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Re: Annual Report of County-Tribal Law Enforcement Programs

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

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 helping to build stronger relationships between community members and law enforcement.

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 such as vehicles, vests, and communication equipment. Lastly, funds are utilized to provide offices with training to better serve these communities.

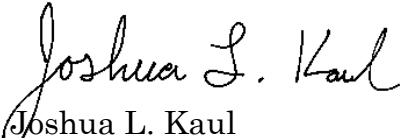
The grants awarded through this program, appropriated in the biennial budget, are supported by tribal gaming receipts. The amount appropriated for the program in State fiscal year 2024 was \$631,200. For the calendar year 2024 funding cycle, the department issued 19 awards, as depicted in the chart below:

County	Tribe	CY2024 Award
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$39,925
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$18,619
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$37,388
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$31,916
Burnett	St. Croix Chippewa	\$25,585
Forest	Potawatomi	\$42,534
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$33,786
Jackson	Ho-Chunk Nation	\$25,196
Juneau	Ho-Chunk Nation	\$31,496
Menominee	Menominee	\$81,834
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$24,510
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$30,205
Polk	St. Croix Chippewa	\$21,521
Sauk	Ho-Chunk Nation	\$24,316
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$49,586
Shawano	Ho-Chunk Nation	\$20,599
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$22,111
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$47,247
Wood	Ho-Chunk Nation	\$22,826
	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, at (608) 287-4310.

Sincerely,


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