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Fla. tribe gives \$1.75M to addictive gambling org.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.

The Florida Seminole tribe is anteing up \$1.75 million to fight compulsive gambling.

Gov. Charlie Crist joined tribal officials Wednesday for a check presentation to the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling in Altamonte Springs.

Crist tried for three years to reach an agreement with the Seminoles that let them expand gaming at tribal casinos.

The deal that finally received legislative approval earlier this year will pay the state about \$1.2 billion in the next five years.

The Seminole contribution nearly doubles the council's funding this year. It's also receiving \$1.1 million from the Florida Lottery and \$750,000 through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.