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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$2.5 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 8, 2023) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 56 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$2,543,030.34 for fiscal year 2023, which ended June 30, represents a decrease of \$47,982.59 when compared to fiscal year 2022 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 \$580,035.42. As of today, an additional \$691,479.75 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,271,515.17.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 85 separate applications from 73 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,992,551.51. After hosting a gaming hearing in June, and a one-day workshop in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 63 of the 85 requests. Of the 85 applications received, 29 received full funding, 33 received partial funding, and 23 were denied funding. A total of \$1,271,515.17 of 2023 gaming funds were allocated to 56 of the 73 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$170,000 followed by The Salvation Army receiving \$105,000 and R.E.A.C.H of Washington County receiving \$100,000.

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2023 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
America's Hauling for Hope	\$10,000.00
APPLES for Children, Inc.	\$25,000.00
BEACON House, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$28,200.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$50,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$40,000.00
Children in Need	\$35,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$7,352.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$2,000.00
Coffman Nursing Home by Fahrney Keedy	\$10,000.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$170,000.00
Community Mediation Maryland : Mediation First	\$28,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,259.12
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Douglas G. Bast Museum of History and Preservation, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Easterseals Serving DC MD VA	\$25,000.00
Federal Little League	\$2,000.00
Fierce Cheer Sponsors, Inc.	\$1,750.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$4,456.37
Friends of Fort Frederick State Park	\$23,000.00
Friends of Washington County Rural Heritage Museum	\$5,000.00
Girl's Incorporated of Washington County	\$57,500.00
Girl's on the Run of Mid and Western MD	\$2,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$20,000.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Valley Little League	\$2,000.00
Hancock Little League	\$2,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$18,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD, Inc.	\$17,500.00
Leitersburg Ruritan Community Center	\$30,000.00
Mason-Dixon Council BSA	\$12,984.96
Maugansville Little League	\$2,000.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$2,824.82
R.E.A.C.H. of Washington County	\$100,000.00

Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$50,000.00
San Mar Family & Community Services	\$25,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc./Holly Place	\$90,000.00
Smithsburg High School Athletic Booster Club	\$2,000.00
Special Olympics Maryland	\$10,000.00
The Arc of Washington County	\$30,000.00
The Salvation Army serving Washington County, MD	\$105,000.00
The W House/Lasting Change Recovery Solutions for Women	\$10,000.00
TruNorth Company	\$4,442.00
United Way of Washington County, MD, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Volunteer Association for Potomac Center	\$1,320.00
Washcloths for Wellness	\$5,000.00
Washington County Agricultural Organization	\$20,210.00
Washington County Commission on Aging	\$42,730.90
Washington County Community Action Council	\$40,000.00
Washington County Historical Trust	\$2,000.00
Williamsport Wildcat Athletic Boosters, Inc.	\$1,485.00
Williamsport High School Band Boosters, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Williamsport Wrestling Club	\$2,000.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$25,000.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc. dba Valor Excel	\$10,000.00

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$2,992,551.51
Total Applications Received	85
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	73
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	63
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	29
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	23
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	56
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	17

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc.)	\$1,271,515.17	50%
Adult Services	\$534,576.84	21%
Health Services	\$310,000	12%
Youth Services	\$270,493.33	10.7%

Cultural Arts	\$55,000	2.2%
Civic	\$30,000	1.2%
Recreation	\$23,235	1%
Education	\$30,210	1.2%
Animal Welfare	\$18,000	.7%

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