



**FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE**  
**Contact: Mary J. Kelley**  
**231-534-7601**  
[Mary.Kelley@gtbindians.com](mailto:Mary.Kelley@gtbindians.com)

**THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$701,948.11 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS**  
*Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation*

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, JULY 27, 2018 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$701,948.11 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated to 38 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 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **\$37,879,541.58** 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 78 applications received, totaling \$2,100,449.91 in requests, the Tribal Council awarded 38 applicants for a total of \$701,948.11.

The Grand Traverse Band will make its decision regarding the second 2018 Two Percent allocation in December 2018.

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.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Alphabetical)	AMOUNT
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Antrim County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract</p>	<p>\$ 12,775.00</p>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Benzie County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract</p>	<p>\$ 19,162.50</p>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Charlevoix County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract</p>	<p>\$ 12,775.00</p>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Leelanau County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract</p>	<p>\$ 63,875.00</p>
<p><b><u>Antrim County</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Antrim County Baby Pantry Program to help the Pantry purchase cribs, mattresses, mattress pads and layettes; and also, the Pantry provides support to prevent child abuse and neglect by supporting young families.</p>	<p>\$ 5,266.67</p>
<p><b><u>Beaver Island Community School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the purchase of playground equipment for preschool aged children.</p>	<p>\$ 3,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Benzie County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the "Benzie Senior Resources Program" that is dedicated to supporting older adults 60 and older living in Benzie County, along with their caregivers.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Blair Township Emergency Services</u></b></p> <p>Funding for personal protective equipment, triage/accountability tags, and rehab equipment to monitor rescuers and provide rejuvenation to safely keep them available on scene.</p>	<p>\$ 7,038.66</p>

<p><b><u>Boyne City Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program for educational tutoring, technology, college readiness, and cultural experiences.</p>	<p>\$ 17,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Charlevoix County Sheriff</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the purchase of physical fitness equipment for the Sheriff Department's goal, which is to mandate physical fitness standards for our deputies; this being the first time in the history of the office that these standards have been attempted. Physical fitness reduces injury and improves work productivity, and also reduces sick time.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Charlevoix Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program's goals of early intervention regarding academics; and also to provide group or individual tutoring, technology, mentoring, personal guidance, and cultural learning and support.</p>	<p>\$ 13,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>City of Boyne City</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Boyne Area Free Clinic, where free health services are provided for the uninsured and underinsured residents of northern Michigan; these services have been provided to residents for the past 11 years.</p>	<p>\$ 6,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>East Bay Charter Township Parks Commission</u></b></p> <p>Funding that will go towards the fundraising campaign to upgrade the aging groomer currently in use at the hill. This groomer, which is one of the key components of our winter operations, is at the end of its life cycle.</p>	<p>\$ 7,908.66</p>
<p><b><u>East Jordan Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program to continue cultural academic services that include in-school and afterschool supplemental academic assistance; access to cultural events, services and activities; and access to exploring higher education opportunities.</p>	<p>\$ 11,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Elk Rapids Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program that provides support services for tutors, sports fees, band and choir costs, cultural activities, workshops, educational and cultural conferences, supplies, and homework lab support and supplies.</p>	<p>\$ 32,000.00</p>

<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for Child and Family Services for Third Level Crisis Service Programs to help provide 24-hour crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in northern Michigan.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for supportive housing for Dann’s House that works to reduce the amount of alcohol their residents consume by 50% or more. Funding will be used towards salaries for employees who provide support to the residents.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for Father Fred’s programs to aid in purchasing food for the food pantry. Research indicates that 57% of those struggling with hunger have incomes above the federal poverty line. The most recent “Asset Limited Income Constrained but Employed” (ALICE) states that a family of four would need an annual income of \$58,740 to survive with basic needs. Food is a basic need, and Father Fred helps those in need.</p>	<p>\$ 7,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for Michigan Indian Legal Services’ “Helping Families in Child Welfare Court Project.” This program provides no-cost legal representation to GTB member parents involved in child welfare cases in GTB’s Tribal Court.</p>	<p>\$ 7,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Project Cherry Tree Project, where all funds are dedicated to implementation, administration, and marketing of: establishing a VA registration campaign to get the 62.5% of northern Michigan veterans currently not registered for VA services registered in the system to be eligible for benefits.</p>	<p>\$ 10,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the “Women’s Resource Center’s batterer intervention program with classes specifically geared to both women and male batterers. Probationers gain invaluable insight and tools to overcome the need to exercise power and control in domestic relationships.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>

