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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF THE
SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026,
IN THE DAVID L. LAWRENCE CONVENTION CENTER, EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM,
FIRST FLOOR,
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMENCING AT 10:34 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") ROOM 334, in Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Thursday, September 10, 2026, commencing at 10:34 A.M. E.S.T.

Members of the Authority

Present: Sen. Wayne Fontana, Chairman
Michael Dunleavy, Member
Terrina LaVallee, Member
Michael Quatrini, Vice-Chairman
Councilman Robert Palmosina, Member
Sala Udin, Secretary

Also Present: Aaron Waller, Bridget Pascal, Dom Summers, Doug Straley, Connor Reiche, Theresa King, Sandhya Giri, Steve Morrison, Jhason Dixon, Eddie Figas, Michael Halpern, Jocelyn Bracken, and Paul McDonald Jr. of the Authority; Morgan Hanson, Solicitor; Tom Ryser, TPR, LLC; Tim Muldoon, Ryan Buries, Morgan Schmitt, Kholsten Hightower, Ryan Bisi, Carrie Yauch, Sara Lane, and Sean Holsing of SMG; George Meehan, Levy; Andrew DeWitt, City Controller's Office; DJ Malosky, Allegheny County Treasurer's office; Frederick Douglas, Cosmos Technologies; Matthew Wilson, Pittsburgh Steelers; Tracey McCants-Lewis, Pittsburgh Penguins; Ladimir Garcia, Pittsburgh Business Times; Diane Hunt, RAD; Greg Odell and Peter Zingoni, OVG; Ken Colwes, K. Young, C. Young, Bart Cully, Pittsburgh Boaters; Dominic Busa, Washington's Landing Marina; Edwardo and Vivecka Saldana, Boaters.

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

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

Mr. Ken Colwes thanked the board for the progress on boaters who have taken up residence on the North Shore. Some boaters have outstayed their welcome, and he and his group wanted to offer their support to make the North Shore more boater-friendly. Morgan asked that each member of the boating group give their contact information to Connor Reiche of the SEA; the SEA would contact them if needed.

Senator Fontana moved to the next item on the agenda: approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2026, meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The Board proceeded to authorize the following resolutions:

David L. Lawrence Convention Center:

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 6235** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 7-9)

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 five-year contract with Oak View Group Facilities, LLC for management and operation of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, including such renewal options and related terms as approved; 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.

Questions:

1. Mr. Sala Udin asked about the inclusion of minority and women-owned businesses.

Mr. Michael Halpern stated that, during operations, there will be an evaluation process for the percentage of minority- and women-owned businesses. OVG has also committed to attending two events focused on helping minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

2. Mr. Udin asked what the goal for inclusion of minority and women-owned businesses is.

Mr. Halpern stated the goals for this contract are 25% MBE and 10% WBE.

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 6236** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 10-12)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership to provide food and beverage services at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for an initial term of three (3) years, with one two (2) year renewal option; 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.

Questions:

1. Mr. Michael Quatrini asked if the $2.5 million is a payment or a loan.
   Mr. Halpern stated it is a loan for capital improvements.

2. Mr. Quatrini asked what the interest rate was on the loan.
   Mr. Halpern stated 0%.

3. Ms. Terrina Lavallee asked if Levy has hired people from the MBE and WBE networking events.
   Mr. Halpern stated they have not participated in these events before.

C. **RESOLUTION NO. 6237** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 13-14)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to award purchase orders to Bortek Industries Inc. (Bortek) in the amount of $38,146.00 for an indoor/outdoor riding sweeper including a 3-year service plan; and to Pitt Specialty Supply, Inc. (Pitt SS) in the amount of $20,807.17 for five indoor walk-behind vacuums and a walk-behind floor scrubber; 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.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

D. **RESOLUTION NO. 6238** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 15-16)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to amend an agreement with The Efficiency Network (TEN) at a cost not to exceed $345,050 for the replacement of lighting and controls in the service corridors at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

E. **RESOLUTION NO. 6239** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 17-18)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with MBM Contracting in the lump sum amount of $13,625 to furnish and install tank grating in the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

F. **RESOLUTION NO. 6240** - (For background, see BAR below on pages 19-20)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with ABM Electrical Power Solutions in the amount of $22,574 for electrical inspections in 2026 and 2029 and an arc flash update in 2026; 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.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

G. **RESOLUTION NO. 6241** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on pages 21-22)

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 Letter of Intent with a Benny's Pizza affiliate entity being formed for approximately 1,878 square feet of first-floor retail space at the North Shore Garage and to negotiate and execute any necessary amendments to the existing Andy Warhol Museum license agreement required to accommodate the proposed tenancy and relocation of museum programming; 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.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

H. **RESOLUTION NO. 6242** - (For background, see Board Action Request (BAR) below on page 23-51)

RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the following grants under the Sports Event Grants (SEG) 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. $20,000 to Alpha Tournament Company for a youth hockey tournament series for ages 4 to 18 to be held Friday, September 25, 2026, through Sunday, May 30, 2027, at the Apha Ice Complex, RMU Sportsplex, and McKnight Arena.

2. $7,000 to Pittsburgh Curling Club for an adult amateur curling tournament series to be held from Friday, September 25, 2026, through Sunday, June 6, 2027, at the Pittsburgh Curling Club.

3. $6,000 to Pittsburgh Derby Brats for a youth roller derby tournament series for ages 9 to 17 to be held Saturday, October 17, 2026, through Sunday, May 31, 2027, at RMU Island Sports Complex and Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena.

4. $30,000 to Varsity Spirit, LLC, for a youth cheerleading competition series for ages 4 to 18 to be held Saturday, November 14, 2026, through Sunday, March 21, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) and Robert Morris University (RMU).

5. $40,000 to Steel City Squash for two squash tournaments to be held Friday, November 20, 2026, through Sunday, March 7, 2027, at Steel City Squash.

6. $5,700 to Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball for a one-day adult indoor grass volleyball competition to be held December 19, 2026, at the Montour Sports Complex.

7. $30,000 to 72point5 Productions for three youth wrestling tournament series for ages 6 to 16 to be held Friday, January 22, 2027, through Tuesday, February 16, 2027, at the Monroeville Convention Center.

8. $10,000 to Three Rivers Rowing Association for the US Rowing Indoor National Championships for all ages to be held Saturday, February 6, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

9. $10,000 to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Center for the Deaf for a three-day adult basketball/cornhole tournament to be held Friday, March 19, 2027, through Sunday, March 21, 2027, at the ALL AMERICAN+ Field House.

10. $75,000 to the ESL FACEIT Group for an international seven-day esport gaming championship to be held Monday, April 5, 2027, through Sunday, April 11, 2027, at the Petersen Events Center.

11. $50,000 to 3Step Sports, LLC, for a three-day boys' basketball tournament for ages 10 to 18 to be held Friday, April 16, 2027, through Sunday, April 18, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Rize Sports, and Mt. Lebanon High School.

12. $30,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. for the USA Track and Field Half Marathon Championships to be held Sunday, May 2, 2027, in the streets of Pittsburgh.

13. $75,000 to Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc., for the two-day Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival to be held Saturday, May 15, 2027, and Sunday, May 16, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

14. $75,000 to USA National Karate Do Federation for the five-day USA Karate National Championship Tournament to be held Wednesday, July 7, 2027, through Sunday, July 11, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

15. $50,000 to Gran Fondo New York for a two-day international cycling marathon to be held Friday, September 17, 2027, through Sunday, September 19, 2027, at Boyce Park. Contingent on the 2026 GNFY Pittsburgh- Monroeville's 2026-1 final report.

Questions: There were no questions or comments for this resolution.

Senator Fontana asked if the board had any questions. Hearing none, Senator Fontana moved to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 A.M.

Aaron Waller
Assistant Secretary

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY

OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: September 8, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project: Facility Management Operator Agreement
Project Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into a five-year contract for management and operation of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Resolution: 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 five-year contract with Oak View Group Facilities, LLC for management and operation of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, including such renewal options and related terms as approved; 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.

Executive Summary: The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA) has retained professional management services for the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) through a series of competitive procurements since the facility opened in 2003. SMG (Spectacor Management Group) and its successor organizations, now Legends Hospitality, LLC (Legends), have managed the facility throughout that period. The current management agreement expires on December 31, 2026. As a result, the SEA initiated a new competitive procurement process in 2026 to select a management company for the next phase of the Convention Center's operations and future growth.

In 2026, the SEA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to manage and operate the DLCC. The SEA released the RFP on April 21, 2026, distributed it to multiple qualified venue management firms, advertised it publicly, and posted it on the SEA website. The SEA held a mandatory pre-proposal meeting on May 6, 2026, with representatives from three (3) firms. SEA received proposals from Oak View Group Facilities, LLC (OVG) and Legends. The SEA staff conducted a comprehensive evaluation process, including proposal review, in-person interviews, follow-up questions, financial analysis, capital investment review, and evaluation of supplemental materials. Evaluation criteria included experience and qualifications, operational approach, sales and business development strategy, financial structure, capital commitments, local business engagement, technology and innovation, transition planning, and overall responsiveness to SEA objectives. As part of the evaluation process, both OVG and Legends presented directly to the SEA Board and answered Board members' questions about their proposals, operating philosophies, capital commitments, implementation strategies, and long-term vision for the Convention Center.

After completing the evaluation process, SEA staff determined that OVG provided the strongest overall plan for revenue growth, capital investment, operational approach, community engagement, and economic development initiatives.

OVG's proposal centers on long-term investment in the facility through activation of underutilized assets, enhancement of customer-facing spaces, premium event opportunities, rooftop programming, technology improvements, and other initiatives intended to improve the DLCC's competitiveness and create new revenue opportunities.

SEA staff recommends OVG for the following reasons:

- Revenue Growth and Asset Utilization – OVG presented a strategy focused on activating underutilized assets, expanding premium hospitality opportunities, enhancing visitor experiences, and creating long-term revenue generation opportunities.

