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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – YAKAMA CARES**

TOPPENISH, Wa (February 10, 2018) – Each year, the excitement among the Legends Casino Hotel team builds in anticipation of the annual Yakama Cares grant distribution. It's time to invite area charitable organizations to apply. The Charitable Contributions fund called Yakama Cares distributes in each year in May or June, and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to submit applications now through March 31, 2018 for consideration.

In 2017, the Charitable Contributions Fund distributed more than \$507,272 to 200 area nonprofits. Grant recipients included schools, senior services, veteran services, food banks, shelters, and many more in Benton, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Adams, and Yakima counties.

The committee of five community members and Yakama Nation Legends Casino employees receives an average of 500 to 800 applications annually to evaluate. The applications undergo multiple rounds of cuts before the final selection. Charitable organizations whose service area lies within a 100-mile radius of the Legends Casino Hotel campus and address a youth/educational need, elder care and activities as well as medical benefit to the community receive priority consideration.

According to the committee, "We look for applications that not only fill a need but involve minimal overhead, and we're also reviewing the overall community needs in our effort to find programs where we can make a significant impact." The application can be accessed by scrolling to the bottom of our home page--[www.legendscasino.com](http://www.legendscasino.com)--where you'll find Additional Links then click Yakama Cares.

*Legends Casino Hotel is Your Place to Stay and Play. The Casino includes over 1,400 slot machines, 20 table games including craps and roulette, a poker room, Keno, a buffet restaurant, and gift shop. It is located just minutes off 1-82 and exit 50, one mile west of Toppenish. For more information: 1-877-7-COME-11 or [www.legendscasino.com](http://www.legendscasino.com). Legends Casino Hotel is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.*