

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Tribal youth enjoy a jet boat ride on the Rogue River, sponsored by the Tobacco Prevention Program.

Housing Report

*by Connie Hoffman
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The 1999 Indian Housing Plan for the Siletz Tribe has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Northwest Office of Native American Programs.

The plan's activities are funded by a \$3,004,749 Indian Housing Block Grant that is allocated to Siletz under a formula prescribed by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).

This is the second Indian Housing Block Grant that we have received under NAHASDA. It will continue the down payment assistance and emergency housing programs that began with the 1998 block grant.

New programs that will be funded with the 1999 block grant include establishing a revolving loan fund to provide mortgage financing to low-income tribal member households and housing assistance in college dormitories for low-income tribal members pursuing higher education.

The block grant's first priority is to continue operating our existing housing programs, including the homes and apartments in Siletz and the Section 8 rent subsidy program. This program has been expanded to serve additional tribal members with the help of the block grant funds.

The block grant provided funding to establish the Tribal Law Enforcement Department in 1998 and will provide funding to expand the department in 1999.

Block grant funds have enabled the Housing Assistance Program to provide rehabilitation services to additional low-income tribal member homeowners throughout the service area and beyond.

The flexibility that NAHASDA has provided allows us to also supply funding to shelters for victims of domestic violence and to the Transitional Living Center in Siletz for those coming from treatment and other institutions.

Funding is budgeted this year to conduct needs assessments for an assisted living facility for tribal elders and a shelter for youth who must be removed from their homes and need temporary housing pending long-term plans.

Funds have been used to train tribal members as building inspectors to oversee development on tribal lands.

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Salem Youth to Present Puppet Shows at State Fair

by Rose Pearson

Siletz Tribal youth from all areas are dedicated to being smoke- and tobacco-free. They have been working on projects that show others the hazards of smoking and chewing. Salem-area youth are involved in presenting puppet shows. Their first show will be on Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. at the Oregon State Fair in Salem on the Culture Stage. A second show is scheduled for Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. Come join us!

In mid-July, the Tears of Joy Theater from Portland presented a puppet workshop for the youth to help them learn how to be puppeteers.

On July 7 and 8, tribal youth from the Salem, Siletz and Springfield areas traveled to Grants Pass to ride the jet boats on the Rogue River. The Tobacco Prevention Program, headed by Danelle Zosel-Sanderson,

sponsored this trip. We would like to thank Danelle and Kent Rilatos for making that trip possible. We would also like to thank the chaperones for their help. Fun was had by all, a lot of wet people!



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