

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**  
**INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE**

**GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- I. The Committee will formally release grant applications on or about February 22, 2013.
- II. Applications may be obtained from: County Executive Office website at <http://www.countyofsb.org/ceo/> or in person in the County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 406, Santa Barbara or at the Solvang Branch Library, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang.
- III. Eligible jurisdictions completed application(s), shall be received by **5:00PM on Friday, March 15, 2013** at:

County of Santa Barbara  
County Executive Office  
Attn: Dennis Bozanich  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 406  
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

To be considered for funding, applications shall be complete and shall include the signature of an authorized representative of the City, County or Special District.

- IV. The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (“Tribe”) will conduct their review of the application(s) and determine if a reasonable relationship to casino impacts exists. The Tribe is responsible for sponsoring applications that satisfies at least one of the priorities identified in SB 621 (Government Code § 12715 (g)). The Tribe will forward a list of sponsored applications to the Committee staff by Monday, April 4, 2013.
- V. Grant applicants selected for sponsorship are scheduled to make oral presentations at the Committee meeting tentatively scheduled on April 19, 2013.
- VI. The Committee is scheduled to make award decisions at its meeting tentatively scheduled for May 10, 2013.
- VII. A list of the grant projects approved for funding will be compiled and shall be transmitted to the State Controller by no later than May 31, 2013.
- VIII. The State Controller will disburse funds directly to the local government jurisdiction for which the Community Benefit Committee has approved a grant.

**Additional Information**

The amount of grant funding available for allocation is \$735,752.40. Of the total amount received, 60% (\$442,051.44) is available to Cities and Counties for nexus grants based on the nexus grant test described below. The remaining 40% (\$294,700.96) is available to Cities, Counties, and Special Districts for discretionary grants.

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**Nexus Grants (Government Code Section 12715 (c))**

- I. Sixty percent (60%) of each Individual Tribal Casino Account is available for nexus grants to cities and counties impacted by Tribes that are paying into the Special Distribution Fund (SDF), based on a four-part nexus test. The nexus test is based on the geographical proximity of a local government jurisdiction to individual Indian lands upon which a Tribal casino is located, and is to determine priority for grants, using the following criteria:
- a. local government jurisdiction borders the Indian lands on all sides;
  - b. local government jurisdiction partially borders Indian lands;
  - c. local government jurisdiction maintains a highway, road, or other thoroughfare that is predominant access route to a casino that is located within 4 miles;
  - d. All or part of the local government jurisdiction is located within 4 miles of the casino.
    - Fifty percent (50%) shall be awarded to local government jurisdictions meeting all four of the nexus test criteria;
    - Thirty percent (30%) awarded to local government jurisdictions that meet three of the nexus test criteria;
    - Twenty percent (20%) awarded to local government jurisdictions that meet two of the nexus test criteria.

**Discretionary Grants (Government Code Section 12715 (d) and (e))**

- I. Twenty percent (20%) of each Individual Tribal Casino Account is available for discretionary grants to local jurisdictions impacted by tribes that are paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. These discretionary grants will be made available to all local jurisdictions (City, County, and Special Districts) in the County, irrespective of any nexus to impacts from any particular Tribal casino.
- II. Twenty percent (20%) of each Individual Tribal Casino Account is available for discretionary grants to local jurisdictions impacted by tribes that are not paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. These grants will be made available to local jurisdictions (City, County, Special Districts) in the County, irrespective of any nexus to impacts from any particular Tribal casino, and irrespective of whether the impacts presented are from a Tribal casino that is not paying into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. If an eligible county does not have a tribal casino operated by a tribe that does not pay into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund, the money available for discretionary grants under this subdivision shall be available for distribution pursuant to I.

**Special Notes:**

- I. A grant may not be made for any purpose that would support or fund, either directly or indirectly, any effort related to opposition or challenge of Indian gaming in the State, and, to the extent any awarded grant funds are used for any prohibited purpose by any local government, upon notice given to the County by any Tribe from whose Individual Tribal Casino Account the awarded grant went toward that prohibited use, the grant shall terminate immediately and any funds unspent shall be made available for qualified nexus grants.
- II. A local government jurisdiction that is a recipient of a grant from an Individual County Tribal Casino Account or a County Tribal Casino Account shall provide notice to the public, either through a slogan, signage, or other mechanism, stating that the local government project has received funding from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and further identifies the particular Individual Tribal Casino Account from which the grant was derived.