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**THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$605,175.53 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS**  
*Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation*

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, JULY 27, 2022 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$605,175.53 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated for 25 local applicants as part of the Tribe's "2 percent allocation," which takes place twice per year.

Under the terms of a consent decree settling *Tribes v. Engler* (Case no. 1:90-CV-611, U.S. District Court, Western District Michigan), the Grand Traverse Band allocates 2 percent of its video gaming revenue to local units of government, as defined in the stipulation, no later than 60 days after October 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year because the fiscal year of the Grand Traverse Band's gaming operation is calendar-based.

Since the 2 percent allocation began in 1994, the Grand Traverse Band has allocated **\$44,169,162.33** to local organizations.

"The test for determining the distribution standards, as outlined in *Tribes v. Engler* are: "Each tribe shall determine which local unit or units of government shall receive payments and the amounts thereof; provided however, the guidelines governing the tribes in making said determinations shall be based upon compensating said local units of government for governmental services provided to the tribes and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the tribal casino in its vicinity; and provided further, however...each local unit of government shall receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of ad valorem property taxes..."

For this 2% cycle, the Tribal Council voted to determine which organizations would receive allocations. Of the 56 applications received, totaling \$1,832,398.39 in requests, the Tribal Council awarded 25 applicants for a total of \$605,175.53.

The Grand Traverse Band will make its decision regarding the second-half 2022 Two Percent allocation in January 2022.

It is with great pleasure that the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is able to provide all citizens of Northern Michigan with these services that are furnished solely by gaming revenues.

**First-Half 2022 2% Distribution**

<b>2% RECIPIENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Benzie County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract.</p>	<p>\$ 19,162.50</p>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Charlevoix County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract.</p>	<p>\$ 12,775.00</p>
<p><b><u>Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Leelanau County</u></b></p> <p>Prisoner Housing Contract.</p>	<p>\$ 44,712.50</p>
<p><b><u>Boyne City Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school's Indian Education to continue to fund costs associated with cultural purposes, college readiness assistance and to help offset transportation and other costs of our students attending cultural experiences through field trips, campus visits, camps, museums, local events, cultural events, and to meet other scholastic needs.</p>	<p>\$ 24,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>East Jordan Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school's Indian Education to continue to fund tutors in order to provide academic tutoring, social-emotional support and cultural programming to Native American students in the East Jordan School District.</p>	<p>\$ 7,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Elk Rapids Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school's Indian Education Program to continue support the services in hiring 2 academic tutors for educational activities and have a provision for items such as sport's fees, band and choir costs, cultural activities, educational and cultural conferences, supplies, homework lab supplies and support, school pictures, and technology fees; and other activities, including, but not limited to monitoring students' progress, attendance, grades, student wellbeing and behavioral issues.</p>	<p>\$ 48,000.00</p>

<p><b><u>Suttons Bay Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school's Indian Education Program to support the objectives of increasing student achievement, increasing reading comprehension, supporting students as they progress toward graduation, and increasing knowledge of cultural identity and creating district wide awareness.</p>	<p>\$ 100,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Traverse City Area Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the school's Indian Education Program to support our academic goals, by continuing to have an IE paraprofessional at each building within the district. Students will receive individual or small group tutoring each week, focusing on reading and math; curriculum training for IE staff; after-school tutoring services; and IE staff will continue tutoring and mentoring services, homework support, cultural activities, and assistance with college admission, scholarship applications, as well as job applications.</p>	<p>\$ 105,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Northwest Education Services (previously TBAISD)</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards Michael's Place to support an initiative with regional schools by increasing access and expanding school-based bereavement support programs.</p>	<p>\$ 15,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Northwestern Michigan College</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the Native American Success Program to support the Native American population in NMC by providing focused supports as well as workforce and transfer preparation.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.06</p>
<p><b><u>Suttons Bay Public School</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the Band Program to repair current equipment and purchase new instruments to allow students who cannot afford them to borrow and participate.</p>	<p>\$ 3,000.00</p>

