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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$2.5 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 9, 2022) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 60 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$2,591,012.93 for fiscal year 2022, which ended June 30, represents an increase of \$129,336.68 when compared to fiscal year 2021 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 \$565,192.92. As of today, an additional \$730,313.55 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,295,506.47.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 84 separate applications from 75 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,062,148.54. After a gaming hearing in June, and one-day workshop in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 66 of the 84 requests. Of the 84 applications received, 44 received full funding, 22 received partial funding, and 18 were denied funding. A total of \$1,295,506.46 of 2022 gaming funds were allocated to 60 of the 75 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$175,000 followed by R.E.A.C.H of Washington County receiving \$100,000 and Senior Living Alternatives, Inc. / Holly Place receiving \$90,000.

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2022 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
APPLES for Children, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$5,000.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, Inc.	\$5,000.00
BEACON House, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$28,200.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$60,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley, Inc.	\$8,609.73
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$50,000.00
CASA	\$15,000.00
Children in Need	\$32,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$1,027.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$3,000.00
Coffman Nursing Home	\$4,500.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$175,000.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,392.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Douglas G. Bast Museum of History and Preservation, Inc.	\$6,065.00
Easterseals Serving DC MD VA	\$25,000.00
Fahrney Keedy Memorial Home, Inc.	\$18,998.00
Federal Little League	\$3,000.00
Fierce Cheer Sponsors, Inc. (Request A)	\$3,000.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$4,000.00
Friends of Rural Heritage Museum, Inc.	\$11,250.00
Girl's Incorporated of Washington County	\$50,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$15,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$1,328.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	\$3,000.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Hancock Little League	\$3,000.00
Head Start of Washington County, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$18,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Leitersburg Ruritan Community Center	\$30,000.00
Mediation First, Inc.	\$28,500.00

MIHI, Inc.	\$2,015.00
North High Band Boosters	\$3,000.00
R.E.A.C.H. of Washington County	\$100,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. (Request A)	\$50,000.00
San Mar Family & Community Services	\$68,935.27
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc./Holly Place	\$90,000.00
Sharpsburg Historical Society	\$2,000.00
Smithsburg Athletic Booster Club	\$3,000.00
Star Community Inc.	\$35,000.00
The Arc of Washington County	\$7,470.85
The Maryland Food Bank	\$10,000.00
The Salvation Army serving Washington County, MD (Request A)	\$60,000.00
The W House/Lasting Change Recovery Solutions for Women	\$8,506.06
Unified Community Connections, Inc.	\$4,928.00
Washington County Agricultural Organization	\$13,190.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$41,174.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$41,000.00
Washington County Historical Trust	\$3,500.00
Washington County Human Development Council, Inc.	\$4,417.55
Wells House, Inc.	\$14,000.00
Williamsport High School Athletic Boosters, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Williamsport Wrestling Club	\$3,000.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$16,000.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$12,000.00

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$2,062,148.54
Total Applications Received	84
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	75
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	66
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	44
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	18
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	60
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	15

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc.)	\$1,295,506.47	50%
Adult Services	\$540,013.19	21%
Health Services	\$327,433.27	13%
Youth Services	\$290,727.00	11%
Cultural Arts	\$28,815	1%
Civic	\$16,000	.6%
Recreation	\$26,328	1%
Education	\$48,190	2%
Animal Welfare	\$18,000	.6%

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About Washington County Gaming Commission

The Washington County Gaming Commission is a volunteer seven member board appointed by the County Delegation and County Commissioners. Established by the State Legislature in 1995, the Commission is responsible to ensure the revenue produced by Tip Jars played in the County's clubs, taverns, liquor stores, and restaurants is equitably distributed. Since its inception, the Commission has provided over \$60 million to charities and fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

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