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Tribal Gaming Contributions Help Communities

To learn about Washington State Tribes' contributions of gaming dollars to communities, charities and other programs, join us [January 15, 2016, at the Commission meeting in Olympia](#).

22 Washington State tribes operate a total of 28 casinos in the state. Each of these tribes has agreed, in their tribal-state gaming compacts, to set aside a portion of certain gaming monies to help charities and local communities. Did you know...

- 0.5% of machine gaming net receipts are contributed to nonprofit or charitable organizations?
- Up to 2% of table game net receipts are paid to governmental agencies impacted by casinos?
- 0.13% of machine gaming net receipts go toward smoking cessation programs?
- 0.13% of Class III net receipts go toward problem gambling programs?

To find out exactly how much money is contributed, join us this [Friday, January 15, 2016](#), for staff's presentation "Tribal State Compact Tribal Contributions" to the Commissioners; you will have the opportunity to ask questions. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can access the presentation on our website Tuesday January 19, 2016, with the [January public meeting information](#).

Invitation to Reporters - Come See What We Do:

- **Agent Ride-along:** See how we regulate and enforce gambling laws across the state.
- **Tour our forensics labs** in Spokane or Lacey. This is an opportunity to see state-of-the-art equipment and discuss protocols used by our forensic experts to examine a wide array of electronic and media storage devices.
- **Learn** how our criminal investigations protect the public.
- **See** how we test gaming machines for compliance in our Electronic Gambling Lab in Lacey.

About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners for a single six-year term. The Commission holds [public meetings](#) once a month to discuss administrative issues and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#).

To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

Mission: Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.