- Capital Investment Commitment – OVG proposed a significant multi-year capital investment program intended to support facility improvements, premium event spaces, rooftop activation, technology investments, and customer-facing enhancements.

- Economic Development and Community Impact – OVG demonstrated a strong commitment to local business participation, workforce development, MWBE engagement, supplier diversity, youth opportunities, and community partnerships, while emphasizing opportunities for Pittsburgh-based firms to participate in Convention Center operations and procurement activities.

- Operational Approach – OVG presented a comprehensive operating strategy focused on facility utilization, customer experience, employee development, and implementation of proven operating practices utilized at convention centers and public assembly facilities throughout the country.

- Performance-Based Accountability – OVG's proposal emphasizes measurable performance outcomes and operating accountability designed to align operator incentives with SEA objectives and Convention Center performance.

Accordingly, staff recommends authorizing a five (5) year contract with OVG for management and operation of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

The proposed contract provides for management and operation of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center by Oak View Group (OVG) for an initial term of five (5) years.

The agreement includes:

- A fixed annual management fee of $250,000, subject to annual CPI adjustments as defined in the agreement.
- A performance-based incentive structure tied to SEA-approved operating and performance objectives.
- Multi-year capital investment commitments intended to support facility improvements, premium event spaces, rooftop activation, technology enhancements, and other revenue-generating initiatives.

- Large capital commitments over the initial term are intended to accelerate implementation of priority facility improvements identified by SEA and the DLCC Strategic Business Plan.
- Capital projects will be prioritized in collaboration with SEA and focused on projects that improve customer experience, facility competitiveness, revenue generation, and implementation of Strategic Business Plan recommendations.
- Annual operating, capital, and business planning requirements.
- Regular reporting, performance reviews, and accountability measures.
- MWBE participation, workforce development, local business engagement, and community partnership commitments.
- Coordination with the selected food & beverage service provider.

Contract Amount: The proposed agreement includes a fixed annual management fee of $250,000, subject to annual CPI adjustments, together with performance-based incentive compensation as defined in the agreement.

Funding Source: DLCC Operating Budget

Point of Contact: Michael Halpern

IManage #: 2006456
BAR Backup #: 2006500

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY
OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date:	September 8, 2026
Board Date:	September 10, 2026
Project:	Food & Beverage Service Provider Agreement
Project Location:	David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Action requested: Authorization to enter into an agreement for providing food and beverage services at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for an initial term of three (3) years, with one two (2) year renewal option.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership to provide food and beverage services at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center for an initial term of three (3) years, with one two (2) year renewal option; 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.

Executive Summary: The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA) has retained professional food and beverage services for the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) through a series of competitive procurements since the facility opened in 2003. Levy Premium Food Service Limited Partnership (Levy) has served as the food and beverage operator throughout that period. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2026. As a result, the SEA initiated a new competitive procurement process in 2026 to select a food and beverage partner for the next phase of operations at the Convention Center.

In 2026, the SEA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for food and beverage services at the DLCC. The SEA released the RFP on April 23, 2026, distributed it to qualified food and beverage service providers, publicly advertised it, and posted it on the SEA website. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on May 6, 2026, with representatives from five (5) firms in attendance. Proposals were due on June 10, 2026, and proposals were submitted by Levy, Oak View Group Hospitality (OVG), Legends Hospitality, LLC (Legends), and Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC. Note: Sodexo Live! attended the pre-proposal meeting but subsequently stated that they would not submit a proposal.

The SEA conducted an initial evaluation of all submitted proposals, including review of qualifications, operational approach, financial structure, capital commitments, culinary programs, MWBE participation, and overall responsiveness to the RFP. Evaluation criteria included relevant experience and qualifications, food and beverage program quality, operational capacity and staffing, coordination with DLCC management, financial value to SEA, sustainability initiatives, MWBE participation, community engagement, food tastings, and overall presentation.

The finalists participated in presentations, food tastings, follow-up question process, financial reviews, and evaluation of supplemental materials. As part of the final review process, all three firms presented before the SEA Board and responded directly to questions regarding their operating approaches, financial structures, capital commitments, culinary programs, and long-term vision for food and beverage services at the DLCC.

After completing the evaluation process, SEA staff determined that Levy offered the strongest overall combination of operational experience, culinary execution, customer service, financial value, staffing stability, capital planning, and long-term food and beverage performance for the DLCC.

Levy's proposal stood out for its practical, detailed operating strategy, strong culinary program, financial plan, and demonstrated ability to deliver food and beverage services at the DLCC. Key factors supporting the recommendation include:

- Proven DLCC Experience – Levy has successfully operated food and beverage services at the DLCC for more than two decades and demonstrated a thorough understanding of the facility, event mix, labor environment, customer base, and operational requirements.

- Food and Beverage Program Quality – Levy presented a comprehensive culinary program emphasizing local sourcing, menu innovation, Pittsburgh-inspired offerings, hospitality, customer experience, and convention center food and beverage best practices.

- Operational Excellence – Levy demonstrated a detailed operating plan focused on service delivery, labor management, event execution, catering operations, customer satisfaction, and financial performance.

- Capital Planning – Levy proposed a detailed multi-year capital improvement program focused on customer-facing improvements, concessions enhancements, mobile market concepts, rooftop service improvements, test kitchen development, kitchen upgrades, and operational infrastructure investments designed to improve guest experience, increase food and beverage capture, and support long-term revenue growth.

- Financial Value – Levy's proposal provides a combination of operational stability, realistic revenue assumptions, practical capital investments, a performance-based compensation structure, and a $500,000 signing bonus intended to support continued food and beverage enhancements at the DLCC.

- Community Impact and MWBE Participation – Levy demonstrated a commitment to local sourcing, supplier diversity, MWBE participation, workforce development initiatives, food donation programs, and community partnerships.

- Coordination with Facility Management – Levy demonstrated a collaborative approach to working with the selected facility management operator, SEA staff, and other stakeholders to support successful event execution, customer service, and long-term facility goals.

Levy's proposal reflects a long-term strategy focused on operational excellence, customer service, culinary quality, hospitality, and continued improvement of the food and beverage program. Staff believes the proposal provides the strongest platform to support the next phase of food and beverage operations at the DLCC while continuing to serve Convention Center guests, event organizers, exhibitors, and the broader Pittsburgh community.

Accordingly, staff recommends authorization to enter into an agreement with Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership for food and beverage services at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center consisting of an initial three (3) year term with one two (2) year renewal option.

The proposed agreement provides food and beverage services at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center by Levy Premium Foodservice Limited Partnership for an initial term of three (3) years, with one two (2) year renewal option at SEA's discretion.

The agreement includes:

- Management and operation of all food and beverage services, including concessions, catering, premium hospitality, and associated food service operations.
- No fixed annual management fee.
- A performance-based compensation structure tied to gross food and beverage revenues.
- A $500,000 signing bonus for the benefit of the DLCC.
- Up to $2.5 million in capital improvements focused on customer-facing enhancements, concessions improvements, mobile market concepts, rooftop service improvements, test kitchen development, kitchen upgrades, and operational infrastructure investments.
- Annual operating and capital planning requirements.
- MWBE participation, workforce development, local sourcing, supplier diversity, sustainability initiatives, food recovery efforts, and community engagement commitments.
- Coordination with the selected Convention Center management operator.
- Performance reporting, financial accountability, and customer service standards.

Contract Amount: The proposed agreement does not include a fixed annual management fee. Compensation is based on a performance-based incentive structure tied to gross food and beverage revenues, subject to limitations defined in the agreement. The agreement also includes a $500,000 signing bonus and up to $2.5 million in capital improvements.

The proposed structure aligns Levy's compensation with food and beverage performance while minimizing fixed operating costs to the SEA.

Funding Source: DLCC Operating Budget
Point of contact: Michael Halpern
IManage#: 2006454
BAR Backup #: 2006501

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: August 31, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project Name: Purchase of Indoor/Outdoor Riding Sweeper, Indoor Walk-Behind Vacuum & Walk-Behind Floor Scrubber
Project Facility: David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Action Requested: Authorization to issue purchase orders to Bortek Industries Inc. in the amount of $38,146.00 for an indoor/outdoor riding sweeper including a 3-year service plan; and to Pitt Specialty Supply, Inc. in the amount of $20,807.17 for five indoor walk-behind vacuums and a walk-behind floor scrubber.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to award purchase orders to Bortek Industries Inc. (Bortek) in the amount of $38,146.00 for an indoor/outdoor riding sweeper including a 3-year service plan; and to Pitt Specialty Supply, Inc. (Pitt SS) in the amount of $20,807.17 for five indoor walk-behind vacuums and a walk-behind floor scrubber; 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.

Executive Summary: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) has an existing inventory of various mechanized housekeeping equipment. Each event at the DLCC requires detailed cleaning to ensure a clean and welcoming environment for clients and their guests, as well as maintenance cleaning of large outdoor spaces, back-of-house spaces, and vast front-of-house spaces. The facility must provide the proper equipment to maintain overall cleanliness. The existing 15+ year old ride-on indoor/outdoor sweeper and 10-year-old walk-behind floor scrubber (used by Levy) have surpassed their useful lives and need to be replaced. The five walk-behind wide vacs will supplement the existing inventory of hand vacs. As part of this transaction, Bortek has offered to pay the Authority $3,000.00 for the old sweeper that is currently not operational. In addition, the Authority purchased a 3-year service plan on the new unit at a cost of $3,276.00.

In August 2026, a public bid was advertised in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Pittsburgh Courier and on the Authority's website, and a notice was sent directly to nineteen vendors, including four WBE and one MBE vendor. The Authority received five bids on August 20, 2026. SMG (d/b/a ASM Global) staff reviewed pricing and specifications submitted by the vendors and recommend Bortek for the ride-on indoor/outdoor sweeper and Pitt SS for the walk-behind scrubber and wide-vacs as the lowest responsible bidders.

