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INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND – RELEASE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

State law requires that large tribal gaming operations set aside portions of their income from gaming to assist surrounding communities. Mendocino County is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$140,772.33 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, which was funded by contributions made by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians.

Local government agencies (county, cities, special districts) impacted by tribal casinos may make application, with tribal sponsorship from the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, to the Mendocino County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC) for grant funding from Individual Tribal Casino Accounts. The first priorities for receipt of grant money include: law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, water supplies, waste disposal, behavioral health, planning and adjacent land uses, public health, roads, recreation/youth programs, and child care programs.

Grant application forms and procedures are available at Mendocino County Executive Office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA, or online at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/administration/Gaming.htm>. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Mendocino County Executive Office no later than **April, 30, 2012**, to be eligible to be considered for grant funding. The CBC will be meeting on May 17, 2012, to review applications and assess the eligibility of each jurisdiction applying for grant funds. A list of projects approved for funding will be forwarded to the State Controllers Office who will disburse funds directly to the local government jurisdiction for which the CBC has approved a grant.

Grants awarded last year totaled \$280,852.83 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. A portion of the funding was used to finance the Sheriff's patrol deputies to help maintain law enforcement patrol services to the Hopland Sho-Ka-Wah Casino, assistance for Crime Victims Mitigation and Health and Human Services/Alcohol and Other Drug programs.

Questions may be directed to Tammi Weselsky, Sr. Administrative Analyst, (707) 463-4441.

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