

Update on the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund

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CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

Problem Gambling Awareness Month

WHEREAS, problem gambling is a behavioral health issue that impacts Americans of all ages, ethnicities, races, and genders; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling has significant societal and economic costs to individuals, families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing the harm to both individuals and society; and

WHEREAS, March is designated as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month by the National Council on Problem Gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Council on Problem Gambling, the Virginia Lottery, and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services are working to raise awareness and educate the public about problem gambling, along with the availability and effectiveness of treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, several organizations in the Commonwealth have joined the cause as members of the Virginia Council on Problem Gambling to help mitigate the risk to the estimated 2% of Virginians that experience gambling problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize March 2023, as **PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Glenn Youngkin
Governor

Ray Charles James
Secretary of the Commonwealth



PROMINENT FINANCIAL RAMIFICATIONS

26%	Spent all Extra Money
16%	Late on Bills
14%	Spent Savings
12%	Borrowed from Friends/Family
10%	Credit Card Debt

Virginia Council on Problem Gambling

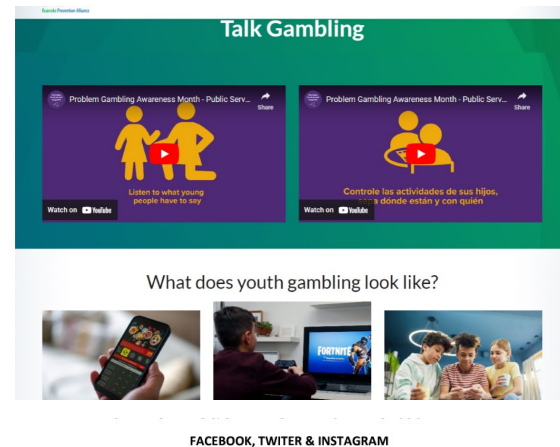


The annual national social cost of problem gambling is **\$7 billion**. These costs include gambling-related criminal justice and healthcare spending as well as job loss, bankruptcy and other consequences.

National Council on Problem Gambling

GA Allocation	\$2 million
Revenues	\$2.6 million Sports betting - \$1,724,470 (65%) Casinos - \$402,654 (15%) Historical Horse Racing - \$352,748 (13%) Casino fines - \$118,131 (4%) Interest - \$36,689
Expenditures	\$1.21 million
VCU College of Health Professions	\$214,258
CSB Prevention Services	\$793,790
Staffing, Workforce Education, and Operations	\$201,215

- Merchant Education
- National Council on Problem Gambling Annual Conference
- Education to schools, colleges and universities
- Webinars and regular meetings for CSBs and others
- Targeted ads for TV, radio, social media, billboards and more





Revenues	Estimate
Sports Betting	\$1,827,897
Casinos	\$1,005,936
Historical Horse Racing	\$384,817

Estimated Expenditures

- CSBs - \$1,310,920
 - Outreach
 - Merchant education
 - Information and education
- VCU - \$721,027
 - Treatment and recovery networks
 - Training and certification
 - Reimbursement services