Base Purchase & Unit Pricing Totals

Company	One Nation Dist.	Fagan Supply	Bortek	Pitt Specialty	Tennant
Base Bid 1- Indoor/Outdoor Ride-on Sweeper	$ 129,989.00	$ 64,138.75	$ 37,870.00	$ -	$ 80,336.75
Total w/Trade	$ 117,989.00	$ 64,138.75	$ 34,870.00	$ -	$ 80,336.75
Alt 2	$ 3,500.00	$ -	$ 3,276.00	$ -	$ 12,925.00
Base Bid 2- Walk Behind wide vac	$ 3,298.00	$ -	$ 3,307.00	$ 2,487.99	$ 2,667.00
Unit Price per additional (Pitt Specialty offer quntity discount if quantity>3)	$ 3,298.00	$ -	$ 3,307.00	$ 2,363.59	$ 2,667.00
Total w/Quantity=5	$ 16,490.00	$ -	$ 16,535.00	$ 11,817.95	$ 13,335.00
Base Bid 3- Walk behind floor scrubber	$ 14,489.00	$ 20,020.00	$ 13,495.00	$ 8,989.22	$ 10,644.60

There is a five-year warranty on the ride-on sweeper, a three-year warranty on the walk behind scrubber, and various length warranties on the wide vacs (10 years on plastic tanks & bodies; 2 years parts; 1 year battery), free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. Upon execution of a purchase order, delivery of equipment is expected within 2–3 weeks.

MBE/WBE Participation: There is no MBE/WBE participation associated with this purchase: however four WBE and one MBE company were asked to bid on the project.

Riding Indoor/Outdoor Sweeper
Purchase Order Amount: $38,146.00
Funding Source: 2026 MRR Operating Budget

Walk Behind Floor Scrubber and Five walk behind vacuums
Purchase Order Amount: $20,807.17
Funding Source: 2026 MRR Operating Budget/F&B Capital Reserve Budget
Point of Contact: Ryan Buries
iManage #: **2006443**

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: August 17, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Project Name: Service Corridor Lighting & Controls Upgrades

Action Requested: Authorization to amend an existing agreement with The Efficiency Network (TEN) at a cost not to exceed $345,050 for the replacement of lighting and controls in the service corridors at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to amend an agreement with The Efficiency Network (TEN) at a cost not to exceed $345,050 for the replacement of lighting and controls in the service corridors at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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.

Executive Summary: In 2022, Heapy Consulting conducted a Level II energy audit of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC). The report recommended several Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs), including converting to LED lighting fixtures and upgrading integral lighting controls. The report analyzed energy-efficiency opportunities and operational challenges. The recommendations were phased through a multi-year plan, with Exhibit Halls D & E scheduled for 2024, Exhibit Halls A, B, & C for 2025, and the Service Corridors on Levels 2, 3, & 4 for 2026.

On September 11, 2025, the SEA Board authorized entering into a letter of intent with The Efficiency Network (TEN) and a subsequent contract for an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) under the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA). GESA is a performance-based contracting method authorized by Pennsylvania law that enables public entities to implement energy improvements with guaranteed savings. Under this model, TEN guarantees the cost of improvements will be offset by energy savings over time, eliminating financial risk to the SEA. The IGA cost $15,500, which is incorporated into the total project contract. These Service Corridors lighting and control replacements are also listed in the Facility Condition Assessment completed by ARIS.

TEN analyzed the existing fixtures and controls and developed recommendations based on the energy assessment. The project includes the Service Corridors on Level 4 South, Service Corridors on Level 3 North and South, the addition of the kitchen and bake shop, and the Level 2 Service Corridor on the East side, which includes staff break rooms, security control, kitchen storage, and the Westin Walkway. Overall, the inventory reviewed in these spaces includes more than 800 fixtures across three floors. The existing fixtures throughout these spaces are 2'x4' fluorescent troffers with three 28W bulbs per fixture. The scope of work also includes a small percentage of compact fluorescent downlights and vanity fixtures. The current system uses

outdated technology and is on/off depending on space usage. The replacement fixtures are LED with integral occupancy sensors. This enables motion detection in use across multiple zones and allows fixtures to return to off status when no activity is present. Localized override switches will be installed in the localized electrical closets if ever needed. The system will operate on Acuity nLight technology, which has been utilized through all lighting upgrade phases in the facility. This project is estimated to reduce annual electricity bills by $22,754, which equates to 164,291 kWh. The project is also eligible for a rebate through the ACT 129 program; the initial rebate estimate is approximately $26,920.

TEN will manage the project on behalf of the SEA. In accordance with the GESA program, TEN solicited bids from three subcontractors to install the new fixtures, and selected the bid based on scope, pricing, and project schedule.

The fixtures and controls have a lead time of four to six weeks. Installation will take place over five weeks and will be phased in accordance with the event schedule. The materials, lighting, and controls come with a 5-year warranty. The light fixtures have a useful life of 20 years.

MBE/WBE Participation: There is 18.03% WBE participation through M. Long Solutions, a full-service supplier of lighting materials.

Contract Amount:	$345,050
Funding Source:	2026 Capital Budget
Point of Contact:	Lucas Kistler
iManage #:	**2006427**

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: August 25, 2026
Board Date: September 11, 2026
Project Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Project Name: Wastewater Treatment Plant Tank Grating & Safety Improvements

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into an agreement with MBM Contracting in the lump sum amount of $13,625 to furnish and install tank grating in the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with MBM Contracting in the lump sum amount of $13,625 to furnish and install tank grating in the Wastewater Treatment Plant at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; 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.

Executive Summary: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) utilizes an on-site wastewater reclamation facility that filters and sanitizes the building's wastewater for the flushing of toilets and urinals. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) uses membrane modules to separate biomass from the treated water through filtration. Above the bioreactor, where bacteria and other microbes break down harmful waste, fiberglass grating spans the area. After reviewing the area with Veolia's safety team, we removed portions of the grating due to cracking, leaving gaps exposed at the front of the platform. This grating is original to the plant. Per Veolia's safety team recommendation, the grating should be replaced so all areas are covered. This project includes all fiberglass grating, related clips, and hardware to achieve this coverage.

On Monday, July 27, 2026, the Authority advertised a request for quotes on its website and sent it directly to nineteen vendors, including two MBE companies and one WBE. The Authority received one quote on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. SMG (d/b/a Legends Global) did a scope review with the contractor which confirmed the scope was correct. SMG staff reviewed the pricing and found it to be fair and reasonable.

Company	Quote
MBM Contracting	$13,625

The equipment comes with a three-year warranty. The materials are expected to arrive in November, and installation will occur over one week.

MBE/WBE Participation: There is no MBE/WBE participation associated with this purchase. However, two MBE and one WBE company were solicited to submit a quote. They chose not to submit for this project.

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Contract Amount:	$13,625
Funding Source:	2026 MRR Operating Budget
Point of Contact:	Lucas Kistler
iManage #:	**2006414**

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: August 27, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project Name: Garage Electrical Inspection and Testing
Project Location: North Shore Garage

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into an agreement with ABM Electrical Power Solutions in the amount of $22,574 for electrical inspections in 2026 and 2029 and an arc flash update in 2026.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that its Executive Director and other proper officers are authorized to enter into an agreement with ABM Electrical Power Solutions in the amount of $22,574 for electrical inspections in 2026 and 2029 and an arc flash update in 2026; 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.

Executive Summary: Electrical distribution and switchgear inspection and testing are industry standards and effective programs to ensure safe and reliable energy distribution. They also help avert premature failure and interruption of electrical service. Services under this contract include visual inspection, general cleaning, infrared thermography, and breaker operational testing. Infrared thermography detects hot spots caused by defects in connections and components, allowing you to correct problems before a component fails, causing damage, creating safety hazards, and reducing productivity. Breaker operational testing verifies proper trip settings to protect electrical equipment and personnel. The last electrical inspection and testing service for the garage was in 2023 (by ABM Electrical Power Solutions).

An arc flash analysis is a requirement of Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970. Arc flash is a phenomenon where a flashover of electric current leaves its intended path and travels through the air from one conductor to another, or to the ground. The analysis will identify potential hazards to protect employees and contractors working on electrical equipment and reduce the risk of arc flash incidents. The scope of work for the arc flash analysis includes: 1) data collection, 2) detailed single-line diagram development, 3) system analysis including short-circuit analysis, device coordination analysis, arc flash analysis, and 4) arc flash incident energy labels and affixation. The analysis report will also include recommendations for changes or upgrades to address any issues that are found during the study. The last arc flash study was in 2021 (by ABM Electrical Power Solutions).

On July 10, 2026, the Authority issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the electrical inspection and testing. The Authority sent the RFP to nine firms, two of which were MBE or WBE. The RFP was also advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the New Pittsburgh Courier, on the Authority's website, and on various social media outlets. One firm attended the non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting held on July 22, 2026. The Authority received three proposals on August 6, 2026, from

ABM Electrical Power Solutions, FTBA (WBE), and LND Technical Services (MBE). A review team consisting of Doug Straley, Michael Halpern, and Tom Ryser reviewed the proposals and interviewed two firms: ABM and FTBA.

After the interviews, the team obtained clarifications from the shortlisted firms. The review team recommends proceeding with ABM for the following reasons:

- Knowledge of systems and testing methodologies
- Lowest cost proposal
- Past working experience at garages and convention center

	ABM	FTBA (WBE)	LND
Electrical Inspection 2026	$8,007	$7,690	$40,700
Arc Flash Testing 2026	$6,560	$9,680	$29,400
Electrical Inspection 2029	$8,007	$7,690	$50,500
Totals	**$22,574**	**$25,060**	**$120,600**

ABM has proposed the hourly rates listed below to be used for any out of scope work that is requested.

