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THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND ANNOUNCES \$958,867.88 IN LOCAL 2% FUNDS

Organizations Receive Funds via Tribe's Twice Per Year 2 Percent Allocation

PESHAWBESTOWN, MICHIGAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011 -- The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of \$958,867.88 of gaming revenue allocation to local units of government. The dollars have been allocated to 58 local applicants as a 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 1st and March 31st of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31st and January 31st 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 \$28,195,952.44 to hundreds of 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..."

On January 25, 2012, the Tribal Council voted to determine which organizations would receive allocations. Of the 100 applications received, totaling \$3,040,951.44 in requests, the Council awarded 58 applicants for a total of \$958,867.88.

The Grand Traverse Band will announce its first 2012 2 Percent allocation in July.

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.

(See attached award list)

Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Antrim County	Prisoner bed contract with Antrim County Government to Government.	\$ 12,775.00
Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Benzie County	Prisoner bed contract with Benzie County Government to Government.	\$ 19,162.50
Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Charlevoix County	Prisoner bed contract with Charlevoix County Government to Government.	\$ 12,775.00
Gov't to Gov't Agreement - Leelanau County	Prisoner bed contract with Leelanau County Government to Government.	\$ 63,875.00
Acme Township	Funding for work to be performed by the Watershed Center for the purpose of implementing an E.Coli testing program between the summer 2012.	\$ 4,480.00
Acme Township	Funding to 1) provide general community services; 2) to help support community planning initiatives occurring in 2012, including revisions of the Township Master.	\$ 20,000.00
Alba School	Funding for the "Technology Onward" grant to support increased MEAP and NWEA scores as stated in the School Improvement Plan for 2012.	\$ 2,220.05
Benzonia Township	Funding to provide year-round sports activities and educational tours through Inland Seas Education for all Special Olympics Athletes.	\$ 5,000.00
Benzonia Township	Funding for Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) for the purpose of the food pantry.	\$ 7,500.00
Boyne City Public Schools	Funding for the development and enhancement of the physical education program at Boyne City Public Schools in Boyne City.	\$ 20,435.00
Charlevoix County Sherriff's Office	Funding for two projects: 1) purchase of tasers and necessary air cartridges, which, studies have shown reduces liability to the county, causes less potential injuries to suspects and reduces officer injuries, giving the overall result of a safer community; and 2) purchase of car seats for the children's car safety program.	\$ 15,000.00
Charlevoix Public Schools Title VII Program	Funding for the Indian Education Program.	\$ 11,500.00
Charter Township of Garfield	Funding for "Michael's Place" which provides grief support programs, services, and resources to children, teens, and adults.	\$ 10,000.00
Charter Township of Garfield	Funding will be used through a partnership with the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA to build the 1st phase of a health and recreation complex.	\$ 10,000.00
Chestonia Township	Funding for the Elders Advisory Organization (EAO) to oversee the health, safety and welfare concerns of the EAO, specifically for 30 heaters, 30 d-humidifiers, 30 air conditioners, transportation costs, building rent, utilities, office supplies and postage.	\$ 30,000.00
City of Boyne City	Funding for the Boyne Area Free Clinic for the "Boyne Area Free Clinic Patient Testing and Project Fundraising Program."	\$ 28,888.10
City of Boyne City	Funding so the city can create a new sidewalk/pathway along the South M-75 highway between the public school property and the city's industrial business park.	\$ 10,000.00

City of Charlevoix	Funding for "Colorado Challenge" which is a weeklong outdoor adventure camp created to benefit teens coming from underprivileged homes.	\$ 2,218.45
City of Charlevoix	Funding for Third Day Fellowship and Outreach, which is an organization that assists the less fortunate who are in need of food, lodging, utility or other benevolence issues.	\$ 3,400.00
City of Charlevoix	Funding to complete an 18-hole disc golf course at Mt. McSauba.	\$ 15,395.00
City of Traverse City	Funding for History Center of Traverse City for the "Anishinaabek Outreach" program, in collaboration with the Eyaawing Museum and Culture Center to 1) expand Anishinaabek exhibits and provide for events to take place; and 2) Trolley tours.	\$ 15,000.00
East Jordan Public Schools Title VII Indian Education Program	Funding to support and enhance academic and cultural services to Native American students and families in the East Jordan School District.	\$ 9,000.00
Elk Rapids Schools	Funding to cover transportation costs for all middle and high school athletic teams to and from their away games.	\$ 3,000.00
Elk Rapids Township	Funding for the Historic Town Hall for needed renovations, including a climate control system.	\$ 4,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan in order to continue to provide abstinence-based educational programming.	\$ 13,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the American Red Cross of NW Michigan to continue the SEEDS program to ensure afterschool training programs continue for students at no cost.	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Land Information Access Association for the Fresh Food Partnership program to propose an innovative, new program called "Better Food for Better Health" to help people in poverty with debilitating health problems, to greatly improve their long-term health prospects by providing medical care, counseling and education, as well as reliable access to high-quality fresh foods for patient and family to ultimately fight diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and obesity.	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for Charity Hill Ranch-Peninsula Project. This project will partner with North Community Mental Health/Disability Network and local veteran's groups and Charity Hill to begin a pilot program at the Peninsula Project Indoor Arena for a no cost program for the veterans.	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Grand Traverse Dyslexia Association, which provides one-on-one tutorial instruction for dyslexia using the Orton-Gillingham teaching method.	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Child and Family Services of NW MI, specifically for the "Elements: Life Skills/Independent Living Program" which provides independent living preparation services to youth starting at age 14 until they transition out of the foster care system at the age of 18 or 19.	\$ 15,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Acme Christian Thrift Store and Pantry. Funding would be used to purchase food for the food pantry through local food sources.	\$ 2,895.24

Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for TART Trail's "Recycle-A-Bicycle Program" which is a program that donates bicycles to recipients through applications submitted by a sponsor, case worker and/or social worker.	\$ 6,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for United Way of NW MI for NW MI 2-1-1 Partnership, which is a program that helps people in need connect more efficiently to needed services through a centralized information and referral hotline of social service providers.	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of NW MI, which is a program that is designed to address the needs of community youth by building the developmental assets they need in order to become more caring, confident, and competent young adults.	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for Angel Foundation DBA AngelWorks which is a program established to make quality childcare available to low-income families within the Grand Traverse region.	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Traverse Health Clinic to upgrade computers that will be used for the Traverse Health Clinic.	\$ 11,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Office/Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center to provide skillful coordination of services offered by the multi-disciplinary team regarding child abuse.	\$ 23,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) to complete over 60 priority projects on a dozen watersheds in 2012.	\$ 20,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Goodwill Inn Homeless Shelter to fund critical aspects of the housing program that assist the homeless neighbors in need.	\$ 33,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the NW MI Community Action Agency to provide meals via the "Meals on Wheels" program.	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Food Rescue of NW MI, Inc., which is a program that collects soon-to-expire fresh food and redistribute it, same-day, and free-of-charge, to our neighbors in need.	\$ 30,000.00
Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners	Funding for the Father Fred Foundation for the utility assistance shut-off program.	\$ 38,758.78
Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department	Funding for the purchase of block cribbing to be used on motor vehicle accidents, structural collapse incidents, and industrial/agricultural emergencies.	\$ 12,075.30
Hayes Township	Funding for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool to provide affordable fees, accessibility for all ages and disabilities, multiple aquatic exercise and rehabilitation programs, employment, and a commitment to safety.	\$ 9,943.26
Leelanau County	Funding for "Project Unity for Life" which is a 501c3 organization that provides in-reach and out-reach services to men and women incarcerated, paroled, on probation, or released from local jails and Michigan prisons through the "free at last" program.	\$ 20,000.00
Leelanau Township	Funding to purchase a mechanical chest compression device, which would better enable the best chance of survival for patients from cardiac arrest.	\$ 12,904.40

Mancelona Public Schools	Funding to purchase projectors, projector carts, document cameras, cables, and digital cameras - all equipment for the students of Mancelona Public School.	\$ 9,886.52
Suttons Bay Public School	Funding for the "First Robotics Competition" which engages students in challenging project where they build a robot that competes against robots from other schools in a structured competition.	\$ 3,000.00
St. James Township	Funding to help in starting the first part of exterior brickwork repair for the rapidly deteriorating St. James Harbor Light tower, which was completed in 1870.	\$ 10,000.00
Suttons Bay Bingham Fire & Rescue	Funding for the purchase of a fire pumper/taker, which is an essential apparatus for fire operations.	\$ 55,000.00
Suttons Bay Public School	Funding toward the school's deficit.	\$ 150,280.28
Suttons Bay Public School	Funding for the Anishinaabemowin program, which will provide compliance with the required two-year level proficiency Michigan high schools must begin by 2014.	\$ 30,000.00
Suttons Bay Township	Funding for Leelanau Christian Neighbors (LCN) to provide food assistance to low-income/minimum wage or seasonal working individual/families.	\$ 14,500.00
Traverse Bay Intermediate School District	Funding for the Grand Traverse Area Catholic School to continue the implementation of the "Life Balance Initiative" in the Grand Traverse Region.	\$ 4,000.00
Traverse Bay Intermediate School District	Funding for the Junior Achievement program, which provides financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship education to nearly 4,000 TBAISD students in approximately 200 classes or after-school programs.	\$ 8,000.00
Traverse City Area Public Schools	Funding for the FIRST Robotics Competition, which challenges high school students, working with professional mentors, to design and build a robot to compete in competitions that measure the effectiveness of each robot and the power of collaboration and the determination of students.	\$ 3,000.00
Traverse City Fire Department	Seeking funding to purchase two portable "Lucas Chest Compression Systems" which will replace manual cardio pulmonary resuscitation with automated, consistent, and uninterrupted chest compressions.	\$ 15,000.00
Whitewater Township	Funding to purchase two Lucas Chest Compression Systems, with power supply to be used by the fire and emergency personnel and new and backup ambulance.	\$ 15,000.00

Total 2% Awards 2nd half 2011

\$ 958,867.88