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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$2 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 6, 2019) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 84 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$2,044,999.55 for fiscal year 2019, which ended June 30, represents an increase of \$68,625.79 when compared to fiscal year 2018 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 \$433,796.52. As of today, an additional \$588,703.25 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,022,499.77.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 100 separate applications from 84 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,947,775.72. After a one-day workshop in June, and public hearing in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 87 of the 100 requests. Of the 100 applications received, 16 received full funding, 71 received partial funding, and 13 were denied funding. A total of \$1,022,499.78 of 2019 gaming funds were allocated to 81 of the 84 charitable organizations applying. This year an additional \$8,141.50 was distributed to charitable organizations, due to funds being returned from organizations unable to spend their prior year gaming award funds within the one-year grant period. All gaming grant funds are required to be spent within one year of award, any unspent funds are returned to the fund for reallocation. Including these funds, a total of \$1,030,641.28 was distributed to charitable organizations.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$160,000 followed by R.E.A.C.H of Washington County receiving \$60,000, and Brook Lane Health Services, Inc. receiving \$55,000.

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2019 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Alsatia Club Foundation Inc.	\$5,000.00
American Red Cross	\$1,500.00
APPLES for Children Request A	\$5,000.00
ARC of Washington County	\$15,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$1,500.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown	\$4,500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$28,200.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$40,000.00
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$55,000.00
Brooke's House, Inc.	\$10,000.00
C&O Canal Trust	\$2,000.00
CASA	\$14,000.00
Children in Need	\$40,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$16,000.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$1,500.00
Coffman Nursing Home	\$2,000.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$160,000.00
Conococheague Little League, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,300.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash Co.	\$12,525.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Rgn.	\$5,000.00
English & More, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Fahrney Keedy Memorial Home, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Federal Little League, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Fierce Cheer Sponsors, Inc.	\$1,500.00
For Otis Sake	\$5,000.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$3,000.00
Girl's Inc. of Washington County	\$40,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$3,000.00

Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Fire Police Association, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Hopes	\$1,250.00
Hagerstown Ice Amateur Athletic Association	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Hancock Little League	\$1,500.00
Head Start of Washington County	\$2,500.00
Hub City Volleyball Club, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$10,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$25,000.00
Ladders to Leaders	\$5,000.00
Lasting Change	\$15,000.00
Leitersburg Ruritan	\$50,000.00
Liberty Elite Volleyball	\$1,500.00
Maryland Food Bank-Western Branch	\$5,000.00
Maryland Symphony Orchestra	\$4,000.00
Mason Dixon Council - Boy Scouts of America	\$5,000.00
Maugansville Little League	\$2,500.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$3,000.00
North High Band Boosters, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Potomac Playmakers	\$15,000.00
R.E.A.C.H.	\$60,000.00
Rise Up Hagerstown	\$5,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$50,000.00
S&K Feline Furbabies Rescue, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Salvation Army	\$30,950.28
Senior Living Alternatives	\$15,000.00
Smithsburg Junior Leopards	\$1,500.00
South Eastern W.C. Health and Community Service Corp.	\$5,000.00
St. John's Shelter Inc.	\$8,000.00
Star Community Inc.	\$30,000.00
United Way of Washington County, MD, Inc.	\$2,716.00
Walnut St. Community Health Center Inc.	\$45,000.00
Washington Co. Agricultural Organization	\$1,200.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$24,000.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$20,000.00
Washington County Girls Softball League	\$1,500.00
Washington Co. Historical Society	\$10,000.00
Washington Co. Human Development Council, Inc.	\$6,000.00

Washington Co. Museum of Fine Arts	\$1,000.00
Washington County Show Kids, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Wells House, Inc.	\$21,000.00
West End Little League	\$1,500.00
Williamsport Wildcats Athletic Boosters Club, Inc	\$1,000.00
Williamsport Youth Wrestling Club	\$1,500.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$15,000.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$15,000.00
YMCA	\$5,000.00

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$1,947,775.72
Total Applications Received	100
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	84
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	87
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	16
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	13
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	81
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	3

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc.)	\$1,022,499.77	50%
Adult Services	\$314,525.28	15.3%
Health Services	\$275,000	13.4%
Youth Services	\$205,916	10.0%
Recreation	\$80,700	3.9%
Civic	\$80,000	3.9%
Cultural/Arts	\$32,500	1.6%
Education	\$25,000	1.2%
Animal Welfare	\$17,000	.83%

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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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