by the supplier, and

installation will occur as the events calendar allows. There is 25% MBE participation through Reed Building Supply (RBS) and 10% WBE participation through Arimas for supplies associated with this agreement.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Coghill asked if these were touchless water fountains.

Mr. Schmitt confirmed that is correct.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6076

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into a new agreement with First American Industries in the amount of \$48,000 for the purchase and installation of 11 water fountains with bottle filling capability for use in the DLCC.; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to award a purchase order in a lump sum amount of \$14,560.32 to Douglas Equipment (DE) for four ice-making units.

Mr. George Meehan, Levy General Manager, stated the DLCC catering partner, Levy, uses automatic ice makers to produce ice throughout the DLCC. The original inventory included 25 ice makers strategically located throughout the venue to facilitate efficiency. Over time and usage, attrition has depleted the original inventory. Usage patterns reveal that specific locations are not used as frequently as others, and some machines have been relocated as units have exceeded their

useful lives. Each unit comprises an ice-making component and an insulated storage bin. This purchase is for four new ice-making units to fit on existing storage bins at key locations, as indicated by Levy. An "other opportunities" notice was posted on the Authority website and sent to 10 food service supply vendors. Five written quotes were received, and DE submitted the lowest responsible quote. The warranties with this purchase are for three-year parts & labor on the machine, five-year parts & labor on the evaporator, and five-year parts & three years of labor on the compressor. Installation will be completed by DLCC in-house staff. There is no MBE/WBE participation related to this purchase.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6077

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to award a purchase order in a lump sum amount of \$14,560.32 to Douglas Equipment for four ice making units; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates (Pirates) in an amount up to \$208,866 for waterproofing of multiple expansion joints and concrete sealant on the club level.

Ms. Hillary Frisbie, Facility Director for the Authority, stated per the lease between the Authority and the Pirates, eligible capital repairs are the responsibility of the Authority while operating costs are the responsibility of the Pirates. The Pirates notified the Authority last year of

leaks into the suites from the club level. Pirates have made numerous repairs over the years, and the areas of work have been cited in multiple facility condition assessments. The Pirates engaged Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) in November 2024 to evaluate the existing conditions and to provide engineering, inspection, and construction management services related to reducing any leaking into the suite level.

This repair scope includes replacing traverse sealant joints, vomitory step sealant joints, and urethane pre-mold expansion joint glands. In addition, the base bid included 100 linear feet of concrete edge spalls and 100 linear feet of additional joint sealant. The bid package was provided to three bidders in January 2025, with a pre-bid meeting held on January 16, 2025. WJE received bids from CPS Construction Group (CPS), Allegheny Restoration, and Pullman. CPS provided the lowest total cost of \$161,866 for the base bid, including unit costs of \$53.70/LF for concrete edge spalls and \$38.80/LF for joint sealant. The Pirates requested an additional \$11,400 for overtime to expedite work before Opening Day, which was not eligible for reimbursement. CPS had the shortest schedule of 90 days to complete. The Pirates intend to award the waterproofing project to CPS.

The waterproofing, sealing, and concrete repair project will commence upon board approval. The expansion joint covers have a five-year material and two-year labor warranty. Authority staff recommends the board approve reimbursing the Pirates in an amount not to exceed \$208,866. There is a 1.9% MBE participation through RBS.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6078

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse Pittsburgh Associates in an amount up to \$208,866 for waterproofing of multiple expansion joints and concrete sealant on the club level and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to approve a final change order to WJE in an amount up to \$35,000 for additional engineering and concrete testing.

Ms. Frisbie stated per the lease between the Authority and the Pirates, eligible capital repairs are the responsibility of the Authority while operating costs are the responsibility of the Pirates. On June 13, 2024, the board approved a contract with WJE for design, bidding, and construction administration. On September 13, 2024, the board approved an amendment for an additional \$55,050 for concrete testing. The work is billed at a unit price based on the rate sheet provided.

The PNC Park sidewalk project should be completed by March 15, 2025. However, during construction, there were several unforeseen conditions requiring additional engineering and testing hours on the project, including rebar located at the incorrect depth, slabs which required demolition and repouring due to air test failures, existing slabs found to be different than that detailed in the as-built documents, an existing abandoned utility shaft discovered during demolition which was not shown on drawings, and modifications to the concrete pour sequence due to changes in the schedule from the above unforeseen matters. Due to these unforeseen matters, Authority staff recommends this final change order to the WJE contract. The original MBE plan had 32.5% MBE participation through Cosmos Technologies (CT). Of this \$35,000 change order request,

approximately \$5,000 will be for CT, leaving the overall MBE plan unchanged. This reimbursement will be funded from the DCED Multi Modal Grant. The Pittsburgh Pirates will pay the match and any funds required over the grant 75% and 25% by the PNC Park Capital Reserve Fund.

