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**Washington County Gaming Commission Announces  
Gaming Fund Distribution**

Hagerstown, MD (July 31, 2012) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 95 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,858,769.65 for fiscal year 2012, which ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, represents a 2.03% decrease when compared to fiscal year 2011 revenues.

State law provides for funds to be divided equally between the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and local charities.

In January, the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association received \$392,106.89. With today's announcement, an additional \$537,277.93 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$929,384.82.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 108 separate applications from 98 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,412,081.23.

After a one-day workshop in June, and two days of public hearings in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 99 of the 108 requests. Of the 108 applications received, 15 received full funding, 84 received partial funding, and 9 were denied funding. A total of \$929,384.83 was allocated to 95 of the 98 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$175,000, followed by Friends of Safe Place, Child Advocacy Center, which received \$64,740.00.

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 beginning, the Commission has provided over 47 million dollars to charities and fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

**Fiscal Year 2012 Gaming Fund Awards**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Alsatia Club Foundation Inc.	\$3,000.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$5,000.00
American Cancer Society	\$2,500.00
American Red Cross Wash. Co. MD Chapter	\$5,000.00
APPLES for Children	\$1,000.00
ARC of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$1,000.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown	\$2,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$15,000.00
Boonsboro Area Athletic Association	\$2,214.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$45,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley	\$2,650.00
CASA	\$3,712.97
Children in Need	\$36,000.00
Children's Village of Washington Co.	\$5,000.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$2,000.00
Collaborative Council of Western Maryland Inc.	\$500.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$175,000.00
Conococheague Little League	\$2,000.00
Contemporary School for the Arts & Gallery Inc.	\$1,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$1,082.85
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash Co.	\$6,402.00
Deafnet Association Inc.	\$2,100.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown	\$6,000.00
Doleman Black Heritage Museum Inc.	\$1,000.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Rgn.	\$10,000.00
Exchange Club Parent Child Center	\$10,000.00
Federal Little League	\$1,500.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$5,000.00
Friends of Safe Place Child Advocacy Center	\$64,740.00
Girls on the Run of Washington County	\$1,000.00
Girl's Inc. of Washington County	\$42,257.40
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$27,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Community College Foundation Inc.	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$4,340.06
Hagerstown Junior Basketball League	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum Inc.	\$1,392.00

Hagerstown Youth Hockey Association	\$1,500.00
Hancock Historical Society	\$3,500.00
Hancock Little League	\$2,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$4,525.00
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$15,000.00
Little League Baseball of Halfway	\$2,000.00
Little Wonders Animal Rescue	\$6,000.00
Make A Wish Foundation of Mid-Atlantic	\$7,500.00
Maryland Food Bank-Western Branch	\$25,000.00
Maryland Symphony Orchestra	\$3,000.00
Mason Dixon Council Boy Scouts of America	\$3,840.00
Maugansville Little League	\$2,500.00
Memorial Recreation Center	\$12,000.00
Meritus Healthcare Foundation	\$2,500.00
N.O.R.M.A.L. Inc.	\$5,000.00
National Little League	\$1,500.00
North High Band Boosters	\$1,500.00
Providing Relief for Autistic Youth Inc.	\$7,500.00
R.E.A.C.H.	\$60,000.00
Salvation Army	\$37,000.00
San Mar Children's Home	\$3,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives	\$8,000.00
Sharpsburg Heritage Festival	\$1,000.00
Sharpsburg Little League Inc.	\$2,500.00
Smithsburg Youth Athletics	\$3,000.00
South Hagerstown H.S. Rebel Band Boosters	\$1,500.00
South Mountain Little League	\$2,000.00
Special Olympics Maryland, Washington County	\$4,000.00
St. John's Shelter Inc.	\$3,000.00
Star Community Inc.	\$30,000.00
The Maryland Theatre	\$4,000.00
United States Fellowship Inc. / Oak Hill House	\$2,100.00
Valley Little League	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Assoc. for Potomac Center Inc.	\$6,417.00
W House inc.	\$11,909.00
Walnut St. Community Health Center Inc.	\$20,000.00
Washington Co. Agricultural Education Center	\$5,500.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$20,000.00
Washington Co. Community Mediation Ctr.	\$3,000.00
Washington Co. Free Library	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Historical Society	\$4,000.00
Washington Co. Juniors Girls Volleyball Inc.	\$2,000.00
Washington Co. Leadership Development Pgm.	\$2,000.00

Washington Co. Museum of Fine Arts	\$3,000.00
Washington Co. Show Kids & Show Company Inc.	\$1,000.00
Washington Co. Teen Pregnancy Prev. Coalition	\$5,850.00
Wells House	\$12,000.00
West End Little League	\$2,000.00
Western Maryland Hospital Ctr. Auxiliary	\$30,000.00
Williamsport Youth Wrestling Club	\$2,000.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$3,000.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$3,382.00
YMCA	\$6,970.55
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$929,384.83</b>
Washington County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Assoc.	\$929,384.82
<b>Total Disbursed Funds</b>	<b>\$1,858,769.65</b>

<b>Applications Received</b>	
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	<b>\$2,412,081.23</b>
<b>Total Applications Received</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Number of Organizations Submitting Applications</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Number of Organizations Submitting Multiple Applications</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Denied Funding</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding</b>	<b>95</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>%</b>
<b>Public Safety (Fire &amp; Rescue Assoc. Included)</b>	<b>\$999,124.82</b>	<b>53.80%</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>\$301,426.00</b>	<b>16.20%</b>
<b>Adult Services</b>	<b>\$216,197.82</b>	<b>11.60%</b>
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>\$215,937.46</b>	<b>11.60%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>\$56,076.55</b>	<b>3.00%</b>
<b>Civic</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>	<b>0.50%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$17,600.00</b>	<b>1.00%</b>
<b>Cultural / Arts</b>	<b>\$32,382.00</b>	<b>1.70%</b>
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<b>\$10,525.00</b>	<b>0.60%</b>

Awards	No. of Organizations
\$0 - \$9,999	74
\$10,000 - \$10,999	7
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5
\$30,000 - \$39,999	4
\$40,000 - \$40,999	2
\$50,000 - \$59,999	0
\$60,000 - \$69,999	2
\$175,000	1

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Washington County, Maryland Government strives to fulfill its duty to the citizens of Washington County with regard to operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and responsiveness to the needs of the community. This vision is used to ably assist the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County in achieving goals for moving the County forward as present needs and future plans are addressed.

According to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, the Washington County General Fund has one of the lowest cost per capita for services provided of all 23 counties and Baltimore City. This is attributed to the efficiency, staffing levels, and cost containment exhibited in Washington County Government operations. Visit [www.washco-md.net](http://www.washco-md.net) for more information.

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