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## Nisqually Indian Tribe and Red Wind Casino Award Over \$1.9 Million to Support Local Agencies and Nonprofits in 2024

Olympia, Wash. – The Nisqually Indian Tribe has announced the distribution of more than \$1.9 million in operational funding to over 150 local agencies and organizations through its 2024 Charitable and Local Government Program. This significant contribution highlights the tribe’s unwavering commitment to fostering the well-being of its surrounding community.

Each year, the Nisqually Tribe allocates a portion of its gaming revenues generated from the Nisqually Red Wind Casino to nonprofit organizations, scholarship programs, and community groups. These funds are awarded through a competitive application process, ensuring they reach organizations that deliver critical services and resources.

The program focuses on supporting 501(c)(3) organization in areas such as public safety, children’s services, community health, cultural preservation, veterans’ support, and environmental conservation. By prioritizing these sectors, the Nisqually Tribe strengthens the foundation of local communities and ensures future generations benefit from enhanced support systems.

Over the past six years, the tribe has awarded over \$10 million to local charities and organizations by way of this program, including more than \$1.9 million this year alone—a record-breaking total.

“This year’s total contributions reached an all-time high,” said Ken Choke, Chairman of the Nisqually Indian Tribe. “The grant recipients exemplify the values of service and dedication, and we are proud to support their efforts.”

One of this year’s grant recipients is All Kids Win, a nonprofit that provides weekend food for students in Thurston County who might otherwise go hungry. The organization serves 1,122 students across 49 schools, including middle and high schools in North Thurston, Tumwater, and Olympia, as well as K-8 students at Wa He Lut Indian School and K-12 students in Tenino, Rainier, Yelm, and Rochester.

“We are on track to deliver just under 34,000 weekend food bags by the end of the 2025 school year,” said Matthew Klifman, Board Chair Elect for All Kids Win. “Every dollar goes to food and operating costs, and generous grants like this ensure our volunteers can continue making a tangible difference in students’ lives.”

The Nisqually Tribe's Charitable and Local Government Program is a testament to the power of collaboration and shared resources in creating a brighter future for communities. Through these strategic investments, the tribe continues to make a profound impact, enhancing the lives of families and neighbors across the region.

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#### **About the Nisqually Indian Tribe**

Located along the Nisqually River in Thurston County, WA, The Nisqually Indian Tribe is made up of more than 800 members. The tribe has a long history of fostering partnerships that benefit local communities. Through its Charitable and Local Government Program, the tribe invests in organizations that promote health, safety, education, and cultural preservation, helping to build a stronger future for all. For more information, visit [www.nisqually-nsn.gov](http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov).

#### **About the Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation**

Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC) is a board-lead organization responsible for managing the business affairs of Nisqually Tribal Corporations, whose vision is to create a strong and sustainable economy for the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Current enterprises include Nisqually Construction Services, Nisqually Markets, Nisqually Post & Print, Nisqually Advertising, and the Nisqually Red Wind Casino. For more information about Medicine Creek Enterprise Corporation (MCEC), visit [www.mc-ec.org](http://www.mc-ec.org).

#### **About the Nisqually Red Wind Casino**

The Nisqually Red Wind Casino is the South Sound's premier destination for gaming, dining, and entertainment. Featuring a 46,000-square-foot gaming floor, the casino offers over 1,650 slot machines, Keno, Sports Betting, and a wide array of table games. Guests can enjoy diverse dining options, ranging from casual eats at the Medicine Creek Deli to fine dining at the award-winning River Water Bar & Grille. Other notable venues include Pealo's Bar, Coho Sports Lounge, and The Delta, a newly added Quick Service Food Hall with Italian, Asian, Tex-Mex, and Coffee/Ice Cream.

More than a gaming destination, the Nisqually Red Wind Casino celebrates community and culture. Its architecture reflects the design of a traditional native longhouse, honoring the rich heritage of the Nisqually Tribe. From its décor to its hospitality, the casino embodies a deep connection to the local community and tribal presence.

For more information, visit [www.redwindcasino.com](http://www.redwindcasino.com).

A full list of 2024 funding recipients follows.