

South Malahat District Senior Council

Gaming Report – April 18, 2026

Our district has been awarded \$21,500.00 as our allotment from the Provincial Community Gaming Grant fund.

Recapping from the letter received, this is how the funding we have been awarded is to be used:

Program - Approved: \$21,500 - 4-H Program to assist with instruction, volunteers, supplies, facilities, and other costs essential to the direct delivery of the program.

To continue successfully applying for the Community Gaming Grant, we want to ensure we spend the complete allotment received from the Community Gaming Grant and ensure we do not carry too large of a balance year after year to demonstrate we do need this funding support. For the first time in awhile, the Community Gaming Grant branch did not flag any issues related with our 2026 grant application but did note we must keep a surplus of unrestricted funds below 50 per cent in order to continue being successful with grant applications in the future.

Our allotment of \$21,500 is 58.6% of the total requested by the district. I propose that all gaming requests received be fulfilled to 58.6% of the amount requested (ex. If \$1000 requested, \$586 would be available for use). Our ongoing applications for District Awards Night and safety training will also receive the same percent of fulfillment.

Last year we designated \$100 per club from the gaming funds as a donation to the Saanich Fairgrounds – totalling \$600 in 2025. As our gaming request was larger this year meaning the percent received is lower, and our District general funds are fairly healthy, I would suggest we issue a donation to the Saanich Fairgrounds from our general funds.

Each club will be contacted individually by email with their unique password to access their gaming allotment and reporting forms via the district website. Gaming Funds Report Forms must be completed to seek payment to vendor or reimbursement to club. The preferred method of reimbursement is directly to your vendor.

All requests for disbursement of 2026 gaming funds and requests for 2027 gaming funds must be submitted to the District Treasurer by September 30, 2026. No exceptions.

Submitted by,

Matthew Smith