<p><b><u>Traverse City Area Public Schools</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the Students in Transition Empowerment Program (STEP). This free program helps remove barriers that homelessness puts up for students and their families.</p>	<p>\$ 25,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Acme Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards Mt. Holiday's summer ground work initiative and implementation of new lighting systems on the eastern most ski runs to be able to continue to provide affordable four-season recreation activities for families.</p>	<p>\$ 4,232.73</p>
<p><b><u>Benzie County</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards Benzie County Senior Resources Fresh Produce Bag program. They give food insecure seniors bags of fresh produce including vegetables, fruit and dairy to help seniors gain access to healthy food.</p>	<p>\$ 5,000.00</p>
<p><b><u>Benzie Conservation District</u></b></p> <p>Funding to support the current field season by improving office technology, CPR training, updating first aid kits and life jackets.</p>	<p>\$ 2,034.00</p>
<p><b><u>East Jordan Fire Department</u></b></p> <p>Funding to purchase a PPE washer and dryer to improve firefighter health and safety. They will be able to now properly clean and maintain their gear in the station.</p>	<p>\$ 9,860.79</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for the Sherriff's Office to replace outdated/discontinued AED devices in patrol units. These devices allow deputies to have confidence that if a medical emergency arises, they will be able to effectively assist.</p>	<p>\$ 6,331.21</p>

<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding to support Harm Reduction Michigan to provide peer recovery support services to clients with substance abuse disorders. Specifically, to hire 2 part time coaches and to fund intakes, brief intervention and referral services, and purchase naloxone vending machines.</p>	<p>\$ 17,466.10</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Safe Haven program to continue to provide safety and security to children and at-risk parents in situations of domestic violence and high conflict by providing supervised visits for parents who require supervision.</p>	<p>\$ 12,466.11</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Community Corrections to purchase BATA and Antrim County bus passes. These passes will be used to help remove transportation barriers for those involved in the justice system, thus allowing them to fulfill court obligations.</p>	<p>\$ 5,750.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding for TART Trails for the Recycle-A-Bicycle program, which provides critical non-motorized transportation to economically disadvantaged individuals and families, as well as those experiencing homelessness by refurbishing old bicycle.</p>	<p>\$ 5,500.00</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards Reining Liberty Ranch and their equine therapy program. They serve veterans who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI), display social avoidance or general discomfort with life as a whole after their military service and help them reintegrate into society.</p>	<p>\$ 8,990.40</p>
<p><b><u>Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards Reining Liberty Ranch and their new miniature horse mobile outreach therapy program. They serve veterans who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI), display social avoidance or general discomfort with life as a whole after their military service and help them reintegrate into society.</p>	<p>\$ 4,950.21</p>

<p><b><u>Charlevoix Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding to Lake Charlevoix EMS Authority to replace, update and maintain EMS equipment specifically a new LifePak cardiac monitor, battery charging stations, a Stryker MTS power load stretcher and infusion pumps. This equipment will allow EMS staff to reduce staff injuries and provide the highest level of life saving care to patients.</p>	<p>\$ 8,285.71</p>
<p><b><u>Leelanau County Board of Commissioners</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the Equalization Department to replace an old large format printer. This is the only large format printer in the county government and law enforcement center. This printer is used to provide document support for county needs and public print requests.</p>	<p>\$ 8,232.00</p>
<p><b><u>Leelanau County Fire Chief's Association</u></b></p> <p>Funding to purchase new updated training props and equipment to facilitate training for all departments in the county. This will allow firefighter to meet the state training certification requirements.</p>	<p>\$ 34,932.21</p>
<p><b><u>Star Township</u></b></p> <p>Funding towards the Elder's Advisory Committee for elders with emergency needs within GTB's 6-county service area.</p>	<p>\$ 60,802.00</p>
<p><b><u>Whitewater Township Fire Department</u></b></p> <p>Funding to purchase a new multi gas monitor, which will allow firefighters to quickly and efficiently check for hazardous environmental conditions.</p>	<p>\$ 1,692.00</p>
<p><b>Total 2% Distribution for First-Half 2022</b></p>	<p><b>\$ 605,175.53</b></p>