Labor Description	ST	OT	DT
Senior Field Engineer	$215	$301	$387
Field Engineer	$200	$280	$360
Test Technician	$190	$266	$342
Assistant Tech Technician	$175	$245	$315
Project Management	$195	$273	$351
Professional Engineer	$250	$350	$450

Straight Time (ST): M-F 5:30am to 6:00pm
Overtime (OT): M-F 6:00pm to 5:30am and all day Saturday
Double Time (DT): Sunday and Holidays

MBE/WBE Participation: WBE participation is 14.2% (electrical subconsultant FTBA), and MBE participation is 0%.

Contract Amount: **$22,574**
Funding Source: **North Shore Garage Operating Budgets**
Point of Contact: **Tom Ryser**
SEA Imanage: **#2006362**
SEA Imanage Backup: **#2006363**

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SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: September 9, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project Location: North Shore Garage
Project Name: Retail Space

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into a Letter of Intent with a Benny's Pizza affiliate entity being formed for approximately 1,878 square feet of first-floor retail space and to amend the existing Andy Warhol Museum license agreement to relocate museum programming into approximately 4,200 square feet of adjacent space.

Resolution: 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 Letter of Intent with a Benny's Pizza affiliate entity being formed for approximately 1,878 square feet of first-floor retail space at the North Shore Garage and to negotiate and execute any necessary amendments to the existing Andy Warhol Museum license agreement required to accommodate the proposed tenancy and relocation of museum programming; 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.

Executive Summary: Pittsburgh Commercial Real Estate, Inc. (d/b/a Colliers) ("Colliers") was engaged in 2025 as the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County's (SEA) broker for retail and office space at the North Shore Garage located at 20 East General Robinson Street. In December 2025, representatives of Benny's Pizza contacted Colliers and expressed interest in leasing retail space within the North Shore Garage (NSG). After evaluating the available locations, Benny's Pizza identified the first-floor space currently occupied by the Andy Warhol Museum ("AWM") Print Lounge as its preferred location. The SEA subsequently met with AWM representatives, who expressed support for the concept and a willingness to relocate programming into adjacent vacant space within NSG, bringing programming closer to the main AWM facility.

Benny's Pizza was founded in Virginia in 2011 and currently operates 35 locations across multiple states, including Pennsylvania. The concept specializes in large-format pizza sold by the slice and currently operates a Pittsburgh location in the South Side. The proposed tenant will be a Benny's Pizza affiliate entity currently being formed for the North Shore Garage location. Benny Fierros LLC, operator of the existing Pittsburgh location, is expected to serve as the lease guarantor.

The SEA has received preliminary financial information from Benny Fierros LLC and reviewed it. The SEA will review additional guarantor information and documentation, if required, before executing a final lease agreement.

Under the Letter of Intent (LOI), Benny's Pizza's affiliate entity currently being formed would lease approximately 1,878 square feet, including dedicated restroom facilities, to operate a fast-casual pizza restaurant. Key proposed terms of the LOI include:

- Initial lease term of ten (10) years with two (2) five-year renewal options.
- Base rent of $21.00 per square foot (approximately $39,438 annually) with annual rent escalation and separately metered utilities paid by the tenant.
- SEA would demo the existing space to prepare a shell space for tenant improvements.
- The tenant currently estimates investing approximately $290,000 in tenant-funded improvements, including approximately $240,000 in buildout costs and $50,000 in furniture, fixtures, and equipment. These costs do not include SEA's landlord work. Final investment amounts will be confirmed during the design process before executing a lease agreement.
- SEA would permit and construct the minimum ADA and code-required restrooms.
- A corporate guaranty from Benny Fierros LLC will be required as part of the transaction. SEA has received preliminary financial information from Benny Fierros LLC and reviewed it. SEA will review additional information and documentation, if required, before executing a final lease agreement.
- SEA would provide either a tenant improvement allowance or rent abatement of up to $21.00 per square foot, with the final structure being determined during lease negotiations based upon the scope and cost of SEA improvements.

Colliers advised the SEA that the proposed transaction is generally consistent with North Shore market conditions and comparable retail lease structures.

The project's timing will depend on completing lease negotiations, design, permitting, and landlord improvements. SEA staff anticipates returning to the Board with final lease and AWM license amendment terms before the end of 2026.

The proposal would also allow AWM to continue operating through the relocation and reconfiguration of its programming space within NSG. The proposed relocation space is larger than AWM's current licensed area and is located closer to the main AWM facility. As part of this transaction, the SEA would amend the existing license agreement with AWM to reflect the revised space configuration, term, and rental structure associated with the relocated space.

SEA staff expects limited demolition and preparation work within the relocated AWM space, including carpet removal, replacement of ceiling tiles, and installation of a new doorway. AWM would be responsible for signage, painting, finishes, furnishings, and any additional tenant-specific improvements.

SEA staff recommends entering into the Letter of Intent and continuing negotiations toward a final lease agreement and corresponding amendment to the AWM license agreement.

Point of Contact: Eddie Figas
iManage #: 2006429
iManage Backup #: 2006433

SPORTS & EXHIBITION AUTHORITY
OF PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY
BOARD ACTION REQUEST

Date: September 2, 2026
Board Date: September 10, 2026
Project: Sports Commission - Sports Event Grants (SEG) Program

Action Requested: Approval of Sports Event Grants (SEG) Program grants as recommended by the SEA Sports Commission.

Resolution: RESOLVED by the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County that the following grants under the Sports Event Grants (SEG) 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:

16. $20,000 to Alpha Tournament Company for a youth hockey tournament series for ages 4 to 18 to be held Friday, September 25, 2026, through Sunday, May 30, 2027, at the Apha Ice Complex, RMU Sportsplex, and McKnight Arena.

17. $7,000 to Pittsburgh Curling Club for an adult amateur curling tournament series to be held from Friday, September 25, 2026, through Sunday, June 6, 2027, at the Pittsburgh Curling Club.

18. $6,000 to Pittsburgh Derby Brats for a youth roller derby tournament series for ages 9 to 17 to be held Saturday, October 17, 2026, through Sunday, May 31, 2027, at RMU Island Sports Complex and Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena.

19. $30,000 to Varsity Spirit, LLC, for a youth cheerleading competition series for ages 4 to 18 to be held Saturday, November 14, 2026, through Sunday, March 21, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) and Robert Morris University (RMU).

20. $40,000 to Steel City Squash for two squash tournaments to be held Friday, November 20, 2026, through Sunday, March 7, 2027, at Steel City Squash.

21. $5,700 to Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball for a one-day adult indoor grass volleyball competition to be held December 19, 2026, at the Montour Sports Complex.

22. $30,000 to 72point5 Productions for three youth wrestling tournament series for ages 6 to 16 to be held Friday, January 22, 2027, through Tuesday, February 16, 2027, at the Monroeville Convention Center.

23. $10,000 to Three Rivers Rowing Association for the US Rowing Indoor National Championships for all ages to be held Saturday, February 6, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

24. $10,000 to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Center for the Deaf for a three-day adult basketball/cornhole tournament to be held Friday, March 19, 2027, through Sunday, March 21, 2027, at the ALL AMERICAN+ Field House.

25. $75,000 to the ESL FACEIT Group for an international seven-day esport gaming championship to be held Monday, April 5, 2027, through Sunday, April 11, 2027, at the Petersen Events Center.

26. $50,000 to 3Step Sports, LLC, for a three-day boys' basketball tournament for ages 10 to 18 to be held Friday, April 16, 2027, through Sunday, April 18, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Rize Sports, and Mt. Lebanon High School.

27. $30,000 to Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. for the USA Track and Field Half Marathon Championships to be held Sunday, May 2, 2027, in the streets of Pittsburgh.

28. $75,000 to Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc., for the two-day Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival to be held Saturday, May 15, 2027, and Sunday, May 16, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

29. $75,000 to USA National Karate Do Federation for the five-day USA Karate National Championship Tournament to be held Wednesday, July 7, 2027, through Sunday, July 11, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

30. $50,000 to Gran Fondo New York for a two-day international cycling marathon to be held Friday, September 17, 2027, through Sunday, September 19, 2027, at Boyce Park. Contingent on the 2026 GNFY Pittsburgh- Monroeville's 2026-1 final report.

Executive Summary:

Background for the Sports Event Grants (SEG) Program

Pursuant to Section 27.4 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly Act 42 of 2017 (Act 42), an annual allocation has been made to the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA) of funds from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund (EDTF) for the establishment, administration, and maintenance of a regional sports commission.

The SEA Sports Commission was established as a five-member committee[1] of the SEA. The SEA and the Sports Commission developed and adopted programs and procedures for the use of the EDTF allocation, including the Sports Event Grants (SEG) Program, to help the region maintain and grow its competitive position in the sports event market.

Pursuant to the Procedures, the Sports Commission reviews all SEG Program applications and then provides a funding recommendation to the SEA Board. The SEA Board considers only those applications that have been recommended by the Sports Commission for funding.

SEG Program grants are disbursed only after the event has occurred, on a reimbursement basis, after the required final report has been provided, and in accordance with all other terms and provisions of the grant agreement for the event.

The Sports Commission recommended fifteen (15) SEG Program applications for the application period ending July 15, 2026. Approval of this resolution authorizes the grants in accordance with the Sports Commission's recommendations for the application period ending July 15, 2026.

The Sports Commission recommended a total funding allocation of $513,700 for this round of applications. It is projected that the 15 applications under consideration will collectively generate an estimated economic impact of $41,701,843 for Allegheny County.

The SEA Sports Commission met on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, and determined to make the following recommendations to the SEA Board for funding under the Sports Event Grants Program.

[1] *Current members of the SEA Sports Commission are State Senator Jay Costa (Chairman), State Senator Wayne Fontana, Tracey McCants-Lewis, Michael Quatrini, and Sala Udin.*

1. Alpha Tournament Company (Alpha Tournament Company Pittsburgh Tournament Series

Alpha Tournament Company is a Pennsylvania-based for-profit formed in 2019 to create an environment for teams, individuals and families to gather, compete and enjoy ice hockey.

