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

Mendocino County is pleased to announce that it has been awarded \$165,141.46 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, \$62,899.73; Sheriff's Office, \$62,899.73; and District Attorney's Office – Victim Witness Program, \$39,342.

The total amount of the grant funding available for local jurisdictions (counties, cities, and special districts) impacted by direct costs from tribal casinos was \$275,237.77 ending June 30, 2009.

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 J. David Colfax and Supervisor Carre Brown, and Local Representatives Anne Molgaard, and Hale P. Knight Jr., met on June 4, 2009, 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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