Senator Fontana asked who was responsible for all of the mistakes.

Ms. Frisbie stated some were unknown existing conditions, and until the sidewalk was pulled up, the parties didn't know these existed.

Mr. Straley stated the mistakes by the contractor were deducted from the contractor's contract.

Senator Fontana further asked about inspections done during construction work.

Mr. Straley stated that they currently had Cosmos Technologies on hand to review the work.

Mr. Hanson stated when a plan was established on specifications drawn up and approved, and when it was time to uplift the concrete, or what was drawn up wasn't there or was different.

Mr. Straley confirmed that was correct.

Ms. Frisbie stated any errors by the contractor were corrected by the contractor at a credit.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6079

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers hereby are authorized to approve a final change order to Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc. in an amount up to \$35,000 for additional engineering and concrete testing and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are

authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of the Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to reimburse PSSI in an amount not-to-exceed \$816,192 for additional concrete replacement and relocation of conduit for the ramp and rotunda project that was previously approved.

Mr. Frisbie stated per the terms of the lease between the Authority and PSSI, PSSI is required to pay for the daily maintenance costs, and the Authority is required to pay for certain capital repairs to Acrisure Stadium. At the December 12, 2024, meeting, the board authorized a reimbursement of \$2,514,293 to repair the ramps and rotundas throughout the stadium. During the project's first phase, unforeseen conditions were encountered, and PSSI has requested additional reimbursement for two change orders.

Change Order #1 is for the unanticipated electrical work due to the lighting and fire alarm conduit inside the concrete slabs. It was more expensive to repair and reconnect each location. The preferred scope was to relocate the conduit on the outside of the slab so this would not be an issue if additional slabs need to be replaced in the future. PSSI solicited four bidders for the electrical work, and the lowest bid was from MBE firm Emerald Electric (EE) for \$369,451 and additional insurance for \$8,215 for a total cost of \$377,666.

Changer Order #2 is for additional concrete work discovered during phase one of the demolition of identified areas. Bliss & Nitray Structural Engineers for PSSI identified an additional 324 square feet of metal decking patches that require removal, 1,700 square feet of concrete that requires replacement, 1,700 square feet of steel decking that requires replacement, numerous plate repairs, and 100 square feet of steel prepping and painting. In the previous board approval, the contractor provided unit costs for unanticipated work, which were utilized in pricing this change order. Mascaro provided a price of \$438,526 for the additional work.

Ms. Frisbie further stated she reviewed both change orders in the field. Authority staff recommends the board approve the reimbursement request of additional funds for Change Orders 1 & 2 for \$816,192. MBE participation increased from 1% to 11.6% with EE on Change Order #1. The remaining MBE/WBE companies from the original contract remain unchanged with RBS and Boyd Roll Off and WBE of 16.7% Century Steel.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Mulu Birru stated this was a huge change order.

Ms. Frisbie stated it was known there were unforeseen conditions with the concrete work, and when the concrete was lifted, it was discovered that additional work needed to be completed.

Mr. Birru ask clarifying questions about Mascaro's work done on the initial build and as-build drawings.

Mr. Aaron Waller stated that the information should have been captured on as-built drawings from the original construction, but was not.

Mr. Michael Quatrini asked when the work was started initially, and how was it not known the conduit and fire alarm was in the concrete.

Ms. Frisbie stated that there is also conduit that runs along the outside of the rotundas, and it was assumed that this was where all the electrical and life safety ran through.

Mr. Straley noted that it was not typical to have this conduit in the concrete.

Ms. Frisbie noted that it was discussed that contractors would be able to reroute the existing conduits, so it was not a consideration.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6080

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to reimburse PSSI in an amount not-to-exceed \$816,192 for additional concrete replacement and relocation of conduit for the ramp and rotunda project, and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, authorization to enter into a lump sum agreement with MarketSpace Agency (MSA) in the amount of \$23,530 for rebranding and website creation of the Sports Event Funding Program (SEFP).

Mr. Connor Reiche, Authority Marketing Assistant, stated the SEFP was established in 2021 by the SEA Sports Commission (SC). The SEFP provides financial assistance to support major sporting events that provide a significant economic impact to Allegheny County. Currently, there is only one webpage within the Authority's website dedicated to the SEFP. The Authority sought proposals from qualified agencies to lead a comprehensive rebranding initiative and develop a new website for the SEFP. The Authority requested proposals for rebranding, including a new SEFP name, logo, mission and vision statement, brand template, style guide, and website. This project aims to modernize the program's identity and online presence to better align with its mission and enhance its stakeholder engagement.

