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### GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$1.9 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

Hagerstown, MD (August 4, 2015) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 86 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,969,732.22 for fiscal year 2015, which ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, represents an 8.8% or \$159,345.36 increase when compared to fiscal year 2014 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 \$412,198.46. As of today, an additional \$572,667.65 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$984,866.11.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 102 separate applications from 89 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$1,793,288.12. 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 96 of the 102 requests. Of the 102 applications received, 34 received full funding, 62 received partial funding, and 6 were denied funding. A total of \$984,866.11 was allocated to 86 of the 89 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$170,000, followed by Safe Place Child Advocacy Center, which received \$64,740.

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**2015 Gaming Fund Awards**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Alsatia Club Foundation Inc.	\$5,000.00
Alzheimer's Association, Inc.	\$8,000.00
APPLES for Children, Inc.	\$2,270.00
ARC of Washington County, Inc.	\$12,692.00
Authentic Community Theatre, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley, Inc.	\$1,015.00
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$15,000.00
C&O Canal Trust, Inc.	\$3,000.00
CASA, Inc.	\$7,101.00
Children in Need, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Clear Spring Little League, Inc.	\$1,607.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$170,000.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology, Inc.	\$2,571.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash County, Inc.	\$9,639.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Doleman Black Heritage Museum, Inc.	\$4,263.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc.	\$7,500.00
Exchange Club Parent Child Center, Inc.	\$12,000.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Girl's Inc. of Washington County, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Girl's On the Run of Washington County, Inc.	\$1,750.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, Inc.	\$13,000.00
Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Colt League, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Hagerstown Community College Foundation, Inc.	\$1,426.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Pony League, Inc.	\$3,000.00
Hancock Little League, Inc.	\$3,600.00
Hub City Volleyball Club, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.	\$3,000.00

<b>Interfaith Service Coalition, Inc.</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Keedysvile Historical Society, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Little League Baseball of Halfway, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,750.00</b>
<b>Little Wonders Animal Rescue, Inc.</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Locomotive Football Club, Inc.</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Make A Wish Foundation of Mid-Atlantic, Inc.</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>Maryland Food Bank-Western Branch, Inc.</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Mason Dixon Council Boy Scouts of America, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Maugansville Little League, Inc.</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>MIHI, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,002.00</b>
<b>National Little League, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>R.E.A.C.H., Inc.</b>	<b>\$60,000.00</b>
<b>Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>
<b>Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington County, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>
<b>Safe Place Child Advocacy Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$64,740.00</b>
<b>Salvation Army, Inc.</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>
<b>San Mar Children's Home, Inc.</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
<b>Senior Living Alternatives, Inc.</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>Sharpsburg Little League, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>
<b>Smithsburg Junior Leopards, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>South Hagerstown H.S. Rebel Band Boosters, Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>South Mountain Little League, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>St. John's Shelter, Inc.</b>	<b>\$6,875.00</b>
<b>Star Community, Inc.</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>
<b>Southeastern W.C. Health &amp; Comm. Services Corp., Inc.</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>The Maryland Theatre, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Tristate Astronomers, Inc.</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Together With Families, Inc.</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Valley Little League, Inc.</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Assoc. for Potomac Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$4,852.00</b>
<b>Walnut St. Community Health Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Ag Organization, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Agricultural Education Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Commission on Aging, Inc.</b>	<b>\$21,678.11</b>
<b>Washington Co. Community Action Council, Inc.</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Community Mediation Center, Inc.</b>	<b>\$7,490.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Free Library, Inc.</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Historical Society, Inc.</b>	<b>\$4,025.00</b>
<b>Washington Co. Human Development Council, Inc.</b>	<b>\$8,383.00</b>

Washington Co. Juniors Girls Volleyball, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Washington Co. Leadership Development Program, Inc.	\$500.00
Washington Co. Museum of Fine Arts, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Show Kids & Show Company, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Wells House, Inc.	\$4,000.00
Williamsport Wildcats Athletic Boosters Club, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Williamsport Youth Wrestling Club, Inc.	\$4,637.00
Women of Valor Ministries, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Women's Club Foundation, Inc.	\$4,250.00
YMCA, Inc.	\$5,000.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$984,866.11</b>
Washington County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association	\$984,866.11
<b>Total Funds Awarded</b>	<b>\$1,969,732.22</b>

<b>Applications Received</b>	
Total Funding Requested	\$1,793,288.12
Total Applications Received	102
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	89
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	96
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	34
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	6
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	86
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	3

<b>Awards of Funding by Program Type</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>% (Rounded)</b>
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc. Included)	\$984,866.11	50%
Adult Services	\$318,904.11	16.20%
Youth Services	\$275,010.00	14%
Health Services	\$202,515.00	10.30%
Recreation	\$73,244.00	3.70%
Cultural / Arts	\$49,638.00	2.50%
Education	\$27,926.00	1.30%
Civic	\$24,629.00	1.30%
Animal Welfare	\$13,000.00	0.70%

Awards by Amount	Number of Organizations Receiving
\$0 - \$9,999	64
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8
\$20,000 - \$29,999	4
\$30,000 - \$39,999	1
\$40,000 - \$49,999	3
\$50,000 - \$59,999	2
\$60,000 - \$69,999	2
\$170,000	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 \$54 million to charities and fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

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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 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](http://www.washco-md.net) for more information.

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