

April 30, 2015

Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202 Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz Erie County Executive 95 Franklin St., 16th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Members and County Executive Poloncarz:

My office has prepared an Interim Financial Report ("Report") of the County of Erie, New York ("County") as of and for the three-month period ended March 31, 2015 (i.e., "First Quarter 2015"). The Report, enclosed for your review, consists of the following elements:

- Financial Statements
- Investment Report
- Cash Flow Statement
- Property Tax and Sales Tax Summary
- Debt Schedules
- Miscellaneous Financial Data (including data on short and long-term bonded indebtedness, property tax rates and constitutional taxing power)

We provide the following observations and comments for your consideration:

#### Sales Tax

As you are aware, the County's 2015 Adopted Budget amount of \$446,529,002 is predicated on a 3.59% increase in sales tax revenue above the County's 2014 actual sales tax revenue.

The sales tax revenue amount for the County's First Quarter 2015 was \$101,192,398 compared to \$100,470,327 for the First Quarter of 2014. During the first three months of 2015, the County experienced a \$722,071 (0.72%) increase in sales tax revenue, compared to the first three months of 2014. This reflects the Division of Budget and Management's accrual of March sales tax. As you are well aware sales tax revenues are the largest revenue source for Erie County. Wall Street ratings agencies and the Office of Comptroller have issued numerous warnings on Erie County's risky reliance on volatile sales tax revenue.

This office will continue to monitor this account, the largest revenue in the budget at \$446,529,002, closely throughout the year and will report as we receive monthly updates from the State.

### **Real Property Taxes**

Through the three-month period ended March 31, 2015, the County received 81.2% of the \$324,273,472 that was levied and is collectible for County purposes, which is 0.5% lower than the percentage collected as of March 31, 2014. Taxes remaining to be collected are at \$60,965,828 compared to \$57,961,397 at March 31, 2014 (5.2% increase).

#### Conclusion

The financial statements and other information contained in this Report have been compiled largely from the official accounting records maintained in the County's SAP system. The Financial Statements from Erie County Medical Center Corporation, Erie Community College, the Erie County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation, Inc. and the ECFSA are not included because financial information for the aforementioned entities is maintained separately from the County.

Information contained in this Report has not been reviewed by the County's independent auditor; therefore, no opinion on this Report is expressed.

Please note that this is the first quarterly report for 2015. The County will issue two more quarterly reports. Also, the 2014 information contained in this Report (e.g. 2015 beginning fund balances) is subject to change pending the results of the County's annual independent audit which is currently underway.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (716) 858-8400.

Sincerely yours,

Stefan I. Mychajliw Erie County Comptroller

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cc: Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority
Robert W. Keating, Director of Budget and Management

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015



**Erie County Comptroller's Office** 

STEFAN I. MYCHAJLIW

**Erie County Comptroller** 

**APRIL 30, 2015** 

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

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### FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Balance Sheet**

Governmental Funds

March 31, 2015

		General	Gov	Other vernmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
ASSETS:					,		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	147,551 -		42,567 200	\$	190,118 200	
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens		119,185		720		119,905	
Other		9,298		31,647		40,945	
Due from other funds		51,811		90,865		142,676	
Due from component unit		7,258		50,005		7,258	
Due from other governments		234,757		18,550		253,307	
Prepaid items		266		10,550		255,567	
Restricted cash		36,740		91,867		128,607	
Total assets	\$	606,866	\$	276,416	\$	883,282	
LIABILITIES:							
Accounts payable	\$	17,863	\$	4,042	\$	21,905	
Accrued liabilities		62,263		4,704		66,967	
Due to other funds		46,064		50,807		96,871	
Due to component unit		4,327		-		4,327	
Due to other governments		3,078		707		3,785	
Retained percentages payable		-		951		951	
Unearned revenue		25,350		147		25,497	
Short-term debt		110,000		-		110,000	
Total liabilities		268,945		61,358		330,303	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
Unavailable revenue – property taxes		60,530		-		60,530	
Unavailable revenue – community development loans		-		31,148		31,148	
Total deferred inflows of resources		60,530		31,148		91,678	
FUND BALANCES:							
Nonspendable:		000				000	
Prepaid items		266		-		266	
Restricted for:		4.40				440	
Handicapped parking		140		-		140	
E-911 system costs		-		33		33	
Debt service		-		14,208		14,208	
Capital expenditures		-		92,209		92,209	
Other purposes		77,693		77,460		155,153	
Unassigned		199,292		-		199,292	
Total fund balances		277,391		183,910		461,301	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	606,866	\$	276,416	\$	883,282	

### Governmental Funds

For the three months ended March 31, 2015

-		General		Other rernmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
REVENUES:	_		_		_		
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	229,526	\$	40,031	\$	269,557	
Sales and use taxes		173,989		1,102		175,091	
Transfer taxes		-		2,216		2,216	
Intergovernmental		86,372		10,415		96,787	
Departmental		22,973		8,296		31,269	
Interest		155		918		1,073	
Miscellaneous		8,304		1,996		10,300	
Total revenues		521,319		64,974		586,293	
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
General government support		104,239		1,078		105,317	
Public safety		33,545		3,313		36,858	
Health		15,434		1,753		17,187	
Transportation		5,418		7,280		12,698	
Economic assistance and opportunity		167,672		2,752		170,424	
Culture and recreation		3,135		-		3,135	
Education		20,533		=		20,533	
Home and community service		597		8,802		9,399	
Capital outlay		-		3,745		3,745	
Debt service:				40.000		40.000	
Principal retirement		-		10,000		10,000	
Interest and fiscal charges				4,156		4,156	
Total expenditures		350,573		42,879		393,452	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues		170 746		22.005		102 941	
over expenditures		170,746		22,095		192,841	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Sale of property		26		-		26	
Transfers in		-		23,611		23,611	
Transfers out		(23,189)		(422)		(23,611)	
Total other financing							
sources (uses)		(23,163)		23,189		26	
Net change in fund balances		147,583		45,284		192,867	
Fund balances at beginning of year		129,808		138,626		268,434	
Fund balances at end of three months	\$	277,391	\$	183,910	\$	461,301	

