

Tribal Government Budget – Cultural Activities Amended Guidelines for 2001

by Selene Rilatos, Cultural Coordinator/Staff Rep.

The Cultural and Heritage Committee is responsible for allocating the Tribal Government-Cultural Activities Budget. The committee has approved the following guidelines to expend these funds. Tribal programs are encouraged, however, to assist in the planning and possible sharing of costs of the various cultural activities.

Priority

Siletz Cultural Day Camp: The Cultural Department will host a four-day summer cultural camp on Government Hill during the last week of July. The camp's purpose is to teach participants Siletz Tribal traditional practices.

The camp is intended for tribal families to attend. It is open to all tribal members at no cost or limited to the 11-county service area requirements. Participants are responsible, however, for their transportation to camp.

Guidelines

1. Cultural funds will be used only for enrolled Siletz Tribal members. Individual tribal members can receive up to \$175. At a maximum, only one request per individual will receive funding once every three years if money is available. **Only two individuals per household will be awarded per calendar year. If individuals have uncompleted projects from this or any other tribal program, they will be added to the waiting list and reconsidered after the pending project is completed.**
2. Cultural projects will receive priority for specific Siletz traditional/cultural practices.
3. Cultural events will be considered; however, attendance must involve Siletz Tribal membership. If standing committees or tribal programs have helped plan the event, this will be considered a strong factor for approval of funding.
4. Each tribal office (Salem, Eugene, Portland, Siletz, and **out-of-service-area**) will receive an equal allotted amount of funds for its area at the beginning of each year. Each area is encouraged to advocate for community involvement for the types of projects it wants to fund.

Each community project must be properly advertised and open to all tribal members from the area. A list of participants must be mailed to the Cultural Program as well as all advertisements posted.

Each area office will be responsible for all equipment purchased from these funds for ongoing projects. An ongoing inventory and sign-in/sign-out log should be used to keep track of and update inventory. All requests must be written in detail and include legal name, roll number, current mailing address, phone/message phone, cultural activities need, approximate costs and vendor, and be submitted to the Cultural Program to process all paperwork.

Individuals can submit requests to area office staff for submittal to the Cultural Program. The Culture Committee will review each request and approve or deny each request. The Culture Program will contact individuals and appropriate area office supervisors about each request from their area. If the committee finds in favor of the request, appropriate area office staff will assist tribal members with follow-up paperwork and possibly assist with purchasing supplies.

Third Quarter Year End

The Culture Committee can use its discretion with remaining funds available after Nov. 15 of each calendar year.

At the beginning of September, the Cultural Program will contact each of the areas to provide them with an expenditure report.



L to r: Vern Kessinger Jr., Vern Kessinger, Donna Kessinger, and Linda Belgarde make moccasins.

At the beginning of October, area offices must report in writing to the Cultural Heritage Committee on proposed cultural activities for their area and if they will be utilizing all of their budgets.

The Cultural Heritage Committee finds that working together with each of the tribe's area office supervisors will help ensure that the guidelines are met.

Follow-Up

The Cultural Heritage Committee, at its regular meeting, will review each cultural request and approve or deny the requests. Cultural staff then will notify individuals one-week following the committee meeting.

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Court Personnel Attend Workshop

by Chief Judge Calvin Gantenbein, Siletz Tribal Court

Tribal Court Administrator Dianne McLeod and I recently returned from a one-week workshop at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev. The workshop focused on court management for Tribal Court judges and administrators.

This was a special workshop sponsored by a scholarship from the Bureau of Justice. The number of participants was limited, and a drawing of names decided which recipients would attend. Class participants included the chief judge and court administrators from 14 tribes from throughout the United States.

The National Judicial College was founded in 1964 and provides training for judges and court staff. It is located on the campus of the University of Nevada in Reno.

Courses included budgeting, caseload, personnel management, customer service, judicial writing, computer technology, and the roles of the judge and administrator in Tribal Court. The instructors were all of national prominence in their fields and were drawn from locations throughout the country.

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