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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER $2.3 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 11, 2026) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 54 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of $2,367,846.22 for fiscal year 2026, which ended June 30, represents an increase of $20,437.33 when compared to fiscal year 2025 revenues.

State law requires funds be divided equally between the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and local charities, and in January the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association received $526,871.91. As of today, an additional $657,051.20 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to $1,183,923.11.

In April, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 89 eligible applications from 74 charitable organizations requesting a total of $3,025,527.41. After hosting a gaming hearing and a one-day workshop in June, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 58 of the 89 requests. Of the 89 applications received, 38 received full funding, 20 received partial funding, and 31 were denied funding. A total of $1,183,923.11 of 2026 gaming funds plus $1,850 reallocated 2025 gaming funds were awarded to 58 of the 74 charitable organizations applying.

The largest awards were given to Washington Community Action Council and Walnut Street community Health Center, each receiving $100,000. R.E.A.C.H of Washington County received $75,000.

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2026 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
The Alsatia Club Foundation, Inc	$20,000.00
American Red Cross-Greater Shenandoah Valley	$15,000.00
America's Hauling for Hope, Inc.	$15,000.00
APPLES for Children, Inc.	$24,036.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, Inc.	$10,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Inc.	$45,000.00
Brook Lane Behavioral Services, Inc.	$32,788.00
Camp Ritchie Museum	$15,000.00
CASA, Inc.	$11,600.00
Children In Need, Inc.	$35,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	$6,000.00
Easterseals DC MD VA, Inc.	$25,000.00
Federal Little League	$4,500.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center, Inc.	$4,200.00
Friends of the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum, Inc.	$17,835.35
Girls Incorporated of Washington County	$65,000.00
Good News Hagerstown, Inc	$20,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	$15,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts	$4.589.62
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	$1,500.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	$13,000.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	$2,500.00
Hancock Flag Football	$10,000.00
Head Start of Washington County, Inc.	$3,771.00
Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.	$14,713.00
Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD, Inc.	$15,000.00
Leitersburg Ruritan	$40,000.00
Main Street Hancock	$15,000.00
MASSB Foundation	$43,530.70
MIHI, Inc	$4,000.00
Randolph Community Outreach	$1.680.00
REACH of Washington County, Inc.	$75,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc. dba Holly Place	$60,000.00
South Hagerstown High School Rebel Band Boosters	$5,000.00
Special Olympics Maryland Washington County, Inc.	$10,000.00

Star Community Outreach	$10,000.00
The Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	$14,400.00
The Salvation Army, Inc.	$60,000.00
TruNorth Company	$38,735.00
United Way of Washington County, Maryland, Inc.	$26,059.00
Volunteer Association for the Potomac Center, Inc.	$2,500.00
Walnut Street Community Health Center, Inc dba Family Healthcare of Hagerstown	$100,000.00
Washcloths for Wellness, Inc.	$2,000.00
Washington County Arts Council	$3,003.81
Washington County Agricultural Organization, Inc.	$17,832.50
Washington County Commission on Aging	$20,418.00
Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.	$100,000.00
Washington County Historical Society, Inc.	$17,500.00
Washington County Historical Trust, Inc.	$2,500.00
WCJFL, Inc.	$10,000.00
Wells Recovery, Inc.	$13,400.00
Williamsport Band Boosters	$4,000.00
Women's Club Foundation, Inc.	$15,000.00
YMCA of Hagerstown, Inc.	$28,181.13

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	$3,025,527.41
Eligible Applications Received	89
Number of Eligible Organizations Submitting Applications	74
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	58
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	38
Total Number of Applications Receiving Partial Funding	20
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	31

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Civic	$344,102.20	29.0%
Adult Services	$339,142.62	28.6%
Youth Services	$244,595.00	20.6%
Health Services	$100,000.00	8.5%
Cultural/Arts	$60,039.16	5.0%
Recreation	$42,000.00	3.6%
Education	$41,181.13	3.5%
Animal Welfare	$14,713	1.2%