### **Statement of Net Position**

Proprietary Fund March 31, 2015

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund		
	Utilities Aggregation Fund		
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$	-	
Due from other funds		793	
Due from other governments		6,946	
Total current assets		7,739	
Total assets		7,739	
LIABILITIES  Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable		1,327	
Accrued liabilities		3	
Due to other funds		5,975	
Due to other governments		793	
Total current liabilities		8,098	
Total liabilities		8,098	
NET POSITION:			
Unrestricted		(359)	
Total net position	\$	(359)	

### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

### **Proprietary Fund**

For the three months ended March 31, 2015

	Business - Type Activity Enterprise Fund Utilities Aggregation Fund		
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Interfund revenues	\$	1,393	
Other operating revenue		2,886	
Total operating revenue		4,279	
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Employee wages		20	
Employee benefits		11	
Utilities and telephone		6,766	
Total operating expenses		6,797	
Change in net position		(2,518)	
Total net position - beginning		2,159	
Total net position at end of three months	\$	(359)	

### **Statement of Agency Net Position**

Agency Fund March 31, 2015

	Agency Fund		
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	35,840	
Other		535	
Due from other governments		162	
Bonds and securities held in custody		28	
Total assets	\$	36,565	
LIABILITIES:			
Held in custody for others		36,565	
Total liabilities	\$	36,565	

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### COMBINING & INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS & SCHEDULES

#### **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

#### NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, E-911, Emergency Response, Grants and Community Development Funds.

#### Road Fund

Used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to the maintenance of County roads and bridges, snow removal, construction and reconstruction of County roads not required to be recorded in a Capital Projects Fund.

#### Sewer Fund

Used to account for the activities of the various sewer districts currently in operation within the County.

#### Downtown Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a special district charge levy and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the operation and maintenance of a downtown pedestrian/transit mall.

#### • E-911 Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a telephone access line surcharge and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the establishment and maintenance of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

#### • Emergency Response Fund

Used to account for revenues received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and expenditures associated with the on-going clean up of major winter storm damage that occurred in October 2006 and November 2014.

#### Grants Fund

Used to account for federal and state operating grants (except the Community Development Block Grant) earmarked for specific programs, so that grantor accounting and reporting requirements can be satisfied.

#### • Community Development Fund

Used to assist participating municipalities in the development of locally approved community or economic development activities that are eligible under federal program regulations.

#### DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, and for financial resources that have been accumulated to make future principal and interest payments on general long term indebtedness.

### **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

### **NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)**

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

#### • General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works involving the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of major or permanent facilities having a relatively long useful life and equipment purchased from the proceeds of long-term debt.

#### • Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works for the construction or reconstruction of County roads and bridges and the acquisition of equipment not accounted for in the Road Fund.

#### • Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects relating to the construction and acquisition of sewer facilities and equipment by the operating sewer districts.

#### • Tobacco Proceeds Fund

Used to account for the net proceeds from the County's securitization of its share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry that will be used to fund capital projects that otherwise would have been supported by operating funds or the issuance of bonds

#### • Special Capital Projects Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by departments other than Public Works that are primarily for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment.

#### • Erie County Medical Center Corporation (ECMCC) Capital Projects Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects that are for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment for the Erie County Medical Center Corporation

Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2015

(amounts expressed in thousands)

### **Special Revenue**

	Basil Owner				Do	wntown			
ASSETS:	Road			Sewer		Mall		E-911	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,078	\$	22,540	\$	625	\$	_	
Investments	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	
Receivables (net of allowances)									
Real property taxes, interest,									
penalties and liens		-		-		720		-	
Other		-		6		-		534	
Due from other funds		-		48,671		=		-	
Due from other governments		999		1,811		-		5	
Total assets	\$	7,077	\$	73,028	\$	1,345	\$	539	
LIABILITIES:	•		•		•		•		
Accounts payable	\$	1,181	\$	357	\$	-	\$	29	
Accrued liabilities		487		745		20		133 344	
Due to other governments		_		-		_		-	
Retained percentages payable		_		5		-		-	
Unearned revenue		-		-		-		-	
Total liabilities		1,668		1,107		20		506	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:									
Unavailable revenue – community									
development loans		-		-		-		-	
	•	-							
FUND BALANCES:									
Restricted for: E-911 system costs								33	
Debt service		_		-		-		-	
Capital expenditures		_		-		-		-	
Assigned:									
Other purposes		5,409		71,921		1,325		-	
Total fund balances		5,409		71,921		1,325		33	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of									
resources and fund balances	\$	7,077	\$	73,028	\$	1,345	\$	539	

Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2015

(amounts expressed in thousands)