Prior SEG Awards for Alpha Tournament Company			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2024-2	Alpha Tournament Company Pittsburgh Tournament Series	$40,000	$40,000
2025-2	Alpha Tournament Company Pittsburgh Tournament Series	$35,000	$35,000
Totals	**2 Total Events Funded**	**$75,000**	**$75,000**

Alpha Tournament Company is seeking funding for the Alpha Tournament Company Pittsburgh Tournament Series, a collection of seven round-robin youth hockey tournaments sanctioned by USA Hockey.

The event will take place September 25, 2026, through May 30, 2027, at Alpha Ice Complex, RMU Sportsplex, McKnight Arena, and other venues outside of Allegheny County. Under SEG Program Guidelines, only expenses incurred within Allegheny County are eligible for funding.

Each tournament is expected to draw between 30 and 120 teams, primarily composed of male players aged 5 to 18 at all skill levels. Participants will travel from across the United States and Canada, with approximately 50% from outside of Western Pennsylvania. Each tournament will span three to four days. The tournaments are scheduled as follows:

1. Season Opener: September 25 – 27, 2026
2. Columbus Day Clash: October 9 – 11, 2026
3. Salute to Service: November 6 – 8, 2026
4. Thanksgiving Classic: November 27 – 29, 2026
5. MLK Classic: January 15 – 18, 2027
6. President's Day Classic: February 12 – 15, 2027
7. School's Out: May 28 – 30, 2027

The budget for this event is $637,118 with a net profit of $145,433, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 20,462 people (12,460 local and 8,002 overnight stays; 39% overnight share), with an estimated 8,002 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $6,607,575 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2024-2	$40,000	$40,000	8,800	4,860	34,848	36,954	$8,472,886	$12,684,883
2025-2[(1)]	$35,000	ACTIVE	7,200	5,475	27,247	21,937	$10,143,822	$4,853,391
Projections	$20,000	-	6,405	-	20,462	-	$6,607,575	-

[1]Note:	The Grantee noted that the 2025-2 grant did not meet its goals due to a decrease in the number of out-of-town teams attending the event, largely attributed to economic and political conditions. No Canadian teams participated. Additionally, the launch of a competing league resulted in scheduling constraints that further limited team participation.

This year's event projections, compared with previously funded events, indicate strong growth in participation. Due to the attendance shortfall from international teams, Alpha Tournament Company plans to focus its marketing on growing its smaller events throughout the series.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. The applicant notes that funding allows for expanded venue capacity, additional event staff, and enhanced marketing. Additionally, Alpha Tournament Company's Season Opener Tournament will occur for the first time in Pittsburgh.

An SEG Program Grant of $20,000 is recommended to be used for officials, medical staff, and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Economic impact
2. Growth in participation
3. New tournament for the region

2. Pittsburgh Curling Club (Pittsburgh Curling Club 2026/2027 Bonspiel Series)

Pittsburgh Curling Club is a Pennsylvania-based non-profit formed in 2002 to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment that ensures an outstanding curling experience.

Prior SEG Awards for the Pittsburgh Curling Club			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2023-2	2023-2024 Bonspiel Series	$10,000	$6,126
2025-2	Pittsburgh Curling Club 2025/2026 Bonspiel Series	$7,500	Active Grant
Totals	**2 Total Events Funded**	**$17,500**	**$6,126**

Pittsburgh Curling Club is seeking funding for the 2026/2027 Bonspiel Series, an amateur competitive curling series featuring six bonspiels. This series will be sanctioned by the Grand National Curling Club (GNCC).

The series will take place September 25, 2026, through June 6, 2027, at the Pittsburgh Curling Club. The Pittsburgh Curling Club 2026-2027 Bonspiel Series will comprise six separate tournaments for ages 15 to 75. Each event is two to four days and expects around 30 to 160 participants per tournament, with at least 350 participants in total traveling from across the United States and Canada. In addition, two of the six bonspiels are inclusive of all genders, and staffing for each bonspiel is volunteer:

1. Green Ice Special Spiel: September 25 - 27, 2026
2. Penn State College Bonspiel: October 16 - 18, 2026
3. GNCC CanAm Bonspiel: January 21 - 23, 2027
4. Frances Dykes Memorial Spiel: February 25 - 28, 2027
5. Ryan Fissella Party Spiel: April 2 - 4, 2027
6. TropiCurl: June 3 - 6, 2027

The budget for this event is $42,365 with a net profit of $15,235, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 731 people (307 local and 424 overnight stays; 58% overnight share), with an estimated 165 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate direct spending of $347,026.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2023-2[(1)]	$10,000	$6,126	496	447	636	583	$594,984	$273,069
2025-2[(2)]	$7,500	ACTIVE	540	-	680	-	$418,591	-
Projections	$7,000	-	576	-	731	-	$347,026	-
[(1)]Note:	Five events were intended to take place, but one was cancelled. Two of the remaining four are included within the 2025-2 application.							
[(2)]Note:	The 2025-2 Grant remains active, and the Final Report is not due until September 5, 2026.							

This year's series projections, compared with those for the previously funded series, indicate overall growth for the event. Pittsburgh Curling Club (PghCC) experienced declines in participation and attendance, particularly among out-of-town visitors. PghCC attributes this to the popularity of the sport at the Winter Olympics, which constrained curling clubs across the country with Olympic training, limiting overall bonspiel attendance. However, PghCC anticipates strong event growth this upcoming year, as this popularity has boosted club membership by 60% and significantly increased overall programming.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. PghCC was selected by GNCC to host the Canadians versus Americans competition this year, and the event is expected to draw significant out-of-town participation. Organizational enhancements include significantly increased local programming and membership, youth participation with USA Curling, and the launch of a dedicated Juniors League in 2026-2027.

An SEG Program Grant of $7,000 is recommended to be used for prorated utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, internet, and dumpster services) and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Economic impact
2. Organizational and event growth
3. International participation

3. Pittsburgh Derby Brats (Monster Bash, Bridges and Blizzards Tournament, Roll Into Spring Tournament, It's Gonna Be May(hem))

Pittsburgh Derby Brats is a Pennsylvania-based non-profit formed in 2013 to nurture bold self-confidence in youth by developing teamwork and athletic ability while treasuring individuality within a culture of integration, encouragement, and service to others, through the practice, play and promotion of Roller Derby.

Prior SEG Awards for Pittsburgh Derby Brats			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2024-1	Pajama Jam and Mayday Melee Tournaments	$4,000	$4,000

Pittsburgh Derby Brats is seeking funding for a series of four junior roller derby competitions for youth athletes ages 9 through 17. This event will be sanctioned by the Junior Roller Derby Association (JRDA).

The event series will take place from October 17, 2026, through May 31, 2027, at the RMU Island Sports Complex and Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena. The application includes four junior roller derby competitions for participants ages 9 through 17, with the majority of participants expected to be female. Each competition will take place over one to two days and feature three to five travel teams competing in six to nine games. The applicant projects a total of 366 participants and 982 attendees across the four-event series. Teams are expected from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New England states, and other East Coast states.

The budget for this event is $12,800 with a net loss of ($200), if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 982 people (438 local and 544 overnight stays; 55% overnight share), with an estimated 242 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $389,226 in direct spending.

The applicant reports that each of the four tournaments included in this application was successfully hosted during the 2025-26 season. Across the tournament series, individual events attracted approximately 60 to 115 athletes and between 100 and 200 attendees. For the 2026-27 season, the applicant projects 366 participants and 982 total attendees and anticipates continued growth through the recruitment of additional travel teams and competitors from across the country.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, SEG funding would help offset venue rental expenses, the largest expense associated with hosting the tournament series, and allow the organization to direct additional resources toward tournament operations and participant experience.

An SEG Program Grant of $6,000 is recommended to be used for venue rental fees and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Demonstrated growth in participation, attendance, and hotel room nights
2. Supports a series of youth amateur sporting events
3. Provides competitive athletic opportunities for youth roller derby participants in this region

4. Varsity Spirit, LLC (Varsity Spirit Cheer Competitions)

Varsity Spirit, LLC is a Tennessee-based for-profit organization formed in 1974 to elevate the student experience and create memorable moments for young people by celebrating school spirit.

Varsity Spirit, LLC is seeking funding for the Varsity Spirit Cheer Competitions, a series of four All-Star Cheerleading competitions for youth club teams. This event will be sanctioned by USA Cheer and US All Star Federation (USASF).

The event will take place November 14, 2026, through March 21, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) and Robert Morris University (RMU). The event series includes four All-Star Cheerleading Competitions for participants ages 4 through 18 from club teams across the Midwest. Each competition takes place over one or two days and features team performances before certified judges. The applicant projects 317 teams and 5,306 participants across all four events.

The budget for this event is $383,209 with a net profit of $348,983, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.
The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 13,296 people (9,929 local and 3,367 overnight stays; 25% overnight share), with an estimated 2,216 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $4,887,416 in direct spending.

This is the applicant's first request to the SEG program; however, three of the four competitions included in this application have been held in the Pittsburgh region for nearly 20 years. Historical participation in this event series totaled 4,322 participants, compared with a projection of 5,306 for the 2026-27 season. Growth is expected to be driven primarily by the addition of the new NCA Allegheny event, which will be held in conjunction with the UCA Allegheny event at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and is expected to add approximately 700-1,000 participants.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, SEG funding would support continued growth of the event series and help offset venue-related expenses associated with hosting competitions at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Historically, for the DLCC, the UCA Allegheny has generated $79,783 in total revenue, and Cheersport Pittsburgh has produced $86,714. This revenue includes parking, food and beverage, and building-related revenue (rent, services, and ancillary).

