

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Siletz Tribe Receives Nearly \$600,000 in Grants

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has received \$582,714 in grants in the last several months for a variety of projects.

The projects include enhancing the Siletz Tribal Court system, continuing child protection and abuse prevention services, studying the Siletz River watershed, diversifying economic development, evaluating the Toledo mill site, and providing child care subsidies.

"The trust these state and federal agencies have put in the tribe demonstrates the tribe's importance to the local area," says Delores Pigsley, tribal chairman. "The fact that these grants are in six distinctive areas shows the versatility of the tribe's interests and its ability to contribute to the community in a variety of ways."

The grants include the following:

- **Siletz Tribal Court - \$232,545 from the Administration for Native Americans**

To revise various ordinances to clarify tribal jurisdiction and implement a traditional peacemaker component for dispute resolution.

- **Indian Child Protection and Abuse Prevention Services - \$154,854 from the Indian Health Service**

Provides for intervention specialists, a crisis response officer, and a child abuse technician to investigate reports of child abuse, work with local officials to protect the child, and provide evaluation and counseling to children and families. Funding is for the third year of a four-year grant.

- **Siletz River Watershed Water Quality Project - \$90,000 provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

To assess current pollution in the Siletz River basin and outline a plan to control and protect future water quality, and to assess future water availability and potential loss and modification of habitat due to urban growth.

- **Tribal Source Water/Wellhead Protection Program - \$47,600 from the EPA**

Will be combined with other grants to study the water quality of the Siletz River basin to determine how much water is coming from what sources and to determine sources of pollution.

- **\$32,000 from the Economic Development Administration**

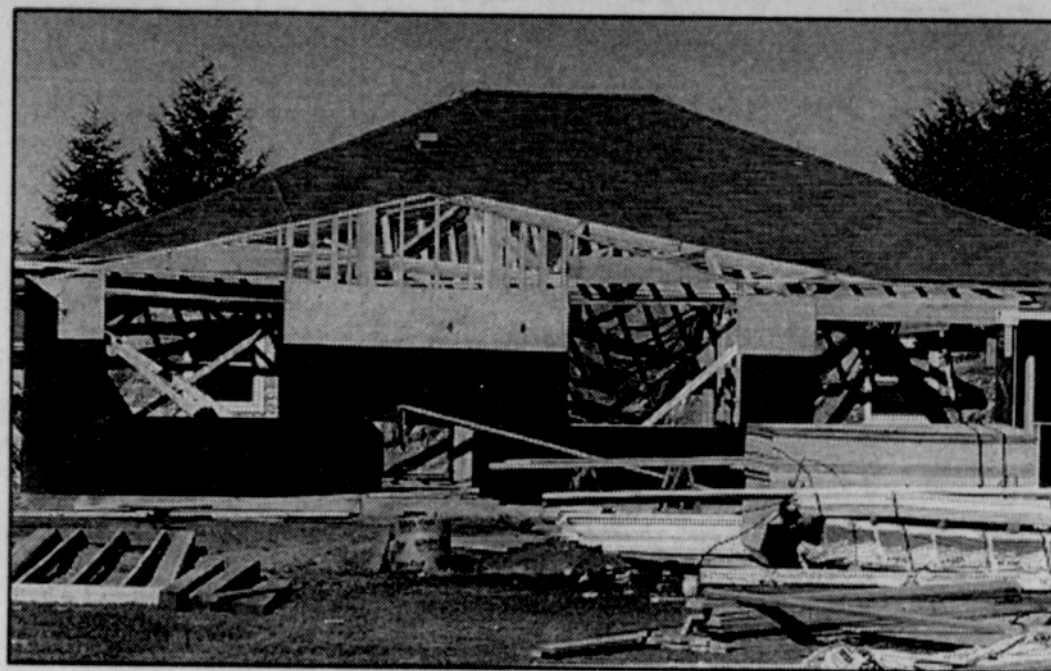
To assess the feasibility of several economic development opportunities and decide which ones will be most beneficial to the tribe and local communities.

- **Toledo Mill Site - \$20,000 from the U.S. Forest Service's Rural Community Assistance Program**

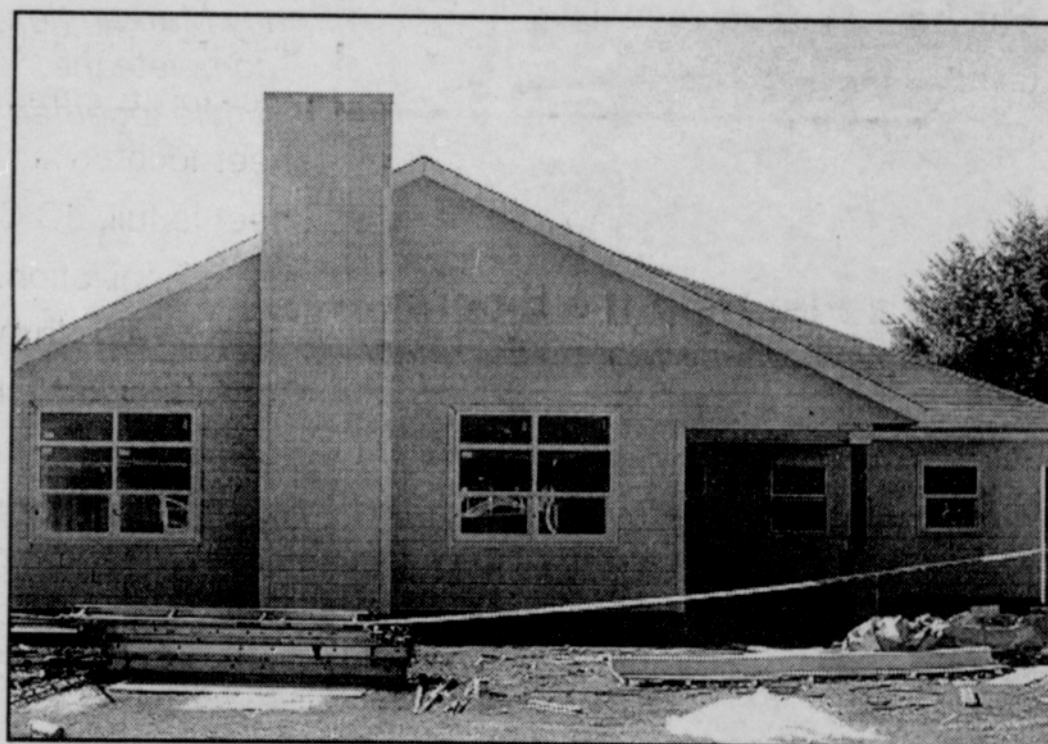
To hire a consultant to complete a comprehensive study of the mill and make recommendations on future use of the facility. Scope of study will be defined by a review of mill capabilities.

- **Child Care Services - \$5,715 from the state of Oregon**

To provide child care subsidies for children of parents who are participating in the tribe's alcohol and drug outpatient treatment program for women.



The Siletz Indian Housing Authority (SIHA) offices are being remodeled to expand the meeting room and create more office space. The project also includes constructing a separate office building for the Maintenance Department. The photo above was taken in late August and the one below in late September.



Employees from Tomco Construction Inc. (photo below) clear land in late September that will eventually hold 20 modular homes for tribal members. This Siletz Indian Housing Authority project is located on the western edge of Siletz.