### **Special Revenue**

	Emergency Response Grants			mmunity elopment		Total		
ASSETS:	•		•		•		_	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	-	\$	326	\$	29,569
Investments		-		-		-		
penalties and liens		-		-		-		720
Other		-		33		31,074		31,647
Due from other funds		706		-		-		49,377
Due from other governments		2,851 <u>-</u>		11,316 -		- -		16,982
Total assets	\$	3,557	\$	11,349	\$	31,400	\$	128,295
LIABILITIES:								
Accounts payable	\$	447	\$	957	\$	19	\$	2,990
Accrued liabilities		36		539		17		1,977
Due to other funds		3,563		9,753		216		13,876
Due to other governments		706		1		-		707
Retained percentages payable		-		-		-		5
Unearned revenue		-		99				99
Total liabilities		4,752		11,349		252		19,654
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Unavailable revenue – community								
development loans						31,148		31,148
FUND BALANCES:								
Restricted for:								
E-911 system costs		-		-		-		33
Debt service		-		-		-		-
Capital expenditures		-		-		-		-
Other purposes		(1,195)				-		77,460
Total fund balances		(1,195)						77,493
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	3,557	\$	11,349	\$	31,400	\$	128,295
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2015

(amounts expressed in thousands)

			Capital Projects							
	Debt Service		Gov Bu Equip	General Government Highways, Buildings, Roads, Equipment and Improvements Equipment		Roads, dges and	Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements			bacco oceeds
ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,255 -	\$	1,586	\$	3,549 -	\$	4,608 -	\$	200
penalties and liensOtherDue from other fundsDue from other governments		38,359 616		- - 53 89		2,320 620		- - -		- - -
Restricted cash		-		44,809		23,684		8,577		15
Total assets	\$	42,230	\$	46,537	\$	30,173	\$	13,185	\$	215
LIABILITIES: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Due to other funds Due to other governments Retained percentages payable Unearned revenue  Total liabilities	\$	124 27,898 - - - 28,022	\$	316 293 502 - 617 -	\$	462 2,310 3,669 - 48 <b>6,489</b>	\$	274 - 4,106 - 228 - <b>4,608</b>	\$	- - - - -
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Unavailable revenue – community development loans		<u>-</u>								<u>-</u> _
FUND BALANCES:  Restricted for:  E-911 system costs  Debt service  Capital expenditures  Assigned:  Other purposes		- 14,208 -		- - 44,809 -		- - 23,684 -		- - 8,577 -		- - 215 -
Total fund balances		14,208		44,809		23,684		8,577		215
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	42,230	\$	46,537	\$	30,173	\$	13,185	\$	215

Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2015

(amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects							
	Special Capital Projects		Capital Capit		ECMCC Capital Projects Total			Total onmajor rernmental Funds
ASSETS:	\$		\$		\$	0.740	\$	42,567
Cash and cash equivalents	Ф	-	Φ	-	Þ	9,743 200	Þ	200
penalties and liens		-		-		-		720
Other		-		-		-		31,647
Due from other funds		756		-		3,129		90,865
Due from other governments		243		-		952		18,550
Restricted cash		14,778		4		91,867		91,867
Total assets	\$	15,777	\$	4	\$	105,891	\$	276,416
LIABILITIES:								
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,052	\$	4,042
Accrued liabilities		-		-		2,603		4,704
Due to other funds		756		-		9,033		50,807
Due to other governments		-		-		-		707
Retained percentages payable		101		-		946 48		951 147
Total liabilities		857	-			13,682		61,358
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:  Unavailable revenue – community development loans		<u> </u>		-				31,148
FUND BALANCES:  Restricted for:  E-911 system costs				_				33
Debt service		-		- -		-		14,208
Capital expenditures		14,920		4		92,209		92,209
Other purposes		-		-		-		77,460
Total fund balances		14,920		4		92,209		183,910
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$	15,777	\$	4	\$	105,891	\$	276,416
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the three months ended March 31, 2015 (amounts expressed in thousands)

### **Special Revenue**

		Road		Sewer		wntown Mall		E-911
REVENUES:	_		_		_		_	
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	-	\$	38,706	\$	1,325	\$	-
Sales and use taxes		-		-		=		1,102
Transfer taxes		2,216		-		-		3
Intergovernmental		18		- 7,897		-		3
Departmental		10		4		-		-
Miscellaneous		-		615		-		-
Total revenues		2,234		47,222		1,325		1,105
EXPENDITURES:								
Current:								
General government support		-		-		-		-
Public safety		-		-		-		1,497
Health		-		-		-		281
Transportation		7,212		-		-		-
Economic assistance and opportunity		-		-		-		-
Home and community service		-		8,302		-		-
Capital outlay		-		-		-		-
Principal retirement		-		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges				-				-
Total expenditures		7,212		8,302				1,778
(Deficiency) excess of revenues								
over expenditures		(4,978)		38,920		1,325		(673)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in		4,978		-		-		673
Transfers out		-		(422)		-		-
Total other financing								
sources (uses)		4,978		(422)				673
Net change in fund balances		-		38,498		1,325		-
Fund balances at beginning of year		5,409		33,423		-		33
Fund balances at end of three months	\$	5,409	\$	71,921	\$	1,325	\$	33
							(0)	

Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the three months ended March 31, 2015 (amounts expressed in thousands)

