



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution approving 2018 Video Gaming revenue grant funding recommendations in the amount of \$554,230.

- On August 13, 2013, the Lake County Board adopted the Lake County Video Gaming Ordinance, thereby permitting lawful video gaming within unincorporated areas of Lake County.
- In September 2016, Lake County Board approved the Video Gaming Revenue policy that outlined procedures for: 1. capturing video gaming administrative, legal, and enforcement costs; and 2. evaluating and possibly funding social programs, projects (excluding capital improvements), and/or services that benefit Lake County residents.
- Under this policy, Community Development administers and manages the awarded monies from the Video Gaming Management Center consistent with the already-established process used for Community Development Block Grants and Emergency Solutions Grants.
- Based on Lake County Board Policy, application scoring includes up to 60 points distributed based on the following priorities: 1. assessment, education and outreach for gambling addiction (60 pts.); 2. clinical gambling addiction services (45 pts.); 3. non-clinical gambling addiction services (30 pts.); and 4. other behavioral health services (15 pts.).
- In September 2017, Community Development received letters of intent for Video Gaming funds totaling \$1,013,500 for \$554,230 in available funds.
- On March 14, 2018, the Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) voted unanimously to recommend approval of 11 of the 16 applicants. Seven of the 11 recommended grant recipients were approved for 100 percent of their grant request. Following are each of the 11 approved grants:
 - \$75,000 to Nicasa for gambling education and outreach;
 - \$75,000 to Nicasa for clinical therapeutic services for gambling addicts;
 - \$4,000 to Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Northern Illinois to provide financial counseling to families negatively affected by gambling; and
 - multiple grants to increase the capacity of behavioral health service providers in Lake County: Community Youth Network (\$50,000); Catholic Charities (\$50,000); Lake County Health Department (\$120,000); A Safe Place (\$40,000); Erie Family Health (\$30,000); Youth Conservation Corps (\$35,000); Arden Shore Child and Family Services (\$65,230); and Fenix Family Health Center (\$10,000).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40) establishes a 30 percent tax on gross terminal revenue, of which one-sixth is distributed to the governing body where the revenue was generated; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2013, the Lake County Board adopted the Lake County Video Gaming Ordinance, thereby permitting lawful video gaming within unincorporated areas of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016, the Lake County Board adopted the Video Gaming Revenue Policy to standardize the reinvestment of video gaming revenue in services to help residents who

suffer from gambling addiction and other forms of substance abuse which is a prevalent behavioral health issue.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Lake County Housing and Community Development Commission (HCDC) reviewed recommendations by its Public Services Advisory and Recommendation Committee (ARC) and recommended reinvestment of \$554,230 in Video Gaming Revenue into gambling addiction and capacity-building grants to behavioral health service agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Video Gaming revenue grants recommended for 2018 be approved.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on this 10th day of April, 2018.