The Authority released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for SEFP rebranding and website creation on December 20, 2024. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on January 6, 2025, with 14 agencies participating. The RFP was advertised on the Authority's website, Post Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Riverside Innovation, African American Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Development Center – Business

Incubator, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Master Builders Association, Vibrant Pittsburgh, and MWDBE governmental committee.

On January 31, 2025, 10 agencies submitted proposals. An evaluation committee was formed to evaluate the proposals, consisting of Aaron Waller, Connor Reiche, Alicia Matos, Theresa King, Steve Morrison, and Bridget Pascal. The committee shortlisted three agencies and conducted interviews with MSA, 64 Robots, and Elliance, Inc. The evaluation committee recommends engaging MSA for the extensive local experience with branding and website design, including designing the logo and website for the Josh Gibson Foundation's initiative of honoring unmarked Pittsburgh-area Negro League players' graves, redesigning the logo for the Allegheny County Airport Authority, along with a dedicated website for their destination map, project leads are Cherina Pelissier (Branding) and Jen Yavorsky (Website Design) have over 5 and 10 years of experience with the agency, being the lowest cost of the shortlisted agencies, MSA is certified as a WBE and meets the Authority's M/WBE goals with 100% WBE participation.

Mr. Reiche further stated this project is expected to take 15 to 17 weeks to complete with an hourly rate of \$130 for all services. Services are not mutually exclusive and are expected to overlap for Discovery Meetings (16 hours/\$130), Branding (75 hours/\$130), and Website Development (90 hours/\$130). The total cost for this project is \$23,530.00.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6081

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and

other proper officers are authorized to enter into a lump sum agreement with MarketSpace Agency in the amount of \$23,530 for rebranding and website creation of the Sports Event Funding Program; and further that the proper officers and agents of the Authority are authorized to take all action and execute such documents as are necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, approval of SEFP grants as recommended by the SC.

Ms. Theresa King, the Authority's Project Coordinator, the SC, a committee of the Authority, collaboratively established the SEF Program to assist the region in maintaining and growing its competitive position in the sports event market. The SC recommends 14 SEF Program grants from the December 15, 2024, through January 15, 2025, application period. The SC recommended a total funding allocation of \$704,000 for this round of applications. The 14 applications under consideration are projected to collectively generate an estimated economic impact of \$70,752,537 for Allegheny County.

The first SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$75,000 to the Western PA Bruins for its "Western PA Bruins Spring Tip-Off", a three-day women's basketball tournament for ages 10 to 18, to be held at the DLCC Friday, April 18, 2025, through Sunday, April 20, 2025. The applicant projects total attendance for the 2025 tournament at 15,110 (2,600 local and 12,510 out of town) with 3,500 hotel room nights. An economic impact of \$7,209,248 is projected, and the budget for the event is \$398,000.

Ms. King continued to the second SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$50,000 to Atlantic Coast Baseball, LLC. for its 2025 baseball and softball tournaments. The event will occur Friday, May 2, 2025, through Sunday, July 27, 2025, at softball and baseball venues throughout Allegheny County. The applicant projects the 2025 tournaments series will generate approximately

34,911 attendees (22,357 local and 12,554 out of town) with 10,487 hotel room nights and a projected economic impact of \$13,668,933. The budget for the event is \$332,500.

The third SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$50,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC, for a three-day hockey tournament catering to athletes ages 8 – 15. The event will occur Friday, May 2, 2025, through Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the Alpha Ice Complex, Baierl Ice Complex, Ice Castle Arena, RMU Island Sports Center, and UPMC Events Center. The applicant projects the 2025 tournament will generate approximately 5,790 attendees (280 local and 5,510 out of town) with 2,200 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$2,814,185. The budget for this event is \$332,500.

Ms. King continued to the fourth SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$25,000 to Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer for its RDA Spring Invitational, a three-day youth soccer tournament for boys and girls ages 8 – 18. The event will occur from Friday, May 9, 2025, through Sunday, May 11, 2025, at the Highmark Stadium and Montour Junction Sports Complex. The applicant projects total attendance for the 2025 event at 6,530 people (4,282 local and 2,248 out of town), with an estimated 560 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$1,170,663. The budget for the event is \$109,216.