<p><b><u>Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the purchase of “Active Assailant Equipment.” This includes twenty-two (22) ballistic helmets, vests, equipment carriers; and also to stock needed medical supplies such as tourniquets, chest seals, trauma bandages, and assorted equipment to provide fast, effective, lifesaving care.</p>	<p>\$ 29,619.90</p>
<p><b><u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Leelanau County Office of Emergency Management to outfit all schools in Leelanau County with KNOX boxes. These ensure that all law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel have access to the schools during a lockdown situation.</p>	<p>\$ 8,022.08</p>
<p><b><u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Leelanau County Probate Court for Leelanau Christian Neighbors’ (LCN) programs. LCN strives to assist families by providing nutritious, healthy food for Leelanau County residents.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Leelanau County Solid Waste Council’s Recycling Program.</p>	<p>\$ 1,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Melrose Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Antique Flywheelers Club “Student Harvest Day.” This event familiarizes the area youth with the culturally rich farming and logging history of NW Michigan from the 1800s and 1900s. The event also focuses on good citizenship through the awareness of the past.</p>	<p>\$ 4,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Northport Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program, which funds school of choice transportation, great education, online learning opportunities, free afterschool tutoring and activities program.</p>	<p>\$ 44,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Northwestern Michigan College</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Native American Student Organization Programs at the college with focused support programs, student community activities, tribal communication, and involvement, campus activities for Native American high school students.</p>	<p>\$ 31,870.00</p>

<p><b><u>Star Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Elders Advisory Organization’s various elder programs that include Life alerts, dehumidifiers and humidifiers for GTB elders within the 6-county service area who are either suffering from too much moisture (causing mold) or not enough moisture, both causing sickness. Assistance will also be given for bereavement and the holiday season.</p>	<p>\$ 56,817.32</p>
<p><b><u>Suttons Bay Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program, which provides many resources for elementary and high school Native American students, such as educational field trips, university visits, driver education, athletic fee, fine art opportunities, and cultural activities.</p>	<p>\$ 100,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Suttons Bay Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the “Inland Seas” next project phase regarding the vision of impacting the future of the Great Lakes.</p>	<p>\$ 2,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Suttons Bay Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards six (6) various programs outlined regarding athletics, at-risk, Challenge Day Program, Steered Street Program, pay to play, and social worker/counselor.</p>	<p>\$ 9,908.66</p>
<p><b><u>Township of Elk Rapids</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Elk Rapid’s History Museum’s “Student Kitchen Work Station Project” where elementary students can participate in historically-related activities.</p>	<p>\$ 2,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District</u></b></p> <p>Funding for grieving children, teens, and families through the grief support programming that Michael’s Place provides at TBAISD, in regional schools, and through offerings to individuals and families through community workshop and “best day” special events.</p>	<p>\$ 20,408.66</p>
<p><b><u>Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school’s “Farm to School Program,” to increase engagement with regional stakeholders to increase the number of regional elementary schools to whom TBAISD provides Farm to School programs.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>

<p><b><u>Traverse City Area Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Indian Education Program, which focuses on academically supporting our Native American students in the areas of math, science, reading, language arts, writing, social studies, and cultural identity.</p>	<p>\$ 90,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Whitewater Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding to upgrade Hi Pray Park's baseball and tennis facilities.</p>	<p>\$ 7,500.00</p>
<p><b><u>Whitewater Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding for improvements to the Nature Trail System in Whitewater Township, which includes three (3) designated trails (Lossie Road Nature Trail, The Battle Creek Natural Area, and the Whitewater Township Park and Trail), seven (7) miles of trail.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>
<p><b>Total First-Half 2018 2%</b></p>	<p><b>\$ 701,948.11</b></p>