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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$1.8 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

Hagerstown, MD (August 5, 2014) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 82 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,810,386.86 for fiscal year 2014, which ended June 30th, represents a 4.7% or \$89,872.23 decrease when compared to fiscal year 2013 revenues. A portion of this decrease can be attributed to the October 1, 2013 change in the State Statute allowing tip jar operators to deduct the cost of a Washington County Gaming Sticker from the gross profit calculations.

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 \$396,539.18. As of today, an additional \$508,654.25 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$905,193.43.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 106 separate applications from 92 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,955,483.38. 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 87 of the 106 requests. Of the 106 applications received, 30 received full funding, 57 received partial funding, and 19 were denied funding. A total of \$905,193.43 was allocated to 82 of the 92 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$175,000, followed by Safe Place Child Advocacy Center, which received \$65,623.92.

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2014 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Alzheimer's Association	\$7,000.00
American Cancer Society, Inc.	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross, Wash. Co. Maryland Chapter	\$2,500.00
APPLES for Children, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Arc of Washington County, Inc.	\$12,017.00
Authentic Community Theatre, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wash. Co. MD, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, MD	\$45,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness-Cumberland Valley, Inc.	\$1,699.98
Brook Lane Health Services	\$10,000.00
C&O Canal Trust	\$2,500.00
CASA, Inc.	\$5,053.84
Children In Need, Inc.	\$40,000.00
Children's Village	\$7,500.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$2,200.00
Community Free Clinic, Inc.	\$175,000.00
Conococheague Little League	\$2,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,653.10
Court Appointed Special Advocates	\$6,000.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region	\$7,500.00
Federal Little League	\$2,000.00
Friends of Safe Place, Child Advocacy Center	\$65,623.92
Girls, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$12,750.00
Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$2,500.00

Hagerstown Community College Foundation, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery, Inc.	\$6,100.02
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Hagerstown Fire Police Association	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Junior Basketball League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Pony League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Hancock Little League, Inc.	\$3,000.00
HEAL of Washington County, MD	\$400.00
Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.	\$4,326.00
Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD	\$13,000.00
Little League of Halfway	\$2,500.00
Little Wonders Animal Rescue, Inc.	\$7,000.00
Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic	\$7,500.00
Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Mason-Dixon Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc.	\$3,808.60
Maugansville Little League	\$3,000.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$2,854.99
National Little League	\$2,000.00
NORMAL, Inc.	\$7,500.00
R.E.A.C.H., Inc.	\$60,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$16,800.00
Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington County	\$1,625.00
San Mar Children's Home, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc. / Holly Place	\$5,000.00
Sharpsburg Little League	\$2,500.00
Smithsburg Junior Leopards, Inc.	\$2,000.00
South Hagerstown High School Rebel Band Boosters	\$3,000.00
St. John's Shelter for the Homeless, Inc.	\$4,120.00
Star Community, Inc.	\$50,000.00
The Aslatia Club Foundation, Inc.	\$5,000.00
The Exchange Club Parent-Child Center, Inc.	\$10,000.00
The Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$2,000.00

The Maryland Food Bank - Western Branch	\$25,000.00
The Maryland Theatre Association, Inc.	\$12,500.00
The Salvation Army, Hagerstown MD Corps	\$42,485.49
The Volunteer Association for Potomac Center	\$4,717.29
The W House of Hagerstown Foundation, Inc.	\$10,550.00
Walnut Street Community Health Center	\$15,000.00
Wash. Co. Human Development Council, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Washington County AG Education Center	\$10,000.00
Washington County AG Organization, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.	\$8,000.00
Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Washington County Community Mediation Center, Inc.	\$6,246.00
Washington County Historical Society, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Washington County Juniors Volleyball, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts	\$4,561.20
Washington County Show Kids, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Wells House, Inc.	\$4,926.00
Williamsport Wrestling Club, Inc.	\$3,500.00
Women of Valor Ministries	\$6,000.00
Women's Club Foundation, Inc.	\$4,675.00
Sub Total	\$905,193.43
Washington Co. Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association	\$905,193.43
Total Funds Awarded	\$1,810,386.86

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$1,955,483.38
Total Applications Received	106
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	92
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	87
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	30
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	19
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	82
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	10

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc. Included)	\$908,193.43	50.16%
Youth Services	\$288,740.94	15.95%
Adult Services	\$264,531.71	14.61%
Health Services	\$205,099.98	11.32%
Recreation	\$62,308.60	3.44%
Cultural / Arts	\$48,186.20	2.66%
Civic	\$13,500.00	0.75%
Animal Welfare	\$11,326.00	0.63%
Education	\$7,500.00	0.42%

Awards by Amount	Number of Organizations Receiving
\$0 - \$9,999	63
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10
\$20,000 - \$29,999	1
\$30,000 - \$39,999	0
\$40,000 - \$49,999	3
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2
\$60,000 - \$69,999	2
\$175,000	1

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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 \$51 million to charities and fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

About Washington County, Maryland Government

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 costs 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 for more information.

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