

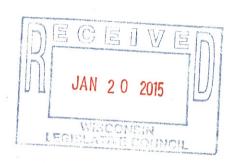
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The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor Assembly Chief Clerk Senate Chief Clerk Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations State Capitol Madison, WI 53702



Dear Governor Walker and Members:

Pursuant to section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Department of Justice is required to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter serves as our report.

Wis. Stat. § 165.90 requires counties and tribes to develop joint program plans. The Department requires plans to include resolutions of support for the plan adopted by county boards and tribal governing bodies to signify cooperation and mutual commitment.

This program pays for a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of personnel, such as patrol officers, dispatch staff, officer overtime and a School Liaison Officer. Funds were also used to provide vital law enforcement equipment such as in-squad computers and other squad equipment, law enforcement vehicles, items for community education events, cultural awareness training, taser body cameras, and gasoline for vehicles. This funding plays an important role in building stronger relationships between the agencies and in closing the gap between community members and the Sheriff's Department.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2015, was \$631,200. Grant funds come from tribal gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2015, the Department issued 19 awards totaling \$631,200. These awards were made in the following amounts:

COUNTY	TRIBE	CY2015 AWARD
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$49,755
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$13,917
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$49,335
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$36,444
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$14,740
Forest	Potawatomi	\$34,663
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$30,009
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$27,625
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$30,764
Menominee	Menominee	\$68,724
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$22,496
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$32,075
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$15,706
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$26,188
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	a \$58,508
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$16,432
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohicar	s \$36,602
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$49,190
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$18,027
TOTAL		\$631,200

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource valued by local law enforcement to provide public safety services in Native American communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. I am pleased to share information regarding this important program with you.

Very truly yours,

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