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

HAGERSTOWN, MD (July 26, 2016) - The Washington County Gaming Commission is proud to announce its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 78 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,984,918.12 for fiscal year 2016, which ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, represents an increase of \$15,185.90 when compared to fiscal year 2015 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 \$435,886. As of today, an additional \$556,573.06 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$992,459.06.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 100 separate applications from 84 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,265,080.94. After a one-day workshop in June, and public hearings in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 87 of the 100 requests. Of the 100 applications received, 13 received full funding, 74 received partial funding, and 13 were denied funding. A total of \$992,459.06 was allocated to 78 of the 84 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$168,000, followed by Safe Place Child Advocacy Center and R.E.A.C.H, which both received \$60,000.

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**2016 Gaming Fund Awards**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Alsatia Club Foundation Inc.	\$5,000.00
Alzheimer's Association	\$8,000.00
ARC of Washington County	\$13,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$1,500.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown	\$3,500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$5,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$40,000.00
Brave Heart Program, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley	\$1,510.00
Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.	\$48,449.06
CASA Inc.	\$7,200.00
Children in Need	\$40,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$2,500.00
Community Free Clinic Inc.	\$168,000.00
Conococheague Little League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$2,000.00
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash Co.	\$8,000.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown	\$10,000.00
Doleman Black Heritage Museum, Inc.	\$5,400.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region	\$5,000.00
English & More, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Exchange Club Parent Child Center	\$10,000.00
Federal Little League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$3,500.00
Girl's Inc. of Washington County	\$45,000.00
Girl's On the Run of Washington County	\$1,350.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	\$1,500.00
Hagerstown Colt League	\$2,500.00
Hagerstown Community College Foundation Inc.	\$1,450.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$4,850.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	\$2,500.00
Hancock Little League	\$2,500.00
Hospice of Washington County, Inc.	\$10,000.00

Hub City Volleyball Club, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$15,000.00
Little Wonders Animal Rescue	\$10,000.00
Make A Wish Foundation of Mid-Atlantic	\$5,000.00
Maryland Food Bank-Western Branch	\$10,000.00
Maryland Symphony Orchestra	\$3,300.00
Mason Dixon Council Boy Scouts of America	\$2,500.00
Maugansville Little League	\$3,000.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$3,200.00
National Road Heritage Foundation, Inc.	\$1,000.00
National Little League	\$2,500.00
North High Band Boosters, Inc.	\$1,000.00
R.E.A.C.H.	\$60,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center	\$32,500.00
Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington County	\$2,000.00
Safe Place Child Advocacy Center	\$60,000.00
Salvation Army	\$40,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives	\$8,000.00
Smithsburg Junior Leopards	\$1,000.00
Smithsburg Little Sluggers League, Inc.	\$5,000.00
South Mountain Little League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
St. John's Shelter Inc.	\$2,900.00
Star Community Inc.	\$33,000.00
The Maryland Theatre	\$5,000.00
Together With Families, Inc.	\$6,500.00
Walnut St. Community Health Center Inc.	\$45,000.00
Washington Co. Ag Organization, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$23,950.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$35,000.00
Washington Co. Community Mediation Ctr.	\$6,000.00
Washington Co. Free Library	\$18,500.00
Washington Co. Historical Society	\$3,000.00
Washington Co. Human Development Council, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Washington County Juniors Girls Volleyball, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Washington Co. Museum of Fine Arts	\$5,000.00
Washington County Show Kids, Inc.	\$1,000.00
Williamsport Wildcats Athletic Boosters Club, Inc	\$2,000.00
Williamsport Youth Wrestling Club	\$7,400.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$15,000.00

<b>Women's Club Foundation</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
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<b>Applications Received</b>	
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	<b>\$2,265,080.94</b>
<b>Total Applications Received</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Number of Organizations Submitting Applications</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Number of Applications Denied Funding</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Awards of Funding by Program Type</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>% (Rounded)</b>
<b>Public Safety (Fire &amp; Rescue Assoc. Included)</b>	<b>\$992,459.06</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Adult Services</b>	<b>\$292,550</b>	<b>14.70%</b>
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>\$263,850</b>	<b>13.30%</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>\$301,159.06</b>	<b>15.20%</b>
<b>Recreation</b>	<b>\$48,250</b>	<b>2.40%</b>
<b>Cultural / Arts</b>	<b>\$48,200</b>	<b>2.40%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>\$21,950</b>	<b>1.10%</b>
<b>Civic</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>.075%</b>
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>0.76%</b>

<b>Awards by Amount</b>	<b>Number of Organizations Receiving</b>
<b>\$0 - \$9,999</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>\$10,000 - \$29,999</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>\$30,000 - \$59,999</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>\$60,000 and up</b>	<b>3</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 \$56 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](http://www.washco-md.net) for more information.

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