An SEG Program Grant of $30,000 is recommended to be used for venue rental fees and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Significant projected economic impact and overnight visitation
2. Significant revenue to DLCC with expanded utilization
3. Promotion of women in sports
4. Growth of the event series through the addition of the NCA Allegheny competition

5. STEEL CITY SQUASH (2027 Steel City Open (singles) and 2026 City of Bridges Open (doubles))

STEEL CITY SQUASH is a Pennsylvania-based non-profit formed in 2014 to serve as a vibrant, inclusive hub that advances youth development, community wellness, and athletic excellence through the sport of squash.

Prior SEG Awards for STEEL CITY SQUASH			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2025-2	Steel City Open	$40,000	$40,000

STEEL CITY SQUASH is seeking funding for the 2027 Steel City Open (singles) and 2026 City of Bridges Open (doubles), a five-day international professional women's squash singles tournament and a three-day professional women's squash doubles tournament. The 2026 City of Bridges Open will be sanctioned by the Squash Doubles Association Pro Tour. The 2027 Steel City Open will be sanctioned by the Professional Squash Association (PSA) and will rank as a PSA Silver event.

Both events will be held at the Steel City Squash Center for participants aged 8 to 70. The 2026 City of Bridges Open will take place November 20 - 22, 2026, and is an inaugural tournament featuring 12 professional women's doubles teams from across the US. This will mark the inaugural year for the City of Bridges Open, and the first of its kind to be held in Pittsburgh.

The 2027 Steel City Open will take place March 3 - 7, 2027, and will feature 32 elite international female players competing for world ranking points. Alongside this tournament will be an amateur event welcoming 72 athletes of all ages, genders, and skill levels from across the region, and a new women's Challenger event inviting 32 US professionals seeking global ranking.

The budget for this event is $228,050 with a net profit of $87,750, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 1,054 people (891 local and 163 overnight stays; a 16% overnight share), with an estimated 304 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $280,333 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2025-2[(1)]	$40,000	$40,000	175	99	910	679	$273,593	$165,327
Projections	$40,000	-	152	-	1,054	-	$280,333	-
[(1)]Note:	This was Steel City Squash's inaugural event; therefore, they experienced inaccuracies in tracking hotel room nights, as well as predictions for their amateur tournament participation.							

This year's projections, compared with previously funded events, indicate overall growth.

The applicant displays strong projected growth in participation and event operations. With attendance shortfalls from the previous year, Steel City Squash anticipates more realistic estimates

this year and more accurate hotel room tracking with assistance from PSA. Furthermore, the Challenger and professional women's doubles events are expected to increase overall attendance and participation.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. Notable event enhancements include Pittsburgh's first-ever professional women's doubles squash tournament and a simultaneous challenger event that will host lower-tier "semi-professional" squash athletes. Organizational enhancements include operating support for Steel City Squash's staff to accommodate growth, enhanced marketing, and increased focus on community and youth programs.

An SEG Program Grant of $40,000 is recommended to be used for Officials/Referees, Medical, MC, PSA Sanctioning fees, Squash TV, marketing web, sponsorship event signage, and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Economic impact
2. New squash double tournament for the region and the SEG Program
3. Promotion of women's sports
4. International participation

6. Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball (MontourMania)

Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball is a Pennsylvania based for-profit organization formed in 2018 to grow the game of grass volleyball through passion and innovation.

Prior SEG Awards for Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2026-1	The Pittsburgh Grass Open	$20,000	Active Grant

Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball is seeking funding for MontourMania, an amateur indoor turf volleyball competition. This is the second annual event and the first time Pittsburgh Grass Volleyball has requested SEG funding for it. This event will be sanctioned by AVP America, the largest grassroots outdoor volleyball organization in the world, and USA Volleyball, the official national governing body for volleyball in the US.

The event will take place on December 19, 2026, at the Montour Sports Complex. MontourMania is a one-day, indoor turf volleyball competition played in a 4-person vs 4-person on-court format for adults aged 18 and older. Each team will play 3 to 4 matches in their initial pool before moving on to a single-elimination playoff round. The event is divided into gender- and skill-level divisions. The event is expected to host 60 teams and 250 participants, mostly from the Pittsburgh region but also from Georgia, Maryland, and Virginia.

The budget for this event is $14,350 with a net profit of $9,350, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 379 people (314 local and 65 overnight stays; 17% overnight share), with an estimated 17 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $23,642 in direct spending.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, the grant would assist with venue rental and EMS expenses, allowing additional resources to be directed toward marketing and event growth initiatives.

An SEG Program Grant of $5,700 is recommended for medical expenses, venue rental, and other eligible expenses, as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. First-time funding this event
2. Supports a sporting concept that is new to the region
3. Projects substantial growth from inaugural event

7. 72point5 Promotions (Monroeville Mat Madness, Keystone Qualifier, & Keystone State Southwest Qualifier)

72point5 Promotions is a Pennsylvania-based for-profit organization formed in 2017 to provide supportive, accessible wrestling event experiences that foster the core values and lifelong benefits of the sport.

Prior SEG Awards for 72point5 Promotions			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2025-2	Monroeville Mat Madness & Keystone State Southwest Qualifier	$36,000	$36,000

72point5 Promotions is seeking funding for the Monroeville Mat Madness, Keystone Qualifier, & Keystone State Southwest Qualifier. These three youth wrestling tournaments are for ages 6 to 16. The Monroeville Mat Madness will be sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), while the other two tournaments will not be sanctioned, as no governing body currently exists for youth wrestling tournaments in Pennsylvania.

The event will take place January 22, 2027, through February 16, 2027, at the Monroeville Convention Center.

The 7th Annual Monroeville Mat Madness (M3) Jr. High Tournament will take place on January 22–23, 2027. The tournament is a PIAA-sanctioned, two-day, double-elimination wrestling tournament expected to attract approximately 40 teams and 800–900 junior-high wrestlers from Western and Central Pennsylvania. The tournament features 13 weight classes, with the top six wrestlers in each class receiving recognition and the top three teams receiving team plaques. The event is open to boys and girls competing as part of their school teams.

The Keystone League Qualifier will take place on January 24, 2027. The tournament is expected to attract more than 1,400 wrestlers, kindergarten through sixth grade, from Western and Central Pennsylvania. The youth tournament, for boys and girls, is a double-elimination qualifying event for the 2027 Tournament of Champions, with the top four wrestlers in each age and weight bracket advancing.

The Keystone State Championships Southwest Qualifier will take place on February 16, 2027. The tournament serves as a qualifying tournament for the Keystone State Championships in March. The event is expected to exceed the 400 athletes who participated in 2026, with wrestlers traveling from six counties. Boys will compete across two age divisions and 26 weight classes, while a new girls division for 2027 will feature two age divisions and 23 weight classes. The tournament provides postseason competition experience for young athletes.

The budget for this event is $88,451, with a net profit of $749 if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 7,965 people (3,075 local and 4,890 overnight stays; 61% overnight share), with an estimated 1,690 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate direct spending of $2,056,482.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2025-2[(1)]	$36,000	ACTIVE	2,600	1,943	7,965	4,534	$2,125,664	-
Projections	$30,000	-	2,600	-	7,965	-	$2,056,482	-
[(1)]Note:	The 2025-2 event was significantly impacted by a snowstorm and sub-zero temperatures, which forced the two-day event to be shortened to one day and limited participant and attendee turnout due to travel concerns.							

This year's projections, when compared with the previously funded events, show the same figures originally projected in the applicant's first year of funding. Due to the January events coinciding with a snowstorm and sub-zero temperatures, participation, attendance, and hotel room bookings fell significantly short of projections due to travel concerns. The applicant notes that participation has grown each year for each event and anticipates continued growth despite the shortfalls of the previous year.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, the grant would help offset venue costs, support scholarships and free registration for families in need, and fund event marketing. Funding would also support the first-time addition of girls' wrestling into the 2027 qualifying event, expected to attract more than 100 female athletes.

An SEG Program Grant of $30,000 is recommended for venue rental and other eligible expenses, as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Economic impact with high overnight stay percentage
2. Supporting a woman-owned business
3. Provides financial assistance to disadvantaged families
4. Promoting diversity in youth sports

8. Three Rivers Rowing Association (The USRowing Indoor National Championships / Pittsburgh Indoor Sprints)

Three Rivers Rowing Association is a Pennsylvania based non-profit formed in 1984 to develop and deliver safe, sustainable, and inclusive programs and events that teach and promote the sports of rowing and paddling to their diverse community.

Prior SEG Awards for Three Rivers Rowing Association			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2023-2	Head of the Ohio Regatta	$20,000	$20,000
2024-2	Head of the Ohio Regatta	$30,000	$30,000
2024-2	Pittsburgh Indoor Sprints / USRowing Indoor National Championships	$9,250	$9,250
2025-1	Head of the Ohio Regatta	$25,000	$25,000
2026-1	Head of the Ohio Regatta	$15,000	Active Grant
Totals	**5 Total Events Funded**	**$99,250**	**$84,250**

Three Rivers Rowing Association is seeking funding for the USRowing Indoor National Championships / Pittsburgh Indoor Sprints. The event is a one-day indoor rowing competition to compete on rowing machines in individual and team race formats. This event will be sanctioned by USRowing, the national governing body for rowing in the United States.

The event will take place on February 06, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The Pittsburgh Indoor Springs is an annual event hosted by TRRA for more than 20 years and will mark the fourth year as a host site for the USRowing Indoor National Championships. The event is projected to attract 500 participants, aged 14 to 81. Participants are expected to travel primarily from Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Ohio, and New Jersey, with additional competitors from surrounding East Coast states. The event will also feature a college fair designed to connect athletes with collegiate rowing programs.

The budget for this event is $39,900 with a net profit of $1,100, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 1,580 people (1,275 local and 305 overnight stays; 19% overnight share), with an estimated 75 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $260,036 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data							
Round	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2024-2	$9,250	351	330	1,013	1,127	$11,060	$444,140
Projections	$10,000	500	-	1,580	-	$260,036	-

This year's projections, when compared with the previously funded 2025 event, indicate positive overall growth in participation, attendance, overnight visitation, and hotel room nights.

