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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$1.6 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 11, 2020) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 40 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,671,558.59 for fiscal year 2020, which ended June 30, represents a decrease of \$373,440.96 when compared to fiscal year 2019 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 \$443,244.98. As of today, an additional \$392,534.32 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$835,779.30.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 77 separate applications from 70 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,528,915.14. After a one-day workshop in July, and virtual public hearing in June, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 47 of the 77 requests. Of the 77 applications received, 7 received full funding, 40 received partial funding, and 30 were denied funding. A total of \$835,779.29 of 2020 gaming funds were allocated to 40 of the 70 charitable organizations applying. This year an additional \$408.82 was distributed to charitable organizations, due to funds being returned from an organization 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 \$836,188.11 was distributed to charitable organizations.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$150,000 followed by R.E.A.C.H of Washington County receiving \$75,000, and Brook Lane Health Services, Inc. receiving \$60,000.

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2020 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
ARC of Washington County	\$16,850.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Beacon House	\$2,400.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$22,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$25,000.00
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$60,000.00
CASA	\$4,000.00
Children in Need	\$30,438.11
Coffman Nursing Home	\$1,500.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$150,000.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,300.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash Co.	\$12,525.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Easterseals Serving DC MD VA	\$5,000.00
English & More, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Girl's Incorporated of Washington County	\$25,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Hagerstown Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Head Start of Washington County	\$1,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$2,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$15,000.00
Ladders to Leaders	\$5,000.00
Leitersburg Ruritan	\$35,000.00
Maryland Food Bank Inc.	\$5,000.00
Mason Dixon Council - Boy Scouts of America	\$5,000.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$2,200.00
REACH of Washington County	\$75,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$50,000.00
S&K Feline Furbabies Rescue, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc./Holly Place	\$50,000.00
South Eastern W.C. Health and Community Service Corp.	\$5,000.00
Star Community Inc.	\$22,500.00

The Salvation Army	\$50,000.00
The W House of Hag, Foundation Inc/ dba Lasting Change	\$12,500.00
Walnut St. CHC/dba Family Healthcare of Hagerstown	\$30,000.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$24,000.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$20,000.00
Wells House, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$15,000.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$9,475.00

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$1,528,915.14
Total Applications Received	77
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	70
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	47
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	7
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	30
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	40
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	30

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc.)	\$835,779.30	50%
Adult Services	\$397,525.00	23.7%
Health Services	\$256,850.00	15.4%
Youth Services	\$113,338.11	6.8%
Civic	\$49,475	2.9%
Education	\$16,000	.95%
Animal Welfare	\$3,000	.18%
Recreation	0	0%
Cultural Arts	0	0%

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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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