

## NOTICES

### BPA has \$1 Million Available for Weatherization Program

What is this weatherization program for enrolled Native Americans of a federally recognized Indian tribe?

The weatherization program is sponsored by a grant from the Bonneville Power Administration through such organizations as The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. The program encourages energy conservation for moderate-income households that have a fixed electric heat source (this electric heat source may not even be used or in working order) with a PUD as the electrical supplier.

How does the weatherization program work to weatherize a home?

First you must e-mail, call, or write to Scott Hansen (contact information listed at the end of this article) to request a weatherization intake application and complete it. Then the Community Action Program (CAP) people take a completed application and do a home energy audit. This computer audit tells the CAP people how best to insulate your home for energy conservation (for example, add

insulation to the walls, floors, and ceiling; repair your electric heater if it isn't working; replace a storm door; etc.).

Renters are eligible, too! Lease arrangements, life estate agreements, and other home residences also are eligible for funds to weatherize their Native American residence.

Now for the \$1,000,000 question ... Is your home eligible?

#### Your Share of \$1 Million

Your electric bill can really go down. What's the cost to you? Nothing. BPA pays the weatherization costs so you can save on your energy bill! Rent or own: Let's find out if your residence is eligible for a share of \$1 million. Yes answers to the questions below may save you thousands of dollars in future electric bills, while making your residence warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

**Are you an enrolled Native American of a federally recognized Indian tribe?**

| Size of Family Unit       | Yearly Income | Monthly Income | Income Change Recently?  |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| Household of 1            | \$14,370      | \$1,197.50     | There are two methods for calculating income: Previous 12 months average <b>OR</b> Previous 3 months average |
| Household of 2            | \$18,600      | \$1,555        |  |
| Household of 3            | \$22,830      | \$1,902.50     |  |
| Household of 4            | \$27,060      | \$2,255        |  |
| Household of 5            | \$31,290      | \$2,607.50     |  |
| For Each Add'l Member add | \$4,230       | \$352          |  |

**Is your electrical provider a PUD? Public Utility Provider?** Call your local electricity supplier to find out.

**Do you have a fixed electrical heating system in your home?** For example: baseboard, in-wall unit, electric furnace, etc. (This electric heat source may not be working or used; it just needs to be there for the audit. Sorry, portable room heaters don't count.)

**Is your household income at or below the listed limits (see chart above)?**

Renters are eligible for weatherization, too. Don't miss out. If you answered yes to all of these questions, your home may be the ideal candidate for weatherization.

Not sure if you qualify? Contact Scott Hansen at The Confederated Tribes, 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420; 541-888-9577; e-mail at [IndianWeatherization@hotmail.com](mailto:IndianWeatherization@hotmail.com).

#### Weatherization Intake Applications

Contact Scott Hansen and include your **name, affiliated tribe, enrollment #, address, and phone #.**



**Crimes - Healing Our Communities,** call 503-295-6761 or 541-682-8440.

A special **Youth Conference on Hate Crimes** will be held on **Feb. 11.** Youth from around the state are invited to participate free of charge in this important program with workshops, speakers, and performances geared to youth ages 13 to 21. Youth also are welcome to attend the general conference at no cost.

### Hate Crimes Conference Set for Feb. 11-13

A unique coalition of government agencies and community advocacy groups is organizing the Statewide Conference on Hate Crimes, scheduled for Feb. 11-13, 2001. The conference, subtitled "**Eliminating Bias Crimes - Healing Our Communities,**" will be held in Eugene, Ore., at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center.

The conference will feature programs for law enforcement, special programs for educators, continuing legal education, networking, workshops, and more. Conference hosts include the city of Eugene, the Coalition Against Hate Crimes, Youth for Justice, the

Eugene Police Department, the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and the office of the U.S. Attorney.

Several nationally recognized speakers will highlight the program, including **Judy Shepard**, the mother of Matthew Shepard, the young Wyoming man who was brutally killed merely because he was gay. Judy Shepard is a powerful speaker who helps carry on Matthew's legacy by working to help prevent hate crimes.

Other featured speakers are **Ken Stern**, nationally known authority on hate crimes and anti-Semitism; and **William Johnston**, a former big-city police officer now educating law enforcement

personnel and others about bias crimes through the Police and Community Programs of Facing History and Ourselves. Two moving theatrical presentations, "The Right to Dream" and "Singing for Our Lives," also are on the program.

Workshops include Far Right Groups in the Northwest, The Jasper Texas Case, Organizing the Faith Community, Hate on the Internet, Mobilizing Schools/Communities to Confront Hate Crimes, Racial Profiling, and many more.

Please note that financial sponsorship opportunities are available at many levels. For more information on "**Eliminating Bias**