The event has experienced steady growth since partnering with USRowing in 2024. Participation increased from 373 entries in 2024 to 421 entries in 2026. The addition of a college fair and continued national exposure through USRowing are expected to further enhance the event's reach and impact.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, funding would help offset venue and related operating expenses at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, allowing the event to remain at that location and expand into utilizing a larger footprint of the available space.

Historically, this event has garnered $14,675 in total revenue for the DLCC. This revenue includes parking, food and beverage, and building-related revenue (rent, services, and ancillary).

An SEG Program Grant of $10,000 is recommended for venue rental and other expenses related to the convention center, as well as other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Continued growth of a nationally sanctioned championship event
2. Strong participation projections supported by recent event performance
3. Enhancement of Pittsburgh's visibility as a rowing events destination
4. Revenue to DLCC

9. Greater Pittsburgh Community Center for the Deaf (CAAD 2027 - 82nd Annual Men's & 20th Annual Women's Basketball/Cornhole Tournament)

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Center for the Deaf is a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit founded in 1927 to promote social, cultural, and athletic activities for deaf individuals.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Center for the Deaf is seeking funding for CAAD 2027 - 82nd Annual Men's & 20th Annual Women's Basketball/Cornhole Tournament, a three-day basketball tournament accompanied by a three-day cornhole tournament. This event will be sanctioned by The Central Athletic Association for the Deaf (CAAD).

The event will take place March 19, 2027, through March 21, 2027, at the ALL AMERICAN+ Field House. The event consists of a three-day amateur basketball tournament held alongside a three-day cornhole tournament, with opportunities for athletes, families, and spectators to participate. The basketball tournament will include at least 15 teams, each with approximately 12 athletes, across four basketball courts. Seeding will be determined by multiple rounds of pool play followed by elimination-style tournament games. The cornhole tournament is expected to attract at least 20 teams, using 8 to 10 cornhole boards in a dedicated area inside the facility. Participants aged 20 to 75 are expected to travel from partnering deaf communities across six states.

The budget for this event is $27,000 with a net profit of $14,500, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 660 people (510 local and 150 overnight stays; 23% overnight share), with an estimated 150 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $149,011 in direct spending.

This event would be new to the SEG Program. The event was held in Pittsburgh once before in 1992 and was community-based. Anticipating at least 15 teams, the applicant projects growth over the CAAD's previous basketball tournament in Indianapolis, IN, which hosted 14 teams.

The applicant notes that the event **will not** proceed without the SEG Program Grant. Aside from the ability to hold the event, notable enhancements from SEG funding include improved venue operations, increased officiating coverage, and increased marketing.

An SEG Program Grant of $10,000 is recommended for venue rental fees, officials/referees, and other eligible expenses, as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. The promotion of inclusivity in sports
2. The return and growth of a new event to the region
3. New event to SEG program

10. ESL FACEIT Group (Intel® Extreme Masters Pittsburgh 2027)

ESL FACEIT Group is a Delaware for-profit Organization formed in 1991 to help gaming communities thrive by creating experiences that unite players, fans, and creators around esports and games.

ESL FACEIT Group is seeking funding support for Intel® Extreme Masters (IEM) Pittsburgh 2027, a premier Counter-Strike 2 tournament featuring 16 teams and 28 matches. The event will mark the first IEM tournament held in Pittsburgh and is expected to be the largest IEM event ever held on U.S. soil. IEM is a global esports circuit featuring five events annually: two in Europe, one in North America, one in China, and one hosted on a rotating basis across other regions.

The competition will feature 16 teams and 96 participants in the group stage, with each team comprising five players and one coach. Eight teams, totaling 48 participants, will advance to the live playoff rounds. Team qualification will be determined through three open qualifiers, supplemented by invitations based on the VALVE Regional Standings. Participants are expected to be between 16 and 36 years old.

The event will take place April 05, 2027, through April 11, 2027, at the Petersen Events Center. The tournament will begin with group-stage competition from April 5–7, held without a live audience, followed by live playoff rounds from April 9–11, with an expected attendance of approximately 9,000 fans. Matches will be broadcast globally across Twitch, YouTube, TikTok, and Kick, as well as through media-rights partners and co-streamers.

The budget for this event is $7,585,250 with a net profit of $41,750, if the recommended funding amount is awarded. The event's deficit will be covered by the other IEM events that generate more revenue.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 9,455 people (2,900 local and 6,555 overnight stays; 69% overnight share), with an estimated 26,356 hotel room nights. SportsPittsburgh estimates that the event will generate $6,495,982 in direct spending.

The applicant indicates that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant; however, the funding would enhance the event's marketing efforts, increase engagement and awareness within the local community, and strengthen the overall participant and fan experience through expanded pre- and post-event programming.

An SEG Program Grant of $75,000 is recommended to be used for venue-related costs and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. New event for the region and SEG Program
2. Economic impact
3. International Participation
4. Promotion of esports in the region

11. 3Step Sports LLC (2027 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest)

3Step Sports LLC is a Massachusetts-based for-profit organization formed in 2000 as a comprehensive basketball company dedicated to fulfilling dreams of players, parents and coaches by providing the best instruction, competition and exposure.

Prior SEG Awards for 3Step Sports LLC			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2022-2	Pittsburgh Jam Fest	$75,000	$75,000
2024-1	2024 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest	$74,000	$74,000
2024-2	2025 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest	$74,000	$74,000
2025-1	2025 Pittsburgh Nxt Gen Summer Session	$74,000	$73,677
2025-2	2026 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest	$74,000	Active Grant
2026-1	2026 Pitt Summer Jam Fest	$74,000	Active Grant
Totals	**6 Total Events Funded**	**$445,000**	**$296,677**

3Step Sports LLC is seeking funding for the 2027 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest, a three-day boys' basketball tournament. This event will be sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

The event will take place April 16, 2027, through April 18, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Rize Sports Facility, and Mt. Lebanon High School. The 2027 Hoop Group Pitt Jam Fest is projected to host at least 620 teams of boys ages 10 to 18 from more than 25 states and multiple countries. Games will be held across 48 courts, with 40 courts at the DLCC alone. Competition begins on Friday, with each team guaranteed one game; continues on Saturday with two guaranteed games; and concludes on Sunday with one to two games, depending on advancement to the championship rounds. In addition to the tournament, Hoop Group will host an exposure tour on Thursday, providing local players with instruction from college coaches. That same day, Hoop Group partners with the local community to offer a free youth clinic for Pittsburgh children, with an anticipated 100+ participants and their family and friends. 89 participants attended the youth clinic in 2026, excluding family and friends.

The budget for this event is $582,000 with a net profit of $115,000 if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 11,224 people (2,900 local and 8,324 overnight stays; 74% overnight share), with an estimated 2,500 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $6,239,191 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2022-2[(1)]	$75,000	$75,000	5,100	5,750	14,800	10,840	$10,300,000	$5,800,601
2024-1	$74,000	$74,000	4,750	4,500	7,660	8,925	$2,795,378	$6,235,746
2024-2	$74,000	$74,000	4,750	5,022	7,660	10,622	$6,725,623	$4,839,659
2025-2	$74,000	ACTIVE	5,200	5,200	10,880	11,000	$5,855,978	-
Projections	$50,000	-	5,312	-	11,224	-	$6,239,191	-
[(1)]Note:	After 3Step Sports' 2022-2 event, the NCAA changed the window for their Live Recruitment Period; thus, less college coaches have attended the Pitt Jam Fest since, lowering overall attendance.							

This year's projections, compared with previously funded events, indicate overall growth. Since the NCAA's alteration of the Live Recruitment Period for college scouts and coaches, the Pitt Jam Fest has shown strong year-over-year growth. Participation was capped in the previous year because the tournament required teams to be waitlisted.

The applicant notes that the event **will not** proceed without the SEG Program Grant. A notable enhancement in the event's previous year was the partnership between Special Olympics and the NBA Junior Cavs Program for a free youth clinic for local Pittsburgh children, which is slated for the current year. Other noted enhancements include the growth of the Fan Fest, the ability to use four premium wood courts, and the capability to expand to other local high schools if additional team capacity is needed.

Historically, this event has garnered $403,336 in total revenue for the DLCC. This revenue includes parking, food and beverage, and building-related revenue (rent, services, and ancillary).

An SEG Program Grant of $50,000 is recommended to be used for DLCC Venue Expenses and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Significant revenue to the DLCC during a typical event downtime
2. Economic impact
3. Promotion of free local youth activities and clinics
4. Assisting in the recurrence of a substantial sporting event at the DLCC.

12. Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. (USATF Half Marathon Championships)

Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. is a Pennsylvania based non-profit formed in 2008 to run a variety of high-quality races of various distances, as well as events and award-winning health and fitness programs throughout the Pittsburgh region and Western Pennsylvania.

Prior SEG Awards for Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc.			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2023-2	EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler	$45,000	$45,000
2023-2	DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events	$50,000	$50,000
2024-1	EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler & 10K	$45,000	$45,000
2024-2	DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events	$50,000	$50,000
2025-1	EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler & 10K	$45,000	$45,000
2025-2	DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events	$35,000	Active Grant
2026-1	EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler & 10K	$45,000	Active Grant
Totals	**7 Total Events Funded**	**$315,000**	**$235,000**

Pittsburgh Three Rivers Marathon Inc. is seeking funding for the USATF Half Marathon Championships, a championship racing event for elite athletes that serves as a qualifier for the 2028 Olympic Team Trials – Marathon and is part of the USATF Running Circuit. This event will be sanctioned by the USA Track and Field Association (USATF)

The event will take place May 02, 2027, in conjunction with the 2027 UPMC Health Plan Half Marathon and as part of the DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events throughout the streets of Pittsburgh. The event is a one-day championship half marathon race that is expected to draw 100 athletes, ages 24 to 44. The race will use the same course and start-and-finish line structures as the UPMC Half Marathon.

