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VIA INTERDEPARTMENTAL MAIL

The Honorable Tony Evers Governor of Wisconsin 115 East, State Capitol

The Honorable Jeffrey Mursau Chairman, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations 113 West, State Capitol

Mr. Jeff Renk Senate Chief Clerk B20 South East, State Capitol

Mr. Patrick Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk Suite 401, Risser Justice Center

Re: Report of County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

Dear Governor Evers, Representative Mursau, Assembly Chief Clerk Fuller, and Senate Chief Clerk Renk:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 165.90(5), 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.

The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Program provides funding to counties and tribes for law enforcement operations. To be eligible for funding, a county and tribe must develop and submit a joint program plan. This plan includes resolutions of support adopted by both the county board and tribal governing body, signifying cooperation and mutual commitment. This joint planning process plays an important role in building stronger relationships between community members and law enforcement.

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The grants awarded as a result of the joint planning process provide vital funding for a variety of law enforcement services in predominantly Native American communities across Wisconsin. Funds are used for the costs of personnel, including patrol officers, dispatch staff, and officer overtime. Funds are also used to provide law enforcement tools including vehicles, vests, and communication equipment. Lastly, funds are utilized to provide law enforcement training.

The grants awarded through this program, appropriated in the biennial budget, are supported by tribal gaming receipts. The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2020, was \$631,200. For the Calendar Year 2020 funding cycle the department issued 19 awards:

County	Tribe	CY2020 Award
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$47,306
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$14,904
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$48,895
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$34,687
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$20,715
Iron	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$56,501
Forest	Potawatomi	\$36,110
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$37,069
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$25,026
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$29,578
Menominee	Menominee	\$71,246
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$20,943
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$31,313
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$19,461
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,684
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$50,099
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$19,264
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$30,362
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$17,037
	Total:	\$631,200

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The County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to be a valuable resource for assisting local law enforcement in providing public safety services in predominantly Native American communities. If you have any questions about this program please contact Mark Snider, Bureau of Budget and Finance, directly at (608) 266-5377.

Sincerely,

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