### **Special Revenue**

		ergency sponse	 Grants	munity opment		Total
REVENUES:	_					
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	-	\$ -	\$ =	\$	40,031
Sales and use taxes		-	=	-		1,102
Transfer taxes		-	-	-		2,216
Intergovernmental		9	6,451	170		6,633
Departmental		-	127	229		8,271
Interest		-	-	=		4
Miscellaneous			194			809
Total revenues		9	6,772	399	_	59,066
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:		40	4 000			4.070
General government support		42	1,036	=		1,078
Public safety		5	1,811	-		3,313
Health		-	1,472	-		1,753
Transportation		68	-	-		7,280
Economic assistance and opportunity		-	2,696	56		2,752
Home and community service		-	157	343		8,802
Capital outlay		-	-	-		-
Principal retirement		-	-	-		-
Interest and fiscal charges			 -	 -		-
Total expenditures		115	7,172	399		24,978
(Deficiency) excess of revenues						
over expenditures		(106)	 (400)			34,088
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Transfers in		-	400	-		6,051
Transfers out		-	-			(422)
Total other financing						
sources (uses)		<u> </u>	400			5,629
Net change in fund balances		(106)	_	_		39,717
Fund balances at beginning of year		(1,089)	-	-		37,776
Fund balances at end of three months	\$	(1,195)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	77,493

Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the three months ended March 31, 2015 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		Capital Projects							
	Debt Service			Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment		Sewers, Facilities Equipment and Improvements		Tobacco Proceeds	
REVENUES:	•	Φ.		Φ.		Φ.		Φ.	
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales and use taxes	-		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental	616		2,991		- 175		-		-
Departmental	010		2,991		173		25		_
Interest	912		_		_		23		_
Miscellaneous	1,187		_		_		_		_
Total revenues	2,715		2,991		175		27	-	
EXPENDITURES:									
Current:									
General government support	-		-		_		_		-
Public safety	-		-		-		-		-
Health	-		-		_		-		-
Transportation	-		_		_		_		-
Economic assistance and opportunity	-		-		-		-		-
Home and community service	-		-		-		-		-
Capital outlay	-		1,752		772		1,221		-
Debt service:	40.000								
Principal retirement	10,000		-		-		-		-
Interest and fiscal charges	4,156						_		
Total expenditures	14,156		1,752		772		1,221		
(Deficiency) excess of revenues									
over expenditures	(11,441)	)	1,239		(597)		(1,194)		-
·	•		<u> </u>						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):									
Transfers in	17,560		-		_		-		-
Transfers out									
Total other financing								-	
sources (uses)	17,560		_		_		_		_
222.330 (4000)	,000								
Net change in fund balances	6,119		1,239		(597)		(1,194)		-
Fund balances at beginning of year	8,089		43,570		24,281		9,771		215
Fund balances at end of three months	\$ 14,208	<u> </u>	44,809	\$	23,684	\$	8,577	\$	215
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Nonmajor Governmental Funds For the three months ended March 31, 2015 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Capital Projects							
	(	special Capital rojects	Ca	MCC pital jects	Total		Gov	Total onmajor ernmental Funds
REVENUES:	•		•		•		•	40.004
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	40,031
Sales and use taxes		-		-		-		1,102 2,216
Intergovernmental		-		-		3,166		10,415
Departmental		_		_		25		8,296
Interest		_		_		2		918
Miscellaneous		_		_		-		1,996
Total revenues		-				3,193		64,974
EXPENDITURES:			-					
Current:								
General government support		=		-		-		1,078
Public safety		-		-		-		3,313
Health		-		-		-		1,753
Transportation		-		-		-		7,280
Economic assistance and opportunity		-		-		-		2,752
Home and community service		=		-		-		8,802
Capital outlay		-		-		3,745		3,745
Principal retirement		-		-		-		10,000
Interest and fiscal charges		-		-		-		4,156
Total expenditures		-		-		3,745		42,879
(Deficiency) excess of revenues								
over expenditures		<u> </u>		-		(552)		22,095
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):								
Transfers in		-		-		-		23,611
Transfers out		-		-				(422)
Total other financing								
sources (uses)								23,189
Net change in fund balances		_		_		(552)		45,284
Fund balances at beginning of year		14,920		4		92,761		138,626
Fund balances at end of three months	\$	14,920	\$	4	\$	92,209	\$	183,910

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### LIBRARY COMPONENT UNIT

The financial data shown for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is derived from records maintained on its behalf by the County. The Library does not issue separate financial statements. The inclusion of the Library as a component unit in the County's financial statements reflects the County's financial accountability for this legally separate entity.

### **Balance Sheet**

### Library Component Unit March 31, 2015

		Library
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	21,232
Due from primary government		4,327
Due from other governments		1,216
Prepaid items		4
Total assets	\$	26,779
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$	318
Accrued liabilities	•	760
Unearned revenue		405
Total liabilities		1,483
FUND BALANCES:		
Nonspendable		4
Committed		2,495
Assigned		2,569
Unassigned		20,228
Total fund balances		25,296
Total liabilities and		
fund balances	\$	26,779

Library Component Unit

For the three months ended March 31, 2015

	 Library
REVENUES:	
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 23,014
Intergovernmental	239
Departmental	127
Interest	1
Miscellaneous	16
Total revenues	 23,397
EXPENDITURES:	
Current:	
Culture and recreation	6,891
Total expenditures	6,891
Net change in fund balances	16,506
Fund balances at beginning of year	8,790
Fund balances at end of three months	\$ 25,296

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### **INVESTMENT REPORT**

#### **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

### **Investment Report**

January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

In accordance with the Comptroller's Investment Guidelines, the Investment Report for the first three months of 2015 is hereby submitted. The primary objectives of the investment program, as set out in established guidelines, are as follows in order of importance:

- compliance with legal requirements
- safeguarding of principal
- ensuring sufficient liquidity
- obtaining a reasonable rate of return

Our cash management program offers the County a good return on its investments without assuming unnecessary risks. A total of 349 investments were made during the first three months, resulting in \$32,796 in total interest earnings for all funds. The weighted average yield for the first three months was .06%. For comparison, during the first three months of 2014, 380 investments were effectuated which generated \$109,728 in total interest earnings for all funds at an average weighted yield of .15%.