The fifth SEF Program grant application is a \$75,000 grant to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association for their “Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix”, a two-day vintage car race. The event will be held Saturday, July 19, 2025, through Sunday, July 20, 2025, at Schenley Park. The applicant projects the event to generate approximately 66,250 attendees (62,100 local and 4,150 out of town) with 2,000 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$14,733,213. The budget for this event is \$297,000.

Ms. King continued to the sixth SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$30,000 to Premier Ice Prospects for its “Labor Day Girls Fest & The Burgh Girls Fest”, two hockey tournaments for females 9 – 18. The event will take place Friday, August 29, 2025, through Sunday, August 31, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025, through Sunday, November 30, 2025, at the Ice Castle (Castle Shannon), RMU Island Sports Center (Neville Island), Baierl Ice Complex (Warrendale), Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink (Mt. Lebanon), and UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry). For 2025, the applicant projects a combined total of 10,151 attendees (2,215 local and 7,936 out of town) with 3,750 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$6,333,966. The budget for this event is \$373,150.

The seventh SEF Program grant application is a \$30,000 grant for Break the Chains Wrestling for their “Battle in the Burgh and West Penn Duals” for two folk-style amateur wrestling tournaments for boys and girls from 5 – 18. The Battle in the Burgh will be held Saturday, August 30, 2025, and West Penn Duals will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, through Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the Monroeville Convention and Events Center. The applicant projects total attendance for the 2025 tournaments at 5,720 (4,300 local and 1,420 out of town) with 1,000 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$850,812. The budget for this event is \$149,105.

Ms. King continued to the eight SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$25,000 to the Three Rivers Rowing Association for their “Head of the Ohio Regatta” event. This three-day rowing competition attracts rowers of all ages and skill levels, including youth, adult, adaptive, and collegiate rowers. The event will be held Friday, October 3, 2025, through Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Washington’s Landing and the Allegheny River. The applicant projects total attendance for the 2025 event at 5,750 (2,732 local and 3,018 out of town) with 200 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$2,219,665. The budget for this event is \$112,350.

The ninth SEF Program grant application is for \$45,000 to the Three Rivers Marathon Inc. for their “EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler”. This is a 10-mile/10k road race for walkers and runners of all ages and ability levels. The event will be held Sunday, November 2, 2025, on the streets of Pittsburgh. The applicant projects the event to generate approximately 17,235 attendees (15,684 local and 1,551 out of town) with 1,375 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$956,124. The budget for this event is \$575,000.

Ms. King continued to the tenth SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$70,000 to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association for its “USCAA Small College Soccer National Championships”. This five-day collegiate-level competition showcases Men’s and Women’s Division I and II soccer tournaments, featuring 24 teams across the United States. The event will be held Thursday, November 13, 2025, through Monday, November 17, 2025, at Montour Junction Sports complex and Highmark Stadium. The applicant projects the 2025 USCAA Championships will generate approximately 1,610 attendees (170 local and 1,440 out of town) with 1,440 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$1,047,022. The budget for this event is \$135,575.

The eleventh SEF Program grant application is for \$74,000 to 3Step Sports LLC for its “2025 Pittsburgh Nxt Gen Summer Session”. This is a two-day boys' basketball tournament for ages 10 to 18. The event will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025, through Sunday, July 13, 2025, at DLCC. The applicant is projecting the 2025 event will generate approximately 2,065 attendees (550 local and 1,515 out of town) with 500 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$1,506,376. The budget for this event is \$161,500.

Ms. King continued to the twelfth SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$10,000 to Xpogo LLC for their “Pogopalooza 2025: The World Championships of Pogo,” a three-day extreme pogo sticking competition. The event will be held Friday, June 20, 2025, through Sunday,

June 22, 2025, at Market Square and Xpogo Headquarters. The applicant projects the event will generate approximately 2,812 attendees (2,257 local and 555 out of town) with 400 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$853,562. The budget for this event is \$23,000.

The thirteenth SEF Program grant application is for \$75,000 to Intersport LLC for their “Women’s College Volleyball Showcase,” a four-day nationally televised NCAA Division I women’s college volleyball event will feature four of the top teams in the country. The event will be held Saturday, August 30, 2025, through Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at PPG Paints Arena. The applicant is projecting the 2025 event will generate approximately 20,210 attendees (7,545 local and 12,665 out of town) with 12,000 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$16,620,385. The budget for this event is \$825,000.

