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The Honorable James E. Doyle, Governor  
Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature  
Members of the Legislative Council Committee on State-Tribal Relations  
State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Doyle and Members:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

For fifteen years, the Department has awarded grants for cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs. The statutes require 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 Indian communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K-9 units, law enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, water rescue and other emergency equipment. Several grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, while most generally help pay for services provided by county sheriffs to Indian reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2004 was \$708,400, the same as the prior year's funding. Grant moneys come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2004, the Department issued 16 awards totaling \$708,400. These awards were in the following amounts:

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<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>TRIBE</u>	<u>2004 AWARD</u>
Ashland	Bad River	\$57,855
Bayfield	Red Cliff	\$68,312
Brown	Oneida	\$27,395
Forest	Sokaogon	\$36,054
Forest	Potawatomi	\$45,490
Jackson	Ho Chunk	\$35,289
Juneau	Ho Chunk	\$43,440
Menominee	Menominee	\$51,964
Monroe	Ho Chunk	\$25,897
Outagamie	Oneida	\$27,743
Polk	St. Croix	\$23,409
Sauk	Ho Chunk	\$26,573
Sawyer	Lac Courtes Oreilles	\$80,096
Shawano	Stockbridge	\$63,476
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau	\$74,622
Wood	Ho Chunk	<u>\$20,785</u>
TOTAL		\$708,400

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed services in Indian communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. Departmental staff is available to discuss this report and this important program.

Sincerely,

  
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