### **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS PURCHASED**

	Num of Invest Jan N	tments	Average Investment (in millions) Jan. – March		Investme	Length of ent (days) March
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
JP Morgan Chase, N.A.	N/A	372	N/A	\$33.7	N/A	6
First Niagara Bank	N/A	1	N/A	\$0.5	N/A	180
Bank of America	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Key Bank, N.A.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manufacturers & Traders	349	7	33.9	\$6.5	5	42
Totals	349	380			_	

### **Investment Report**

January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

### SUMMARY OF INTEREST EARNINGS BY FUND

	General Fund	Trust Fund	Capital Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
1st Quarter	\$12,500	\$1,814	\$14,599	\$3,883	\$32,796
Year to date	\$12,500	\$1,814	\$14,599	\$3,883	\$32,796

Please note the 2015 Adopted Budget General Fund interest earnings is \$175,000. The actual year to date earnings for the General Fund as of March 31, 2015 is \$12,500. For comparison, as of March 31, 2014, the General Fund interest earnings were \$49,356.

### **SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (ALL FUNDS)**

Month	Weig Ave Yie	rage		
	2015	2014		
January February March	.06% .06% .06%	.15% .15% .15%		
Weighted Average Jan March	.06%	.15%		

### **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

As a matter of procedure, the Erie County Comptroller's Office does not report public projections regarding future cash flows or other results. However, the Comptroller's Office has prepared projected cash flow information, set forth in the following schedule, to present the projected cumulative cash flow of Erie County for the year ending December 31, 2015.

The projected financial information is subject to change based on various intervening factors, and was not produced to comply with guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information. Rather, it was prepared by the Comptroller's Office based on data provided by the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and other sources to reflect the best and currently available estimates and judgments, and presents, to the best of the Comptroller's Office's knowledge, the expected future cash flow of the County.

This information is not static or audited, and should not be relied upon as indicative of future results.

NEITHER THE COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS NOR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS HAVE COMPILED, EXAMINED OR PERFORMED ANY PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROSPECTIVE CASH FLOW INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE NOT EXPRESSED ANY OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON SUCH INFORMATION OR ITS ACHIEVABILITY, AND ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND DISCLAIM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH, THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

### **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK** -

### **Cash Flow Statement**

January-March Actual, April-December Projected 2015

Description	_	Actual January	_	Actual February	Actual March		Projected April				_	Projected May
Opening Balance	\$	44,099,450										
RECEIPTS:												
DSS	\$	86,446	\$	410,756	\$	34,680,990	\$	16,068,096	\$	36,433,384		
Sales Tax		44,619,561		60,737,233		52,127,088		70,817,784		56,473,617		
Real Property Tax		9,405,188		53,126,346		208,991,870		23,969,682		5,781,225		
Other		21,730,160		57,478,035		33,937,932		(4,099,610)		13,121,810		
RAN Proceeds		-		-		-		-		-		
EFSCA Set Aside Release		3,716,284		813,403		8,958,700		6,996,000		13,992,856		
Total Receipts		79,557,639		172,565,773		338,696,580		113,751,952		125,802,892		
DISBURSEMENTS:												
DSS		43,127,970		51,280,980		35,115,768		56,002,788		23,793,968		
Payroll		38,611,098		22,871,656		22,313,406		24,007,178		26,649,085		
Vendor		33,328,052		48,885,650		93,016,352		61,577,856		39,416,295		
Debt Service		48,700		833		513,814		2,014,544		1,179,593		
RAN Set Asides		-		6,400,000		30,200,000		48,400,000		17,000,000		
ECFSA Bond Set Asides		4,640,686		4,640,928		4,640,345		4,644,866		4,644,866		
ECFSA Debt Service		3,716,284		813,403		8,958,700		6,996,000		13,992,856		
Total Disbursements		123,472,790		134,893,450		194,758,385		203,643,232		126,676,663		
Monthly Cash Flow	\$	(43,915,151)	\$	37,672,323	\$	143,938,195	\$	(89,891,280)	\$	(873,771)		
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$	184,299	\$	37,856,622	\$	181,794,817	\$	91,903,537	\$	91,029,766		

