# Coquille Tribal Community Fund

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## Coquille Tribal Community Fund announces 2011 grant recipients

### *45 grants provide $265,750 for community projects*

North Bend, Ore. – The Coquille Tribal Community Fund will provide $265,750 in grants this year to support projects at 45 area non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Programs designed to help individuals and families provide for basic needs remained the primary focus for the Fund's Board of Trustees at their annual meeting.

"Our trustees were united in their commitment to support basic services and help individuals and families find their way through our region's ongoing economic issues," said Julia Willis, Fund administrator. "Food, housing and health care again received their highest priority when making funding decisions."

Trustees continued to emphasize feeding the hungry by granting $75,305 to 11 organizations operating food pantries or offering food services. Board members provided $54,822 for health and safety programs with an additional $12,000 to five agencies providing animal care. Grants totaling more than $20,000 were provided for housing programs. The Fund also continued its support for the Coos County Historical Society's Waterfront Museum with a grant for $63,000.

The Coquille Indian Tribe established the community fund in 2001 as a way to share profits from The Mill Casino with community organizations. Since its inception, the fund has distributed close to $3.8 million to support charitable efforts throughout the region.

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund supports non-profit and governmental organizations with projects in the areas of education, health, public safety, problem gaming, environmental issues, arts and culture and historic preservation. Funds, derived from a percentage of revenues from The Mill Casino, are managed and distributed by a board of trustees comprised of community leaders, a gubernatorial appointee and representatives of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

The fund reflects the commitment of the Coquille Indian Tribe to take a proactive, positive role in the well-being of the community. The Tribe is among the largest employers in Coos County, and, through the Coquille Economic Development Corporation, manages The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park along with business ventures in assisted living, organic cranberry farming and high-speed telecommunications.

For organizations wishing to be considered for the next round of funding, the deadline for applications is Aug. 31. For more information, visit the Fund Web site at *www.coquilletribalfund.org*.

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The following organizations received grants this year.

- Bandon Community Youth Center – $2,000 for after school tutoring program.
- Bay Area Rotary - $5,000 for Shots for Tots.
- Bay Area Senior Activity Center – $8,000 for senior lunches and a new refrigerator.
- CASA of Douglas County - $2,000 for Volunteer and curriculum development.
- CASA of Lane County – $2,000 for volunteer recruitment and training.
- Catnip Sanctuary – $2,000 for Kitty Vet care.
- Chetco Historical Memorial Committee – $1,000 for a Chetco Tribe commemorative marker.
- Christian Help Food Bank – $2,805 for additional food storage.
- Christians as Family Advocates - $5,000 for domestic violence education and counseling.
- Coos Bay Area Habitat for Humanity – $5,000 for building materials.
- Coos Bay Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry – $8,000 for food purchases.
- Coos County Foster Parents – $3,750 for extracurricular activity fees.
- Coos County Friends of Public Health – $5,000 for exam vouchers for women and teens.
- Coos County Historical Society and Maritime Museum – $63,000 for Maritime Museum and plaza.
- Coos County Public Health – $4,000 for home health visits.
- Coos County RSVP – $3,500 for mileage reimbursement for senior volunteers.
- Dental Foundation of Oregon – $2,000 for the Tooth Taxi.
- Don't Delay, Neuter & Spay – $2,000 for spay/neuter services for cats.
- Ecumenical Emergency Food Cupboard – $5,000 for food purchases.
- Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc. – $1,000 for a new popcorn machine.
- First United Methodist Church-Blossom Gulch Snack Packs Program – $2,500 for weekend food for kids.
- Florence Habitat for Humanity – $5,000 for duplex building materials.
- Free Flight – $3,000 for presentation equipment.
- Friends of Animals with Needs (FAWN) – $2,000 for low-cost spay/neuter services.
- Friends of Coos County Animals – $2,000 for low-cost spay/neuter services.
- Help Now! Advocacy Center – $4,313 for the Hispanic Advocacy & Outreach Project.
- JCHM Habitat for Humanity – $5,000 for building project.
- Madison Elementary School – $1,000 for classroom books and puzzles.
- North Bend Senior Recreation & Activity Center – $5,000 for a new heating system for the Senior Center.
- ORCCA-CASA – $5,000 for volunteer recruitment and training.
- ORCCA-Myrtle Point Food Share – $8,000 for food purchases.
- ORCCA-Share Bear Snack Pack program – $14,000 for food purchases.
- ORCCA-South Coast Food Share – $10,000 for a food resource coordinator.
- Over the Rainbow, Inc. – $2,000 for horse feed.
- Point Man Ministries Outpost 101 – $10,000 for veteran assistance.

- Powers Food Pantry – $6,000 for supplemental food purchases.
- Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry – $6,000 for food pantry costs.
- Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity – $5,000 for construction infrastructure.
- S/Nipped – $2,000 for low-cost spay/neuter services.
- South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival – $2,000 for the Music in Schools Program.
- South Western Oregon Public Safety Association – $500 for children's safety books for area libraries.
- Southwestern Family Center – $6,382 for a Hobart under-counter sanitizer.
- Triangle Food Box – $5,000 for food purchases.
- Women's Safety and Resource Center – $18,000 for a senior advocate position.
- Zonta Service Foundation (Coos Bay area) - $4,000 for the Little Red Schoolhouse Project.