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Re: Annual Report of County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

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

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 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 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 2023, was \$631,200. For the Calendar Year 2023 funding cycle the department issued 19 awards:

<b>County</b>	<b>Tribe</b>	<b>CY2023 Award</b>
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$40,420
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$18,509
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$38,747
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$32,350
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$25,030
Forest	Potawatomi	\$41,947
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$36,042
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$25,832
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$31,175
Menominee	Menominee	\$79,713
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,368
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$30,403
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$21,486
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$22,670
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$49,860
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$19,943
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$24,060
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$49,122
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$20,523
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$631,200</b>

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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