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THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$744,633.78 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS
Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, JULY 28, 2026 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$744,633.78 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated for 70 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 **\$50,144,226.88** 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 70 applications received, totaling \$2,139,267.08 in requests, the Tribal Council awarded 41 applicants a total of \$744,633.78.

The Grand Traverse Band will make its decision regarding the second-half 2026 Two Percent allocation in January 2027.

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.

First- Half 2026 2% Distribution

2% RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
<u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Benzie County</u> Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 19,162.50
<u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Charlevoix County</u> Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 12,775.00
<u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement – Leelanau County</u> Prisoner Housing Contract.	\$ 44,712.50
<u>Antrim County</u> Funding to purchase the Commission on Aging a 15-person van with a lift to continue and expand services for homebound seniors.	\$ 16,000.00
<u>Benzie County Board of Commissioners</u> Funding to support Benzie Area Christian Neighbors in providing human service needs to children, seniors, working families, migrants and the homeless via food/ clothing pantry, education and financial assistance, and social support.	\$ 20,000.00
<u>Benzie County Board of Commissioners</u> Funding to support Mid-Michigan Honor Flight in conducting 4 honor flights in 2026, where veterans who served in WWII and the Korean War fly to D.C. to see the war memorials.	\$ 27,569.12
<u>Benzon Township</u> Funding to purchase ballistic vests, helmets, first aid kits, mass casualty incident bags, patient extractor litters, triage and field kits which will allow the fire department to implement a Rescue Task Force Model for immediate emergency care.	\$ 3,000.00

<u>Boyne City Public Schools</u> Funding to support the Boyne Area Title VI Educational Consortium in providing educational tutoring, tech for educational and cultural purposes, college readiness assistance along with transportation assistance for cultural field trips, museum trips, college tours and other local trips for Title VI nation students.	\$ 14,000.00
<u>Charlevoix Township Sherriff's Office/ Office of Emergency Management</u> Funding to continue the blight cleanup project in Charlevoix County including Beaver Island.	\$ 15,869.11
<u>Charlevoix Township Fire Department</u> Funding to purchase 3 set of turnout gear, air bottles, and air packs.	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Charlevoix Township</u> Funding to support the Charlevoix Community Pool in replacing 2,362 square feet of floor.	\$ 5,000.00
<u>City of Frankfort Fire Department</u> Funding to purchase new replacement SCBA breathing apparatus cylinders.	\$ 9,981.30
<u>East Bay Charter Township</u> Funding to support Mnamaadizwin, Inc in providing year-round cultural programming and community healing workshops for the native and non-native community.	\$ 45,569.11
<u>East Bay Charter Township</u> Funding to support the Elders Advisory Organization to create opportunities for elders to reconnect with cultural experiences and teaching along by going to the Indian National Finals Rodeo. Fund will also go toward supplies, and program materials.	\$ 43,009.00

<u>East Bay Charter Township</u> Funding to purchase an oxygen cylinder lift assist device for East Bay Ambulance Service.	\$ 3,700.00
<u>East Jordan Public Schools</u> Funding to support the Title VI program in providing tutors to provide academic tutoring, social-emotional support, and cultural programming to native American students in the school district.	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Elk Rapids District Library</u> Funding to support Phase II renovations by purchasing kitchen equipment and the partnership with Northern Michigan Indigenous Youth Bridges Initiative.	\$ 28,750.00
<u>Elk Rapids Public Schools</u> Funding to support the Schools Native Student program in providing educational assistance services to native american students through tutors and cultural liaisons, along with financial assistance for school related educational costs.	\$ 58,000.00
<u>Fife Lake Area Emergency Services Authority</u> Funding to purchase 6 AED units for public buildings and emergency response vehicles.	\$ 11,670.00
<u>Grand Traverse Metro Fire & Emergency Services Authority</u> Funding to restock the Regional Mass Casualty Incident Trailer with life saving equipment to bring it back to operational status.	\$ 5,579.79
<u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u> Funding to support 217 Recovery Heart Collaborative to establish a community based programming space in the county that will allow groups recovery and support groups to be able to provide a weekly consistent location for programming.	\$ 8,300.00

<u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support Goodwill Inn of Northern Michigan in upgrading equipment in their Good Meals Program kitchen.	\$ 22,000.00
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Funding to support Reining Liberty Ranch in building a community center to be utilized for veteran therapy programming.	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support Habitat for Humanity ReStore Sustainability and Improvement Project.	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support Peace Ranch provide trauma informed equine assisted psychotherapy services by upgrading the current facilities.	\$ 5,000.00
<u>Greenspire School</u>	
Funding to purchase/replace 17 new tables for the district.	\$ 11,000.00
<u>Homestead Township</u>	
Funding to purchase the fire department a LUCAS Chest Compression System for emergency cardiac event calls.	\$ 17,956.54
<u>Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority</u>	
Funding to support the Hamilton T1Transport Ventilation Project in purchasing equipment to transport ventilated baby transports to large hospitals.	\$ 15,950.00

<u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to replace the Government Center's audio/visual meeting room equipment.	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support the Parks and Recreation Commission to build a new pavilion at Veronica Valley Park.	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support 5Loaves2Fish meal delivery programming in Leelanau and Benzie County.	\$ 14,000.00
<u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u>	
Funding to support Inland Seas Education Association in building a new education center.	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Northport Public School</u>	
Funding to support Leelanau Investing in Teens to purchase an additional 12-passenger transport van to expand programming.	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Northwest Education Services</u>	
Funding to support Michael's Place provide grief counseling services in local schools.	\$ 4,000.00
<u>Suttons Bay-Bingham Fire & Rescue Authority</u>	
Funding to support the implementation of a Lexipol Policy and Training Management System which will provide improved operation consistency, safety, accountability, compliance and risk management.	\$ 22,473.87
<u>St. James Township</u>	
Funding to support Beaver Island Emergency Services Authority Fire Department in obtaining 2 underground fire suppression water tanks.	\$ 8,000.00

<u>Traverse City Area Public Schools</u> Funding to support the Title VI Indigenous Education Program in providing tutoring, mentoring, homework support, cultural activities, and assistance with college admissions, scholarship and job applications to native american students.	\$ 129,000.00
<u>Traverse City Area Public Schools</u> Funding to support the Learning, Enrichment, Activities, and Performance Program (LEAP) that reduces barriers for participation in extracurricular activities for students.	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Village of Thompsonville</u> Funding to support the Thompsonville Area Revitalization Project (TARP) in the Thompsonville Junction Trailhead Project Phase II campground improvements.	\$ 19,000.00
<u>Whitewater Township</u> Funding to support the installation of playground safety mulch at the Whitewater Township park playground .	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Whitewater Township Fire Department</u> Funding to purchase/replace water and ice rescue equipment.	\$ 6,605.94
Total 2% Distribution for First-Half 2026	\$ 744,633.78