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## ***MENDOCINO COUNTY RECEIVES INDIAN GAMING FUNDS***

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Mendocino County is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$165,395.64 from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, which was funded by contributions made by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. The funds will be issued to the following County departments: Department of Transportation, \$69,395.64; Sheriff's Office, \$30,000; District Attorney's Office – Victim Witness Program, \$30,000; and Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division sponsored the Indian Senior Center which will receive \$36,000.

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 Balerama and Alice Becerra, Mendocino County Representatives Supervisor J. David Colfax and Supervisor Michael Delbar, and Local Representatives Anne Molgaard, Elizabeth Hansen, and Hale P. Knight Jr., met on March 23, 2007, 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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