### **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK** -

### **Cash Flow Statement**

January-March Actual, April-December Projected 2015

Description	Projected June	Projected July	Projected August	Projected September	Projected October
Opening Balance					
RECEIPTS:					
DSS	\$ 25,794,889	\$ 17,995,746	\$ 9,199,523	\$ 16,327,332	\$ 36,359,466
Sales Tax	74,319,785	55,914,645	59,677,984	57,895,396	76,459,961
Real Property Tax	4,976,862	6,122,859	4,524,592	5,554,833	4,770,575
Other	17,944,266	18,866,596	10,128,104	22,866,969	29,162,842
RAN Proceeds	-	-	-	110,000,000	-
EFSCA Set Aside Release	315,525	8,195,134	3,803,403	1,212,650	497,500
Total Receipts	123,351,327	107,094,980	87,333,606	213,857,180	147,250,344
DISBURSEMENTS:					
DSS	33,307,765	37,013,502	33,400,570	36,897,429	39,617,460
Payroll	25,845,967	23,941,432	28,521,038	22,131,783	42,824,085
Vendor	76,149,171	42,135,450	27,561,594	76,088,397	40,721,918
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Debt Service	4,625,599	531,737	58,164	2,881,919	885,386
RAN Set Asides	8,000,000	-	-	-	-
ECFSA Bond Set Asides	4,635,595	4,635,636	4,635,636	4,635,636	4,635,636
ECFSA Debt Service	315,525	8,195,134	3,803,403	1,212,650	497,500
Total Disbursements	152,879,622	116,452,891	97,980,405	143,847,814	129,181,985
Monthly Cash Flow	\$ (29,528,295)	\$ (9,357,911)	\$ (10,646,799)	\$ 70,009,366	\$ 18,068,359
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$ 61,501,471	\$ 52,143,560	\$ 41,496,761	\$ 111,506,127	\$ 129,574,486

### **Cash Flow Statement**

January-March Actual, April-December Projected 2015

Description	Projected November	Projected December			TOTAL	
Opening Balance						
RECEIPTS:						
DSS	\$ 13,798,050	\$	14,514,623	\$	221,669,301	
Sales Tax	57,615,470		82,564,791		749,223,315	
Real Property Tax	5,309,896		4,446,482		336,980,410	
Other	9,206,365		36,982,637		267,326,106	
RAN Proceeds	-		-		110,000,000	
EFSCA Set Aside Release	2,612,481		1,565,527		52,679,463	
Total Receipts	 88,542,262		140,074,060		1,737,878,595	
DISBURSEMENTS:						
DSS	31,249,495		35,630,506		456,438,201	
Payroll	28,419,420		27,215,232		333,351,380	
Vendor	22,697,791		134,753,654		696,332,180	
Debt Service	2,405,038		6,711,487		21,856,814	
RAN Set Asides	-		-		110,000,000	
ECFSA Bond Set Asides	4,635,486		4,637,372		55,662,688	
ECFSA Debt Service	2,612,481		1,565,527		52,679,463	
Total Disbursements	92,019,711		210,513,778		1,726,320,726	
Monthly Cash Flow	\$ (3,477,449)	\$	(70,439,718)	\$	11,557,869	
Cumulative Cash Flow	\$ 126,097,037	\$	55,657,319			
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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
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PROPERTY AND SALES TAX SUMMARY

### **Property Tax Collections**

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	 2014
Gross Levy	\$ 674,167,630	\$ 661,774,027
Less: Amount Retained by Towns	(349,894,158)	 (345,611,668)
Net Collectible by County	324,273,472	316,162,359
Less: January - March Collections	(263,307,644)	(258,200,962)
Net Outstanding at March 31	\$ 60,965,828	\$ 57,961,397
Percentage Collected through March 31	 81.2%	 81.7%

Source: Erie County Govern Tax Collection System.

### **Sales Tax Revenue**

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015 Adopted Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	March 2015 Y-T-D Revenue <sup>(2)</sup>	% of Budget Realized	2014 Adopted Budget	 March 2014 Y-T-D Revenue	% of Budget Realized
Sales And Use Tax	\$ 168,405,444	\$ 38,163,208	22.7%	\$ 163,927,022	\$ 37,822,061	23.1%
1% Sales Tax - Erie County Purposes	158,999,011	36,030,667	22.7%	154,768,955	35,819,556	23.1%
0.25% Sales Tax	39,708,182	8,999,508	22.7%	38,580,732	8,942,903	23.2%
0.50% Sales Tax	79,416,365	17,999,015	22.7%	77,161,464	17,885,807	23.2%
Totals	\$ 446,529,002	\$ 101,192,398	22.7%	\$ 434,438,173	\$ 100,470,327	23.1%

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office.

#### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Through March 31, 2015 year to date, \$69,933,795 was recorded as both a revenue and an expenditure in the County's General Fund for sales tax shared with local municipalities. This revenue amount is excluded from the table above.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes accrual estimate for portion to be received in May 2015.

