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## ***INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND – RELEASE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS***

Mendocino County is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$280,852.83 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, which was funded by contributions made by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. A portion of the funding will be 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.

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. 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 Wanda Balderama and Alice Becerra, Mendocino County Representatives Supervisor John McCowen and Supervisor Dan Hamburg, and Local Representatives Anne Molgaard, and Hale P. Knight Jr., met on May 23, 2011, to evaluate grant funding requests and forward a list of approved projects to the State Controller's Office for payment.

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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