



MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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***INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND – DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT FUNDS***

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. The Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund was established for the receipt and deposit of gaming license fees received from tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state compacts.

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.

To distribute funding, a county must create an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC). Mendocino County's CBC, consisting of Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Representatives Shawn Padi and Pamela Espinoza; Mendocino County Representatives Supervisors John McCowen and Dan Hamburg; Willits City Council members Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske; and Point Arena City Council member Trevor Sanders met on May 17, 2012, to evaluate grant funding requests and forward a list of approved projects to the State Controller's Office for payment.

This years grant recipients include the Hopland Fire District, Hopland Public Utilities District, Little Lake and Long Valley Fire Districts, the Mendocino County District Attorney Victim Witness and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Mendocino County would like to express a sincere "Thank You!" to the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians for its' contributions to the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and for the professionalism and cooperation throughout the grant application process.

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