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Lottery Proceeds Make a Difference for West Virginia

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Alan Larrick serves as the Director of the West Virginia Lottery. He was appointed to the position by Governor Jim Justice in January of 2017. During his tenure, the Lottery has seen an increase in both traditional and limited video lottery sales as well as the legalization of sports betting at West Virginia's four racetrack casinos and The Greenbrier.

Larrick, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from West Virginia University, has practiced law in Raleigh County, West Virginia for nearly four decades. He was partner at the law firm of Ragland and Larrick until he formed Larrick Law Offices in 1996.

Larrick was appointed to the Board of Directors of First State Bank and Trust in 1994 and subsequently served on the regional Board of Directors of City National Bank. He has also served on the Beckley YMCA Board of Directors.

In addition, Larrick has served as the President and Treasurer of the Raleigh County Bar Association and as President of the Raleigh County Chapter of the West Virginia Alumni Association.

The West Virginia Lottery began operations in 1986 with a single instant game called West Virginia Jackpot. This endeavor generated an estimated \$20 million for West Virginia's General Revenue Fund at the close of that first fiscal year. No one at that time could have imagined the impact the Lottery would make over the next three decades.

Today, the West Virginia Lottery produces more than \$1 billion in total sales annually from traditional lottery, keno, video lottery, limited video lottery and table games.

Total sales translated into more than \$477 million in proceeds in fiscal year 2017 that benefited a myriad of important programs and services that touch the lives of all West



Virginians. Those sales also produced \$567.5 million in paid prizes and commissions, and led to \$6.8 million in distributions to municipalities and counties in 2017. I am also proud to report that West Virginia Lottery sales will exceed the \$1 billion mark for the 16th consecutive year in fiscal year 2018, and the Lottery's annual operating costs will once again be under 2.9 percent.

The Lottery has generated nearly \$10 billion in gaming revenue since its creation, with the majority of those revenues going to improve education, the quality of life of our seniors and our tourism industry.

Our legislature and governors, past and present, have continuously made education a priority in allocating lottery proceeds. More than \$3 billion in West Virginia Lottery proceeds have been used to improve the educational experience of West Virginia students from pre-school through their college years.

These proceeds have made a significant impact on our schools by providing the financial backing for the State School Building Authority and for hundreds of millions of dollars in new school construction and renovations that have taken place in all 55 counties. Lottery proceeds also



help the Department of Education place new computers and upgrade technology in our classrooms, and support higher education and community and technical college improvement bonds that benefit all our state colleges and universities. Lottery proceeds have also helped more than 55,000 of our best and brightest students pursue a college education through the PROMISE Scholarship Program.

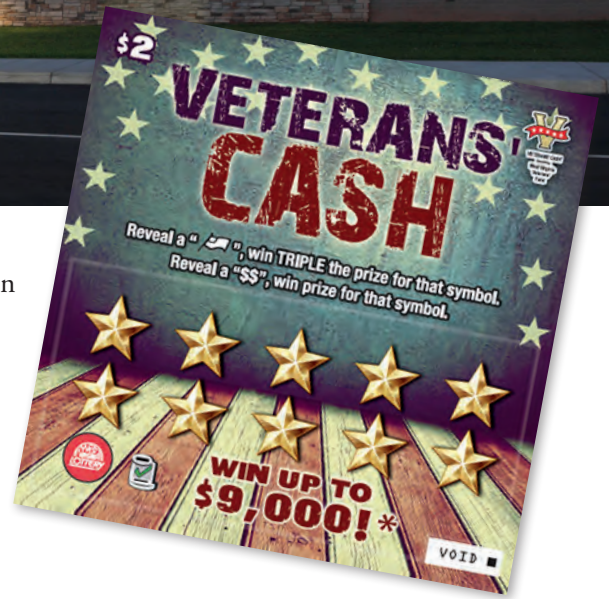
Lottery proceeds also improve the quality of life of West Virginia seniors. Lottery proceeds help the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services meet the nutritional, health and long-term care needs of tens of thousands of West Virginia senior citizens. Lottery dollars are used to help provide more than two million meals annually at county nutrition sites and homes across the state. The funding is also used for senior centers, transportation needs, caregiving, matching Medicaid funding for senior services and to fund a property tax credit for seniors. Overall, West Virginia seniors have benefited from an estimated \$1.3 billion in Lottery proceeds.

West Virginia's tourism industry and our State Parks system also benefit from Lottery proceeds. Each year, the West

Virginia Legislature directs millions of dollars to the Division of Tourism, the Department of Natural Resources and the State Park Improvement Fund. These tourism-related areas have benefited from more than \$1 billion in lottery proceeds since 1986.

West Virginia Veterans also benefit from the Veterans' Cash instant ticket game that was created through special legislation in 2000 to help support funding for veterans' projects. The initiative generates revenue each year to support a skilled nursing facility for West Virginia Veterans in Clarksburg and the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery in Institute. Lottery proceeds totaling more than \$13 million have gone to these good causes since 2002.

In addition to these primary areas, the West Virginia Legislature uses lottery proceeds in many other areas as well, such as in economic development bonds, funding for the Infrastructure Council, the State Debt Reduction Fund and the General Revenue Fund.



Without a doubt, Lottery proceeds make a significant impact on our state and our success is a tribute to the hard work of our Lottery employees, licensed retailers and operators, casinos and the Lottery players who collectively make all of this possible. ♾