Ms. King continued to the fourteenth SEF Program Grant application is a grant of \$75,000 to Gran Fondo New York for their “GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2025,” a cycling marathon will feature timed rides where athletes are ranked both overall and within their age groups based on their finish times, offering a choice between a recreational 41-mile distance and a competitive 70-mile distance. The event will be held Friday, September 19, 2025, through Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Boyce Park. The applicant projects the event will generate approximately 1,340 attendees (270 local and 1,070 out of town) with 1,500 hotel room nights and an economic impact of \$768,403. The budget for this event is \$162,500.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Birru asked if a few organizations were repeat applicants.

Ms. King confirmed that is correct. Ms. King further stated that the Authority and the SC are working on the guidelines for looking at repeat versus new applicants.

Senator Fontana stated the other criteria are these repeat organizations growing. If these events are growing, then this is a significant consideration.

Mr. Quatrini stated this is not a check awarded to the organizations, rather these applicants have to spend their own money and justify reimbursement.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. On a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 6082

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the following grants under the Sports Event Funding (SEF) Program, in accordance with the terms and recommendations of the SEA Sports Commission, are authorized and the Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into grant agreements and to take all action and execute such documents as are related and proper to effectuate the terms of this Resolution:

1. \$75,000 to Western PA Bruins for a weekend women's basketball tournament to be held Friday, April 18, 2025, through Sunday, April 20, 2025, at the DLCC,
2. \$50,000 to Atlantic Coast Baseball, LLC for 14 youth baseball and softball tournaments to be held Friday, May 2, 2025, through Sunday, July 27, 2025, at softball and baseball venues located throughout Allegheny County,
3. \$50,000 to SuperSeriesAAA, LLC for hockey tournaments to be held Friday, May 2, 2025, through Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the Alpha Ice Complex, Baierl Ice Complex, Ice Castle Arena, RMU Island Sports Center, and UPMC Events Center,
4. \$25,000 to Friends of Pittsburgh Professional Soccer for RDA Spring Invitational to be held Friday, May 9, 2025, through Sunday, May 11, 2025, at the Highmark Stadium and Montour Junction Sports Complex,
5. \$75,000 to Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association for a vintage car race to be held from Saturday, July 19, 2025, through Sunday, July 20, 2025, at Schenley Park,
6. \$30,000 to Premier Ice Prospects, LLC for two girls' hockey tournaments to be held Friday, August 29, 2025, through Sunday, August 31, 2025, and Friday, November 28, 2025, through Sunday, November 30, 2025, at the Ice Castle (Castle

Shannon), RMU Island Sports Center (Neville Island), Baierl Ice Complex (Warrendale), Mt. Lebanon Ice Rink (Mt. Lebanon), and UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry),

7. \$30,000 to Break the Chains Wrestling for two amateur youth wrestling tournaments, Battle in the Burgh to be held Saturday, August 30, 2025, and West Penn Duals to be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, through Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the Monroeville Convention and Events Center,

8. \$25,000 to Three River Rowing Association for the Head of the Ohio Regatta to be held Friday, October 3, 2025, through Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Washington's Landing and the Allegheny River,

9. \$45,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. for the EQT Pittsburgh 10-mile race to be held Sunday, November 2, 2025, on the streets of Pittsburgh,

10. \$70,000 to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association for a collegiate national soccer championship to be held Thursday, November 13, 2025, through Monday, November 17, 2025, at Montour Junction Sports complex and Highmark Stadium,

11. \$74,000 to the 3Step Sports LLC for a youth baseball competition Saturday, July 12, 2025, through Sunday, July 13, 2025, at the DLCC,

12. \$10,000 to the Xpogo LLC for an extreme pogo sticking competition to be held Friday, June 20, 2025, through Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Market Square and Xpogo Headquarters,

13. \$75,000 to the Intersport LLC for a collegiate volleyball championship Saturday, August 30, 2025, through Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at PPG Paints Arena,

14. \$70,000 to the Gran Fondo New York for an international cycling marathon to be held Friday, September 19, 2025, through Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Boyce Park.

Senator Fontana continued to the next item on the agenda, DLCC Monthly Update.

Mr. Tim Muldoon, General Manager of the DLCC, gave a general status on the DLCC. He further identified the Home and Garden Show is continuing to grow from pre-Covid levels with more vendors participating, and the attendance has been strong. The DLCC has confirmed two pieces of business for the year 2030. He further addressed the data coming from VisitPittsburgh regarding potential impacts to international travel and other impacts to events from national matters.

Senator Fontana asked if there were any other questions from the board. Hearing none, Senator Fontana moved on to public participation.

Senator Fontana asked if anyone in the audience desired to address the board.

Seeing no additional public comments, Senator Fontana asked if there were any comments from the board. Seeing no additional comments or business, Senator Fontana asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 A.M.



Aaron Waller
Assistant Secretary