The budget for this event is $200,000 with a net loss of ($20,000), if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 384 people (86 local and 298 overnight; 77% overnight share), with an estimated 216 hotel room-nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $172,259 in direct spending.

This event was previously held in Pittsburgh in 2018 and 2019, attracting approximately 160 athletes in each year. The applicant projects 100 athletes for the 2027 championship race, supported by the event's role as a qualifier for the 2028 USATF Olympic Team Trials – Marathon for the 2028 Summer Olympics and its integration into the DICK's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events. Hosting rights for this event are awarded through a competitive national bid process. P3R was selected to host the 2027 championship and is currently pursuing bids for the 2028 and 2029 championships.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. However, grant funding would help offset public safety costs and allow P3R to invest additional resources in enhancing the visitor experience for out-of-town athletes and guests, thereby improving the overall

event experience and strengthening future bids to host the 2028 and 2029 USATF Half Marathon Championships.

An SEG Program Grant of $30,000 is recommended, to be used for marketing, signage, police and public safety, USATF fees, race bibs, and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. National championship event featuring elite athletes from across the United States
2. Returning event to Pittsburgh with potential for growth and retention
3. Ability to secure bid to host for two additional years
4. Supports Pittsburgh's position as a destination for endurance events

13. Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc. (Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival)

Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc. is a Pennsylvania based for-profit organization formed in 2015 to provide a platform for all health and wellness athletes to compete among their peers and be judged fairly, regardless of race, religion, gender, or physical abilities.

Prior SEG Awards for Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc.			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2024-2	Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival	$75,000	$75,000
2025-2	Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival	$75,000	Active
Totals	**2 Total Events Funded**	**$150,000**	**$75,000**

Pittsburgh Physique Promotions, Inc. is seeking funding for the Pittsburgh Power and Fitness Festival. The event is a two-day amateur men's and women's fitness festival, with all sports sanctioned by international, national, regional, or local organizations. The two featured bodybuilding events are the IFBB Pittsburgh Pro and the NPC World Natural Championships, which will attract elite natural physique athletes. The events are sanctioned by the IFBB Professional League and the National Physique Committee.

The event will take place on May 15, 2027, and May 16, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The two-day festival is expected to attract approximately 1,500 male and female athletes, ages 18 to 50, who will compete across more than 20 sports and events. The festival will be headlined by two premier bodybuilding competitions: the 27th Pittsburgh Pro and the inaugural NPC World Natural Championships. Having evolved from a regional qualifier into a World Championship event, the NPC World Natural Championships is expected to attract approximately 500 amateur athletes representing more than 80 countries in 2027.

In addition to the bodybuilding contests, the festival will feature an expo with more than 200 booths showcasing fitness supplements, apparel, and equipment. Other competitions will include Strongman, Powerlifting, Arm Wrestling, and Martial Arts. The 2027 festival will mark the third occurrence of the Pittsburgh Power & Fitness Festival.

The budget for this event is $1,438,856 with a net profit of $36,724 if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 15,000 people (9,600 local and 5,400 overnight stays; 36% overnight share), with an estimated 11,712 hotel room nights. SportsPittsburgh estimates that the event will generate $9,373,747 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2024-2	$75,000	$75,000	1,000	1,450	10,000	11,550	$4,696,007	$6,333,350
2025-2[(1)]	$75,000	ACTIVE	1,450	1,525	11,550	13,828-	$6,771,136	-
Projections	$75,000	-	1,600	-	15,000	-	$9,373,747	-

This year's event projections, when compared with previously funded events, indicate positive overall growth for the festival. The 2027 festival will have a 65% larger footprint than the 2026 event, expanding from Halls B & C (127,550 total square feet) to Halls A & B (211,450 total square feet).

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without an SEG Program Grant. However, SEG funding would enable the Pittsburgh Power & Fitness Festival to expand its footprint, accommodate more athletes, sports, exhibitors, and spectators, and attract participants from across the region. This increased reach would support the festival's long-term growth while generating greater economic impact for Allegheny County through hotel stays, dining, retail, and tourism.

Historically, this event has generated $172,599 in total revenue for the DLCC. This revenue includes parking, food and beverage, and building-related revenue (rent, services, and ancillary).

An SEG Program Grant of $75,000 is recommended for DLCC-related venue costs, production expenses, and other eligible expenses, as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. High economic impact
2. Growth of event including participants and attendance
3. Significant revenue to DLCC with the opportunity for potential future growth

14. USA National Karate Do Federation (2027 National Championships & Team Trials)

USA National Karate Do Federation is a Colorado-based non-profit formed in 1994 to enable US athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence and to promote and grow the sport of karate in the US while maintaining the well-being of their members.

The USA National Karate Do Federation is seeking funding for the 2027 National Championships & Team Trials, a four-day national karate championship. This event will be sanctioned by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee.

The event will take place July 7, 2027, through July 11, 2027, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The tournament will feature over 1,800 athletes ages 5 to 80 traveling from across the USA. Athletes will participate in two or more individual and team divisions each. Throughout the event's four-day span, the tournament will be broken down into the six following types:

1. 56 elite divisions
2. 115 non-elite Kata (form) divisions
3. 145 non-elite Kumite (sparring) divisions
4. 79 Kobudo (weapons) divisions
5. 144 Para Karate (athletes with disabilities) divisions
6. 42 team divisions

The budget for this event is $401,000 with a net profit of $1,500, if the recommended funding amount is awarded.

The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 3,885 people (905 local and 2,980 overnight stays; 77% overnight share), with an estimated 3,400 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $3,880,155 in direct spending.

This event would be new to the SEG Program. This event has been held for over 30 years at numerous host cities across the US, including once at the DLCC in 2016. Given the facility's capacity and demonstrated year-over-year event growth, the applicant anticipates their highest participation rate since the post-pandemic figures in 2022.

The applicant notes that the event will proceed without the SEG Program Grant. Stated event enhancements from SEG funding are focused on the utilization of the DLCC, including venue license fees, bleacher rental, and equipment costs.

During its first and only year in Pittsburgh in 2016, this event garnered $212,029 in total revenue for the DLCC. This revenue includes parking, food and beverage, and building-related revenue (rent, services, and ancillary).

An SEG Program Grant of $75,000 is recommended for Venue, Bleachers, Mat Shipping, Pipe and Drape/Tables/Bike Racks, Technology, and other eligible expenses, as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. Revenue to DLCC
2. Significant economic impact
3. Promotion of inclusivity in sports
4. New national event for the SEG Program

15. Gran Fondo New York (GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2027)

Gran Fondo New York is a New York-based for-profit organization formed in 2010 as to promote health goals by organizing endurance sports events that are open and accessible to everyone.

Prior SEG Awards for Gran Fondo New York			
Round	**Event Name**	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid Out**
2025-1	GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2025	$70,000	$70,000
2026-1	GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2026	$55,000	Active
Totals	**2 Total Events Funded**	**$125,000**	**$70,000**

Gran Fondo New York is seeking funding for GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2027, an international cycling marathon. This event will be sanctioned by USA Cycling.

The event will take place September 17, 2027, through September 19, 2027, at the CCAC Boyce Campus Parking Lot. This cycling marathon will feature male and female athletes ages 14 to 75, who will be timed from start to finish and ranked both overall and within their respective age groups based on performance. It will consist of two rides: a recreational 41-mile ride or a competitive 70-mile ride. GFNY expects international participation for this event, attracting athletes from approximately 15 countries.

The budget for this event is $164,500 with a net loss of ($22,500), if the recommended funding amount is awarded.
The applicant projects total attendance for the event at 1,280 people (765 local and 515 overnight stays; 40% overnight share), with an estimated 1,250 hotel room nights. SportsPITTSBURGH estimates that the event will generate $539,762 in direct spending.

Previously Funded Economic Impact Data								
Round	**Amount Awarded**	**Amount Paid**	**Projected Participants**	**Actual Participants**	**Projected Attendance**	**Actual Attendance**	**Projected Economic Impact**	**Actual Economic Impact**
2025-1[(1)]	$70,000	$70,000	500	206	1,340	349	$768,403	$91,937
2026-1	$55,000	ACTIVE	375	-	720	-	$473,947	-
Projections	$72,500	-	375	-	730	-	$539,762	-
[(1)]Note	2025-1 was the inaugural year for this event. It had a significant shortfall in attendance due to limited marketing and course difficulty. For the second year, GFNY has increased its marketing efforts and is promoting the race as the most challenging course in its U.S. series to attract participants seeking a greater challenge.							

This year's event projections, when compared to previously funded events, indicate growth over the inaugural year's performance. Given the event's significant shortfall in its first year, the applicant has focused its marketing efforts on Pittsburgh as its most challenging circuit, anticipating greater participation due to the region's hilly landscape.

The applicant notes that the event **will not** proceed without the SEG Program Grant. The applicant notes that SEG Program funding will be utilized to offset the event's venue rental and police expenses. Additionally, the grant will be spent on enhanced marketing that will include video editing, social media posts, and advertisements centered around Pittsburgh.

An SEG Program Grant of $50,000 is recommended to be used for EMS, venue, equipment, marketing, police, athlete products (race jerseys, bike numbers, bibs), freight, insurance, signage, vendors, and other eligible expenses as determined by Authority staff in accordance with the SEG Guidelines.

SEG Program funding for this event will be contingent upon the occurrence and success of GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2026, awarded in 2026-1. The applicant requested an earlier application timeline in 2026-2 to support the event planning of GFNY Pittsburgh Monroeville 2027, which is dependent on SEG Program funding. Thus, marketing efforts for this event are delayed until award notifications are received. Applying in 2026-2 would allow the applicant to begin marketing sooner and, in turn, attract more participants.

The grant is recommended to the SEA Board for the following reasons:

1. International event
2. Growth potential
3. Opportunity to establish an annual cycling marathon in Allegheny County
4. Economic impact
5. Event will not occur with the SEG grant