



Coquille Tribal Community Fund

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Coquille Tribal Community Fund awards \$345,800 to support regional services

Grants awarded to 47 area non-profits for community projects

North Bend, Ore. – The Coquille Tribal Community Fund today awarded \$345,800 in grants to 47 area non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Grants were awarded under a program established in 2001 by the Coquille Indian Tribe to set aside a portion of the gaming revenues from The Mill Casino to support projects in the Tribe's five-county service area. Since its inception, the Fund has distributed more than \$4.1 million to support charitable efforts throughout the region.

“As active members of so many communities in Southwestern Oregon, the Coquille Indian Tribe is grateful for the opportunity to help improve social conditions in our region,” said Coquille Tribal Council Chair Edward Metcalf. “With so many needs and so few resources, we are happy to do our part through the Community Fund to help our friends and neighbors during these trying times.”

Members of the Fund's Board of Trustees paid particular attention to programs providing food to families in need. Trustees awarded \$93,950 to 13 area food projects along with an additional \$12,000 for two area community gardens.

“We are regularly reminded of the great need among our neighbors to meet the basic necessities of life,” said Julia Willis, Fund administrator. “Our Trustees agreed that feeding the hungry has the highest priority when considering the overall needs of our communities.”

Along with food programs, Trustees provided \$31,500 for programs targeted to children and youth and \$41,500 for programs in support of veterans. The Fund continued its support for the Coos County Historical Society's Waterfront Historic and Maritime Museum with a grant of \$50,000.

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 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.

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.

- Alternative Youth Activities, Inc. - \$3,000 for the Mushroom Project.
- Bandon Community Youth Center – \$3,000 for after school programs.
- Bay Area First Step - \$6,000 for a community garden.
- Bay Area Senior Activity Center – \$10,000 for the senior lunch program.
- CASA of Jackson County - \$5,000 for color copier and printer.
- Charleston Food Bank – \$10,000 for food purchases.
- Christian Help Food Bank – \$3,450 for flooring replacement and food freight costs.
- Coos Art Museum – \$2,000 for the Student Biennial Exhibit.
- Coos Bay Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry – \$10,000 for food purchases.
- Coos County Friends of Public Health – \$5,000 for exam vouchers.
- Coos County Historical Society – \$50,000 for Maritime Museum and Plaza.
- Coos County RSVP – \$4,000 for mileage reimbursement for senior volunteers.
- Coquille Indian Tribe - \$22,000 for the Talking Miluk Dictionary.
- Crossroads Community Café – \$9,000 nutritious meals.
- Ecumenical Emergency Food Cupboard – \$10,000 for food purchases.
- Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc. – \$3,496 for marquee sign repairs.
- First United Methodist Church – \$3,500 for food purchases.
- Florence Food Share – \$9,000 for food purchases and Share Garden support.
- Florence Habitat for Humanity – \$4,000 for interior and finishing supplies.
- Huerto de la Familia – \$6,000 for community gardens.
- Junction City/Harrisburg/Monroe Habitat for Humanity – \$4,000 for the Bilingual Build Project.
- Maslow Project – \$4,500 for homeless youth services.
- Mobility Unlimited – \$2,500 for the Mobility to Employment Program.
- Nancy Devereux Center – \$6,000 for building improvements.
- ORCO Arts – \$5,000 for the Youth Leadership Program.
- Oregon Coast Community Action-CASA – \$5,000 for volunteer recruitment and training.
- Oregon Coast Community Action Emergency Housing Program – \$5,000 for short-term emergency housing.
- ORCCA-Share Bear Snack Pack program – \$2,000 for food purchases.
- Oregon Community Foundation – \$3,000 for the Ready to Smile dental program.
- Over the Rainbow, Inc. – \$2,000 for horse feed.
- Parent Partnership – \$5,000 for homeless youth services.
- Point Man Ministries Outpost 101 – \$15,000 for veteran assistance.

- Powers Action Team/Television Translator – \$5,000 to re-establish “off air” television to the Powers-Gaylord area.
- Powers Food Pantry – \$6,000 for food purchases.
- Project Blessing Food Bank – \$5,000 for food purchases.
- Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry – \$6,000 for food purchases.
- Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity – \$4,000 for the Women’s Build project.
- SHAMA-Mental Health Association of SW Oregon – \$6,000 for the Peer Support Learning Center.
- SMART – \$3,000 for book purchases.
- South Coast Business Employment Corp. – \$10,000 for home delivered meals for seniors.
- South Coast Veterans Assistance Network – \$10,000 for the Veterans Stand Down event.
- Southwestern Veterans Outreach – \$12,500 for office support.
- St. Paul’s Preschool – \$3,000 for preschool program support.
- Sutherlin Community Resource Center - \$3,000 for after school programs.
- T.H.E. House – \$15,854 for a new commercial dishwasher, air circulation system, security lighting and food purchases.
- VFW Post 3440 – \$4,000 for a roof replacement.
- Women’s Safety and Resource Center – \$15,000 for a senior advocate position.