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GAMING COMMISSION AWARDS OVER \$2.4 MILLION IN ALLOCATIONS

HAGERSTOWN, MD (August 6, 2024) - The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 76 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$2,414,285.89 for fiscal year 2024, which ended June 30, represents a decrease of \$128,744.45 when compared to fiscal year 2023 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 \$524,215.80. As of today, an additional \$682,927.14 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$1,207,142.94.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 88 separate applications from 76 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,990,534.92. After hosting a gaming hearing in June, and a one-day workshop in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 61 of the 88 requests. Of the 88 applications received, 10 received full funding, 51 received partial funding, and 27 were denied funding. A total of \$1,207,142.95 of 2024 gaming funds were allocated to 53 of the 76 charitable organizations applying.

The Community Free Clinic received the largest award of \$170,000 followed by The Salvation Army receiving \$149,913.73 and R.E.A.C.H of Washington County and Senior Living Alternatives, Inc. both receiving \$75,000.

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2024 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
America's Hauling for Hope, Inc.	\$10,000.00
APPLES for Children, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Band Boosters of Smithsburg Area Schools, Inc.	\$1,500.00
Betty's Wish, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington County, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Washington County, Inc.	\$50,000.00
Brook Lane Behavioral Services, Inc.	\$35,000.00
Children In Need, Inc.	\$35,000.00
Children's Village of Washington County, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Community Free Clinic, Inc.	\$170,000.00
Conococheague Little League	\$2,500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$3,127.88
Discovery Station at Hagerstown, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Easterseals DC MD VA, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center, Inc.	\$4,500.00
Friends of Fort Frederick State Park, Inc.	\$4,000.00
Friends of the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Girls Incorporated of Washington County	\$50,000.00
Girls on the Run of Mid & Western Maryland, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$20,000.00
Hagerstown Fairground Softball Association	\$2,400.00
Hancock Little League	\$2,500.00
HMP Training, Inc.	\$45,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County, Inc.	\$12,000.00
Interfaith Service Coalition of Hancock, MD, Inc.	\$20,000.00
Ladders to Leaders, Ltd.	\$19,200.00
Leitersburg Ruritan Community Center, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Main Street Housing, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Mediation First, Inc.	\$22,500.00
MIHI, Inc.	\$3,825.34
Potomac Playmakers, Inc.	\$3,000.00
REACH of Washington County, Inc.	\$75,000.00
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.	\$25,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives, Inc. dba Holly Place	\$75,000.00
Smithsburg Little Sluggers League, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Special Olympics Maryland Washington County, Inc.	\$9,000.00

St. John's Family Shelter, Inc.	\$4,000.00
The Maryland Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$6,000.00
The Salvation Army, Inc.	\$149,913.73
TruNorth Company	\$31,150.00
Volunteer Association for the Potomac Center, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Walnut Street Community Health Center, Inc dba Family Healthcare of Hagerstown	\$25,000.00
Washcloths for Wellness, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Washington County 4-H, Inc.	\$15,000.00
Washington County Agricultural Organization, Inc.	\$22,330.00
Washington County Commission on Aging	\$19,096.00
Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.	\$40,000.00
Washington County Historical Society, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Washington County Historical Trust, Inc.	\$2,000.00
Washington County Human Development Council, Inc.	\$13,600.00
Wells Recovery, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Women of Valor Ministries, Inc. dba Valor Excel	\$5,000.00
Women's Club Foundation, Inc.	\$15,000.00

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$2,990,534.92
Total Applications Received	88
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	76
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	61
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	10
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	27
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	53
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	23

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	% (Rounded)
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc.)	\$1,207,142.94	50%
Adult Services	\$538,912.95	44.6%
Health Services	\$305,000	25.3%
Youth Services	\$222,000	18.4%
Education	\$39,330	3.3%
Recreation	\$37,400	3.1%
Civic	\$30,000	2.5%

Cultural Arts	\$22,500	1.9%
Animal Welfare	\$12,000	.9%

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