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### **GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$2.4 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS**

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 10, 2021) - 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 \$2,461,676.25 for fiscal year 2021, which ended June 30, represents an increase of \$790,117.66 when compared to fiscal year 2020 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 \$472,249.19. As of today, an additional \$758,588.94 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,230,838.13.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 75 separate applications from 63 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,710,980.34. After a virtual gaming hearing in June, and one-day workshop in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 68 of the 75 requests. Of the 75 applications received, 54 received full funding, 14 received partial funding, and 7 were denied funding. A total of \$1,230,838.12 of 2021 gaming funds were allocated to 60 of the 63 charitable organizations applying. This year an additional \$4,801.80 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 \$1,235,639.92 was distributed to charitable organizations.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$151,747.58 followed by R.E.A.C.H of Washington County receiving \$100,000 and the Robert W. Johnson Center receiving \$75,000.

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**2021 Gaming Fund Awards**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
America's Hauling for Hope, Inc.	\$12,199.00
Arc of Washington County	\$45,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$10,000.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, Inc.	\$5,000.00
BEACON House	\$6,573.75
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$28,266.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$40,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness Cumberland Valley, Inc.	\$7,529.20
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$50,000.00
CASA	\$13,500.00
Children in Need	\$25,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$4,823.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$6,585.00
Coffman Nursing Home	\$2,000.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$151,747.58
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,200.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$24,495.00
Easterseals Serving DC MD VA	\$20,000.00
Education Foundation of WCPS	\$7,500.00
Fahrney Keedy Memorial Home, Inc.	\$8,034.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$2,800.00
Friends of Fort Frederick State Park	\$16,000.00
Girl's Incorporated of Washington County	\$35,000.00
Girl's on the Run of Mid and Western MD.	\$1,200.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$10,000.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$1,421.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$2,250.00
Hagerstown Goodwill Ind. d/b/a Horizon Goodwill	\$30,500.00
Hagerstown Ice Amateur Athletic Association (HIAAA)	\$15,000.00
Hagerstown Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$18,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$20,000.00
Leitersburg Ruritan	\$25,000.00
Maugansville Little League	\$5,000.00

Meritus Healthcare Foundation	\$25,000.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$3,197.33
North High Band Boosters	\$2,000.00
OnTrack Washington County	\$5,000.00
Pressley Ridge - Maryland, Inc.	\$30,000.00
R.E.A.C.H. of Washington County	\$100,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$75,000.00
S&K Feline Furbabies Rescue, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc./Holly Place	\$50,000.00
South Eastern W.C. Health and Community Service Corp.	\$15,500.00
Star Community Inc.	\$32,500.00
The Maryland Food Bank	\$5,000.00
The Maryland Theatre	\$29,500.00
The Salvation Army	\$65,780.00
The Women's Club Foundation	\$17,871.24
United Way of Washington County, MD, Inc.	\$15,961.44
Washington County Agricultural Organization	\$7,556.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$40,170.00
Washington County Historical Society	\$4,000.00
Washington County Historical Trust	\$2,860.00
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts	\$1,420.38
Wells House, Inc.	\$12,000.00
Williamsport Wildcats Athletic Boosters Club, Inc.	\$3,300.00
Williamsport Youth Wrestling Club	\$7,400.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$15,000.00
YMCA of Hagerstown	\$10,000.00

<b>Applications Received</b>	
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	<b>\$1,710,980.34</b>
<b>Total Applications Received</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Number of Organizations Submitting Applications</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Denied Funding</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Awards of Funding by Program Type</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>% (Rounded)</b>
<b>Public Safety (Fire &amp; Rescue Assoc.)</b>	<b>\$1,230,838.13</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Adult Services</b>	<b>\$463,007.77</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>\$294,310.78</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>\$244,516.00</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Cultural Arts</b>	<b>\$63,780.38</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Civic</b>	<b>\$58,371.24</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>\$48,262</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$43,391.75</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>.01%</b>

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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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