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FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board • 315 West Green Street • Marshall, MI 49068

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FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board Distributes \$187,875

(Marshall, Mich.) FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board distributed funds this morning to local organizations totaling \$187,875.

“The Local Revenue Sharing Board is thrilled to allocate these funds to these deserving organizations,” commented Ken Tsuchiyama, Battle Creek city manager and Local Revenue Sharing Board chair. “The board received 24 applications totaling more than \$1.2 million in requests, and so we needed to take the time to examine how each proposal met the board’s criteria of need; breadth of impact, especially impact on youth; and collaboration. All applications met one or more of the criteria, but we needed to determine which ones best met the criteria to benefit our community.”

As part of its negotiated compact with the state of Michigan, FireKeepers Casino Hotel, owned and operated by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, makes local revenue sharing payments to the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board, who defines how tribal payments are made to local governments. Per the compact, the tribe makes payments equal to 2% of the annual net winnings from electronic games in order to provide resources to units of government that are located in the immediate vicinity of the tribal casino or those otherwise directly impacted by the operation of the casino.

The FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board consists of six representatives, one from each of the following entities: Calhoun County, Emmett Township, the City of Battle Creek, the City of Marshall, Athens Township, and a representative from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. All disbursements of funds require a unanimous vote of the representatives.

May 10, 2013 Local Revenue Sharing Distributions:

Albion Brownfield Development Authority - Bohm Theatre Project: \$7,500.00

City of Albion - Parks & Recreation programs for children 4 – 14: \$14,500.00

Athens Village - Library Improvement Project: \$4,875.00

Athens Village - Mill Race Project: \$15,000.00

Calhoun County – Trailway Project: \$75,000.00

Calhoun County - 10th District Court - Sobriety and Veterans' Courts: \$20,000.00

Kellogg Community College - Student Scholarships: \$20,000.00

Marshall Public Schools - Science Tech., Engin. & Mathematics (STEM) project with Albion Schools: \$28,000.00

Village of Tekonsha - Sidewalk Enhancement Project: \$3,000.00

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