

2014 fall 2 percent short-term applications reviewed



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Director Morrow and myself have recently reviewed 2014 fall two percent short-term applications.

Under the current agreement with the State of Michigan for gaming revenue sharing, two percent of the tribe's gaming revenue is set aside and distributed to local units of governments in the

fall and spring cycles.

The amount allocated to various projects throughout the Unit IV area was \$58,594.

All five units received the same amount to distribute, unfortunately, because our five casino revenues are declining, there is not enough funding to do all the projects.

The projects are awarded funding based on a number of factors — the availability of funds at the end of each cycle, project merit and the potential benefit to the tribe as well as governmental communities. There may be other factors to consider like sustainability of the project.

Following are some of the projects and activities funded: Provided funding to eight Unit IV schools Title VII Indian Education, tutoring services and space, educational/cultural projects, community feast meals, cultural classes, Native American presenters, guest

speakers, field trips, after school academic services, local youth drum, expansion of school activities, promote parent involvement, provide positive role models, assist students in applying for jobs and job placement, college days and career planning, summer programs, Before the Bell Program, after school tutoring, student support services, learning traditional values, cultural assemblies, Anishinaabe language lessons, community meeting space, support community activities, purchase educational and cultural supplies, during and after school activities, honorariums for community teachers/elders, regalia making, lodging/travel for presenters, teaching the seven grandfathers, funding cultural advisors, after school snacks, Christmas baskets, ice skating activities, exercise/recreation activities, community gatherings, elder meetings/gatherings and space for social services programs.

This is just a partial listing of some of the projects funded by two percent.

Two percent applications must be received no later than March 31 in order to be considered for the spring cycle. If interested, call Candace Blocher at (906) 635-6050.

LIHEAP – The ACFS heating assistance program still has funding available for household fuel.

Please call Viola Neadow at 341-6993 or (800) 347-7137 or Heidi Cotey at 387-3906 or stop into any tribal center for an application.

The Elders Heating Assistance Program will open on Jan. 2, 2015. This program is for elders age 60 and up.

To receive an application or to find out if you qualify for the program, call Viola or Heidi at the above telephone numbers.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services is still recruiting tribal foster homes.

If you are interested or want more information on becoming foster parents, please call the Sault office at (800) 726-0093.

Tribal membership roll closure – 90 day suspension: There was no action on this resolution, it was asked by the sponsor to have a discussion at a board workshop in the future. Will update you in my next report.

At the time of this unit report, we still have not completed our remaining budget reviews. Another FY 2015 budget review has been scheduled for tomorrow, Dec. 8. Hopefully the whole board will be in attendance to review the budgets and give and get input from executive staff.

I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Thank you for all your calls, emails and support.

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