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THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$813,546.66 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS

Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$813,546.66 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated for 45 local applicants as part of the Tribe's "2 percent allocation," which takes place twice per year.

Under the terms of a consent decree settling *Tribes v. Engler* (Case no. 1:90-CV-611, U.S. District Court, Western District Michigan), the Grand Traverse Band allocates 2 percent of its video gaming revenue to local units of government, as defined in the stipulation, no later than 60 days after October 1st and March 31st of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31st and January 31st of each year because the fiscal year of the Grand Traverse Band's gaming operation is calendar-based.

Since the 2 percent allocation began in 1994, the Grand Traverse Band has allocated **\$46,323,969.43** to local organizations.

"The test for determining the distribution standards, as outlined in *Tribes v. Engler* are: "Each tribe shall determine which local unit or units of government shall receive payments and the amounts thereof; provided however, the guidelines governing the tribes in making said determinations shall be based upon compensating said local units of government for governmental services provided to the tribes and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the tribal casino in its vicinity; and provided further, however...each local unit of government shall receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of ad valorem property taxes..."

For this 2% cycle, the Tribal Council voted to determine which organizations would receive allocations. Of the 75 applications received, totaling \$2,750,531.57 in requests, the Tribal Council awarded 45 applicants for a total of \$813,546.66.

The Grand Traverse Band will make its decision regarding the first-half 2024 Two Percent allocation in July 2024.

It is with great pleasure that the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is able to provide all citizens of Northern Michigan with these services that are furnished solely by gaming revenues.

2% RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Benzie County Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 19,162.50
Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Charlevoix County Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 12,775.00
Gov't to Gov't Agreement – Leelanau County Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 44,712.50
Benzie County Board of Commissioners Funding for Benzie County Senior Resources to continue to help	
support the needs of food insecure seniors by delivering nutritious foods to seniors.	\$ 15,000.00
Benzie Conservation District Funding to support the construction of a connecting patch from boardwalk to the road with a new sign in the Hinkle Nature Reserve Project. Also, funding to hire a SEEDS team to remove invasive plants.	\$ 6,357.83
<u>Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office</u> Funding for a blight cleanup for multiple residences that have been identified as needing assistance specifically targeting those who are elderly, disabled, and are within the 9% poverty level of Charlevoix County.	\$ 20,000.00
<u>City of Charlevoix</u> Funding to support Third Day Fellowship's Joppa House. Funding will help support the food, electric, heat and resident needs of the women in the program at the 2 houses.	\$ 20,000.01

<u>City of Frankfort</u>		
Funding to purchase a 150' x 5' Mobi-mat to enhance ADA- accessibility at the Lake Michigan Beach Park.	\$	6,300.00
County of Antrim Office of Emergency Management		
Funding to purchase a first response vehicle and 6 -800 MHz radios.	\$	59,359.80
East Bay Charter Township		
Funding to support East Bay Ambulance to replace an outdated CPR manikin.	\$	3,703.00
Elmwood Township Fire & Rescue		
Funding to purchase a refurbished cardiac monitor.	\$	7,375.00
Greenspire High School		
Funding for the robotics team for competition registration costs, robot material expenses, uniforms, food, lodging, and rental vehicles for team transport.	¢	15 000 00
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Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to help the 13 th Circuit Court- Family Division to purchase a transport vehicle to be used to transport juveniles under court supervision to and from group community service, diversion, and experiential learning opportunities.	\$	15,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to help support the GT Community Enrichment Program by partnering with Significant Strikes Boxing and MMA to bring		
martial arts to remote communities.	\$	11,210.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to support the partnership of GT County Veterans Affairs, the United Way of NW Michigan and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and School of Social Work to purchase a	\$	15,000.00

transport van to help coordinate rides to for patients in need at the new pediatric and veteran's dental clinic based in Grand Traverse County.		
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to support the Reining Liberty Ranch's new miniature horse therapy program for veterans.	\$	9,802.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding the GT Sheriff's office for the continued project to replace expired AEDs in all patrol vehicles.	\$	10,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to support TART Trails, Inc project to repair the TART trail from Five Mile Road to Holiday Road crossing.	\$	25,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to support the Women's Resource Center to continue in providing emergency shelter, advocacy, and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence	\$	59,004.00
Kingsley Area Schools		
Funding to support Project Graduation 2024 to provide a free, safe, and alcohol-free event for all seniors.	\$	8,500.00
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners		
Funding to support Safe Haven to continue to provide safety and security to children and at-risk parents in situations of domestic violence and high conflict.	\$	5,000.00
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners	\$	24 000 00
Funding to support Leelanau Christian Neighbors food pantry.	Φ	34,000.00

