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Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund – Distribution of Grant Funds

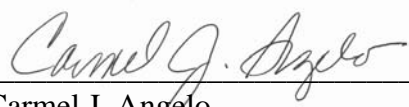
Mendocino County is pleased to announce that a total of \$140,772.33 has been awarded by the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, which was funded by contributions made by the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. Each year, funds are awarded to local government agencies impacted by tribal casinos. Awarded applicants from this year's funding cycle include the District Attorney, Sheriff's Office, Hopland Public Utility District, and the Hopland, Little Lake, Redwood Valley/Calpella, and Long Valley Fire Districts.

Awarded funds will support law enforcement, casino crime mitigation, water infrastructure improvements for tribal lands, fire protection, and fire communications equipment.

The State Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund was established to help mitigate the impacts of tribal casinos funded by gaming fees. The Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee was created to distribute these funds within Mendocino County. The Committee includes the following members: Shawn Padi and Pamela Espinoza of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Council, Dan Hamburg and John McCowen of the County Board of Supervisors, Ron Orenstein and Larry Stranske of the Willits City Council, and Deborah Heatherstone of the Point Arena City Council.

Mendocino County would like to thank the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians for its contributions to the Fund and cooperation throughout the award process, and to congratulate this year's awardees.

For more information, please contact the Executive Office at 463-4441.

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