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### **DEBT SCHEDULES**

## **Annual Debt Service Requirements for Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness of the County (1)**

As of March 31, 2015

Fiscal Year			
Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
December 31	Payments	Payments	Debt Service
2015	44,158,125.00	16,221,792.25	60,379,917.25
2016	52,916,938.00	18,179,732.26	71,096,670.26
2017	54,514,180.00	15,901,186.48	70,415,366.48
2018	49,531,423.00	13,390,779.63	62,922,202.63
2019	43,962,566.00	11,236,850.87	55,199,416.87
2020	44,954,809.00	9,167,806.74	54,122,615.74
2021	32,402,052.00	7,309,977.70	39,712,029.70
2022	33,879,295.00	5,712,730.70	39,592,025.70
2023	35,471,538.00	4,021,553.73	39,493,091.73
2024	13,448,781.00	2,676,522.27	16,125,303.27
2025	10,331,024.00	2,103,792.69	12,434,816.69
2026	8,238,267.00	1,644,213.23	9,882,480.23
2027	3,560,510.00	1,309,371.99	4,869,881.99
2028	3,652,752.00	1,154,229.13	4,806,981.13
2029	3,509,995.00	994,182.48	4,504,177.48
2030	2,642,238.00	865,962.00	3,508,200.00
2031	2,724,481.00	759,124.64	3,483,605.64
2032	2,389,336.00	650,978.20	3,040,314.20
2033	2,332,839.00	547,058.91	2,879,897.91
2034	2,227,839.00	443,638.97	2,671,477.97
2035	2,142,839.00	346,712.35	2,489,551.35
2036	1,387,839.00	248,898.35	1,636,737.35
2037	927,839.00	185,794.07	1,113,633.07
2038	947,839.00	143,373.26	1,091,212.26
2039	977,839.00	99,848.07	1,077,687.07
2040	707,839.00	55,981.31	763,820.31
2041	710,000.00	23,510.58	733,510.58
2042	165,000.00	3,521.93	168,521.93
Totals	\$ 454,816,022.00	\$ 115,399,124.79	\$ 570,215,146.79

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

#### Note:

(1) Amount is net of debt service payments of \$14,156,359.35 made from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015.

### **Direct General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding**

As of March 31, 2015

Bonds:  Buildings and other Improvements  Highway Improvements  Sewer District Facilities  Ralph Wilson Stadium  Court House Facilities  Community College  First Niagara Center  Computer System  Prison Facilities  Convention Center  Buffalo Zoo  Hospital  Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 112,325,944.77 100,968,241.35 73,016,022.12 53,149,329.20 41,335,945.54 27,208,616.77 13,665,000.00 11,212,034.27 10,812,888.92 8,264,924.88 2,441,497.00 415,577.18	\$ 454,816,022.00 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
Revenue Anticipation Notes	110,000,000.00	
Total Short-Term Debt		110,000,000.00
Gross Direct Debt		564,816,022.00
Exclusions : Sewer District Debt	73,016,022.12 40,555,000.00 110,000,000.00	
Total Deductions		223,571,022.12
Net Direct Debt		\$ 341,244,999.88

#### SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office

#### Notes:

(2) This schedule reflects remaining principal for bonds issued from 1996 to 2014 by the County.

<sup>(1)</sup> Pursuant to the agreement governing the sale of the County hospital and nursing home to Erie County Medical Center Corporation, the County continues to be directly responsible for the payment of certain bonded debt for these facilities. Bonded debt, in the amount of \$87,500,000 of Erie County Medical Center Corporation for which the County has indirect responsibility as guarantor, is not included above.

### **Calculation of Constitutional Debt Limit**

As of March 31, 2015

For Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Equalized Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property
December of	 real i roperty
2011	\$ 46,738,119,990.00
2012	47,235,307,041.00
2013	47,138,287,212.00
2014	47,996,864,239.00
2015	49,214,694,098.00
Total five year full valuation	\$ 238,323,272,580.00
5 Year Average full valuation	\$ 47,664,654,516.00
Debt limit - 7% of average full valuation	\$ 3,336,525,816.12

Source: NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit

### **Calculation of Total Net Indebtedness**

As of March 31, 2015

Five year average full valuation ( 2011-2015)		\$ 47,664,654,516.00
Debt Limit - 7% of average full valuation		\$ 3,336,525,816.12
Outstanding Indebtedness:  Bonds - General  Bonds - Sewer  Bond Guaranty - ECMCC (1)  Revenue Anticipation Note  Total Indebtedness	\$ 381,799,999.88 73,016,022.12 87,500,000.00 110,000,000.00 <b>652,316,022.00</b>	
Less Exclusions: Sewer Exclusion Revenue Anticipation Note Budgeted Appropriations Total Exclusions	73,016,022.12 110,000,000.00 40,555,000.00 223,571,022.12	
Total Net Indebtedness		\$ 428,744,999.88 2,907,780,816.24 12.85%

#### Sources:

Property Value - NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit. Indebtedness and exclusions - Erie County Comptroller's Office.

#### Note:

(1) Erie County Medical Center Corporation

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK	

### MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL DATA

### **Property Tax Collection History**

Last Ten Fiscal Years

		County		All Other	otal Property axes Levied	Collected w Fiscal Year o	
Fiscal Year	Pr	operty Taxes Levied (1)	Pr	operty Taxes Levied (2)	 for the Fiscal Year	Amount	Percentage of Levy
2005	\$	157,641,299	\$	335,876,407	\$ 493,517,706	\$ 492,180,009	99.73%
2006		188,094,445		352,486,078	540,580,523	528,350,674	97.74%
2007		200,031,205		369,188,266	569,219,471	555,858,355	97.65%
2008		211,837,793		378,978,530	590,816,323	575,132,293	97.35%
2009		223,306,326		388,893,461	612,199,787	595,839,865	97.33%
2010		232,413,974		405,958,043	638,372,017	622,129,950	97.46%
2011		235,182,208		413,059,474	648,241,682	628,996,639	97.03%
2012		237,692,831		418,201,340	655,894,171	636,198,405	97.00%
2013		237,270,828		418,170,150	655,440,978	637,052,431	97.19%
2014		241.721.087		420.052.940	661.774.027	644.024.505	97.32%

#### Sources:

Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services Erie County Govern Tax Collection System

#### Notes:

- (1) Totals shown exclude amounts levied in accordance with State law to recover election expenditures from the municipalities that were incurred by the County.
- (2) Totals shown are primarily comprised of taxes levied for the benefit of County towns, re-levy of uncollected school and village taxes, and sewer district taxes and user charges.

