



EVERHART MUSEUM
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**Everhart Museum Awarded 2021 Monroe County
Local Share Account Grant**

Scranton – The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is pleased to announce that the County of Lackawanna, acting through the Lackawanna County Department of Economic and Community Development (LCDECD), has awarded the Museum \$110,000.00 through the Monroe County Local Share Account (LSA) grant. The Monroe County LSA fund was established by the PA Gaming Act, which dictates that a portion of gaming monies must be given toward the public interest.

The LSA monies will be used by the Museum for its Community Improvement Project. The Community Improvement Project will upgrade the institution's heating and cooling systems.

A vital role of a museum is ensuring that objects and items in its care are preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. The appropriate management of collections requires close control over air quality, temperature, and humidity to guard against deterioration. Improved HVAC systems will allow the Museum to continue to effectively protect the objects and items entrusted to it by donors over the last 113 years.

Executive Director of the Everhart Museum Kathy Johnson Bowles says, "Museums are time capsules in which objects are safeguarded and preserved, an achievement made possible by monitoring air quality, temperature, and humidity. As far as museum galleries are concerned, nothing is more important than ensuring the survival of the artifacts and works of art."

Everhart Museum Board of Trustees member and immediate former Chair Donald J. Frederickson, Jr., Esq., adds, "The Everhart is grateful for the award of this grant, as it will help ensure the future viability of this grand building to serve the residents of Lackawanna County and Northeastern Pennsylvania."

The Community Improvement Project is a continuation of the general restoration and infrastructure improvements the Museum has been undertaking to modernize and upgrade the historic building, a process which began with the receipt of the 2017 Monroe County LSA grant.

About the Everhart Museum:

The Everhart Museum is located at 1901 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA. It has temporary hours of 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and free for children 12 and under. Admission is free for Everhart Museum members. For more information and updates on expanded hours, please visit <https://everhart-museum.org/>, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186, or email general.information@everhartmuseum.org.

Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through our exhibitions and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton.

Land Acknowledgement:

We recognize that the Everhart Museum exists on the sacred council ground of the Haudenosaunee. This region represents a place of "coming together," peace, and friendship. We respectfully acknowledge this place and honor its significant and important history.

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