

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Honorable Tony Evers, Governor of Wisconsin (c/o email <u>zach.madden@wisconsin.gov</u>; <u>amanda.tomten1@wisconsin.gov</u>)

Honorable Jeffrey Mursau, Assembly Representative Chairman, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations <u>rep.mursau@legis.wisconsin.gov</u>

Michael Queensland, Senate Chief Clerk (c/o email <u>erin.gillitzer@legis.wisconsin.gov</u>)

Ted Blazel, Assembly Chief Clerk (c/o email julie.martyn@legis.wisconsin.gov)

Re: Annual Report of County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

Dear Governor Evers, Representative Mursau, Chief Clerk Queensland, and Chief Clerk Blazel:

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, and in closing the gap between community members and law enforcement. The Honorable Tony Evers, et al January 11, 2022 Page 2

The grants awarded because 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 offices with continuing training to better serve these communities.

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 2022, was \$631,200. For the Calendar Year 2022 funding cycle the department issued 19 awards:

County	Tribe	CY2022 Award
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$44,109
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$18,188
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$40,896
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$33,241
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$26,615
Iron	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$58,794
Forest	Potawatomi	\$37,155
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$35,473
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$24,540
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$29,780
Menominee	Menominee	\$72,146
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,540
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$30,321
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$20,402
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,308
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$48,887
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$19,815
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$25,810
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$18,180
	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 Sabrina Gentile, Bureau of Justice Programs, directly at (608) 287-4310.

Sincerely,

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