### **Short-Term Borrowing History (1)**

1995 - 2015

Year	Amount	Туре		Issue Date	Maturity Date
1995	\$ 80,000,000	RAN	(2)	09/21/95	09/20/96
1996	40,000,000	RAN		04/18/96	04/17/97
1996	40,000,000	RAN		11/20/96	11/19/97
1997	40,000,000	RAN		06/26/97	06/25/98
1997	40,000,000	RAN		10/30/97	10/29/98
1998	60,000,000	RAN		10/14/98	10/13/99
1999	-	N/A		N/A	N/A
2000	-	N/A		N/A	N/A
2001	-	N/A		N/A	N/A
2002	43,000,000	RAN		09/18/02	09/17/03
2003	90,000,000	RAN		06/24/03	06/23/04
2004	82,500,000	RAN		07/14/04	07/13/05
2005	80,000,000	RAN		03/11/05	03/10/06
2005	80,000,000	RAN		07/14/05	07/13/06
2006	110,000,000	RAN		06/13/06	06/13/07
2007	75,000,000	RAN		06/27/07	06/27/08
2008	75,000,000	RAN		09/30/08	06/30/09
2009	103,534,867	BAN	(3)	05/20/09	05/18/10
2009	65,000,000	RAN		10/27/09	06/30/10
2010	45,000,000	RAN		08/12/10	06/30/11
2010	20,000,000	RAN		12/14/10	04/14/11
2011	88,000,000	RAN		10/06/11	06/29/12
2012	75,000,000	RAN		10/11/12	06/28/13
2013	109,440,000	RAN		08/27/13	06/30/14
2014	110,000,000	RAN		09/18/14	06/30/15

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

#### Notes:

- (1) Excludes all Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") issued by the Environmental Facilities Corporation.
- (2) Revenue Anticipation Notes ("RANs") may be issued in any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection or receipt of taxes (other than real property taxes) and certain other types of revenue which are due and payable in such fiscal year and moneys to be received from the State or Federal government which are due in such fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, such notes must mature within one year after the date of issuance, and may be renewed from time to time for periods of up to one year; however, the maturity of such notes, including renewals, may not extend beyond the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such notes were originally issued.

The issuance of RANs has been necessitated, in part, by the State's practice of requiring local governments to pay 100% of the expenditures for various programs in advance, and then providing subsequent, often delayed reimbursement for the non-local share.

(3) BANs may be issued in anticipation of bond proceeds to be received at a later date. On May 17, 2010, the BANs were paid by the issuance of long-term general obligation bonds by the ECFSA pursuant to an agreement entered into by the parties.

### **Outstanding Long-Term Direct Indebtedness (1)**

Last Ten Fiscal Years As of December 31

Fiscal Year	Amount (2)	_
2005	446,656,115	
2006	460,910,906	
2007	423,582,245	
2008	379,245,466	
2009	336,954,031	
2010	448,722,294	(3)
2011	416,691,804	(3)
2012	392,619,957	(3)
2013	412,285,000	(3)
2014	391,605,000	(3)

SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office

#### Notes:

- (1) Excludes all sewer debt payable from special assessments.
- (2) Excludes ECMCC bond guaranty of \$101,375,000 for 2004-2008, \$99,305,000 for 2009, \$97,150,000 for 2010, \$94,900,000 for 2011, \$92,550,000 for 2012, \$90,085,000 for 2013 and \$87,500,000 for 2014
- (3) Excludes ECFSA Bonds and includes Erie County Mirror Bonds.

### **Valuations, Tax Levies and Rates**

Last Five Fiscal Years

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Assessed Valuation \$	39,239,438,635	\$ 37,038,326,362	\$ 35,760,391,331	\$ 35,707,718,703	\$ 35,467,308,165
Equalized Full Valuation	49,214,694,098	47,996,864,240	47,138,287,222	47,235,307,049	46,738,119,997
Levied for County Purposes (1)	245,876,811	241,721,087	237,270,828	237,692,831	235,182,208
Rates for \$1,000 of Equalized Full Valuation	\$5.00	\$5.04	\$5.03	\$5.03	\$5.03

Source:

Division of Real Property Tax Annual Reports.

Note:

(1) Includes County and Library property taxes.

### **Computation of Constitutional Taxing Power for 2015**

Tax Year	Full Valuation	
2011	\$	46,738,119,990
2012		47,235,307,041
2013		47,138,287,212
2014		47,996,864,239
2015		49,214,694,098
Total	\$	238,323,272,580
Five-Year Average Full Valuation	\$	47,664,654,516
Tax Limit (1.5%) (1)	\$	714,969,818
Total Exclusions		72,514,068
Total Taxing Power		787,483,886
Total Levy for 2015 (2)		257,605,100
Tax Margin (1)	\$	529,878,786

Source: Data excerpted from the County's Constitutional Tax Limit Report, which is filed with the New York State Comptroller.

#### Notes:

- (1) New York State Constitutional Tax Limit equals 1.5% of Five-Year Average Full Valuation. By Amendment to the County Charter, the County has limited its annual property tax levy to one per centum (1.0%) of the five year average of full valuation. The County's 2015 total taxing power under this local law is \$549,160,613 leaving a tax margin of \$291,555,513
- (2) Includes County and Library property taxes, taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.