Leelanau County Board of Commissioners	
Funding to support Peninsula Housing in the collaborative design process to create development scenarios for affordable and attainable housing on two parcels in Suttons Bay.	\$ 12,900.00
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners	
Funding to support the Solid Waste Council's mattress recycling events.	\$ 5,000.00
Leelanau County Board of Commissioners	
Funding to support the Solid Waste Council's tire recycling clean up events.	\$ 10,000.00
Leelanau County Fire Chief's Association	
Funding to purchase and replace a respirator fit testing device that is shared among all departments in the county.	\$ 14,590.00
Long Lake Elementary School	
Funding to order a collection of Native books for the school library from Birchbark Books.	\$ 655.85
Milton Township Fire Department	
Funding to support Milton Township and Elk Rapids Townships joint venture to purchase and outfit all 25 firefighters with a 800 Mgh portable radio.	\$ 17,617.27
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Northwest Education Services	
Funding to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program that will pay for costs associated with services provided by the program for 12 mentor relationship matches.	\$ 27,600.00

Northwest Education Services	
Funding to partner with Child and Family Services YouthWork program. This is mutually beneficial program for disadvantaged youth to learn job skills, engage in positive peer experiences, earn a paycheck, and build resiliency by working with the YouthWorks team cleaning up and providing habitat restoration of the local community areas including the	\$ 10,000.00
Northwest Education Services	
Funding to support the Great Lakes Children Museum in securing a new location and move to the new interim home and build temporary exhibits.	\$ 23,800.00
Northwest Education Services	
Funding for Michael's Place to support the growing need for bereavement services for children. Also, it will go into developing the following initiatives: School Response Training and Planning and Emergency Response Training for staff and volunteers	\$ 21,500.00
Peninsula Township	
Funding to support Bowers Harbor Park improvements by partnering with CFS YouthWork and GoatWork programs to help remove invasive plant species.	\$ 19,600.00
Springdale Township	
Funding to purchase a ground penetrating radar and software. This will allow them to find grave locations and for cemetery mapping.	\$ 33,675.00
Springdale Township Funding to purchase computers, accessories, and software for the Betsie Valley District Library.	\$ 4,046.75
Star Township Funding to support the Elders Advisory Organization in funding an office and continued operational needs, assistance services and activities.	\$ 37,467.10

Suttons Bay Public Schools Funding to help support PoWeR! Book Bags provide their program at Suttons Bay School and Benodjenh. By providing students 6 age- appropriate books of their choice and a filled literacy book bag.	\$ 11,307.00
<u>Suttons Bay Public Schools</u> Funding to support Leelanau Investing For Teens (LIFT) in the purchase of a 2nd van.	\$ 15,906.12
<u>Suttons Bay-Bingham Fire & Rescue Authority</u> Funding to replace a 1996 Fire Tanker that has reached the end of its useful life.	\$ 31,080.95
Traverse City Area Public Schools Funding to support the School Support Network (SSN) program to fund the expansion of the program year-round and not just the school year. This program serves more than 550 homeless students and families in transition each year.	\$ 18,000.00
<u>Traverse City Area Public Schools</u> Funding to School Support Network (SSN) program to build a new parent engagement program that would offer free parenting classes and resources, including budgeting, meal planning, parenting skills, healthy habits and professional growth opportunities.	\$ 3,565.10
The Recreational Authority of Traverse City and Garfield Township Funding to support SEEDs project in replacement of the workshop roof.	\$ 15,000.00
<u>Village of Thompsonville</u> Funding to support Thompsonville Area Revitalization Project in the construction of the trailhead, park and campground at the Thompsonville Junction Trailhead.	\$ 15,000.00

Funding to purchase new structural firefighting gear which is required PPE by the NFPA	
otal 2% Distribution for Second-Half 2023	\$ 813.5