

Rental Assistance Program Update

(AKA Housing Vouchers Program)

Did the program's name change?

Not yet. The name and titles of the staff in this program may change soon.

Why would the name change?

Because the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) no longer has vouchers as some public housing authorities have. We are funded by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to provide rental assistance to 75 participants.

Is rental assistance available? At this time, we are completely leased up.

Do you accept new applications?

Yes, we still accept applications for our waiting list. The following is a complete application: Complete and signed application; copies of Social Security cards for each member who will live in the household; income verification, if any, for each adult household member (i.e., pay stubs, award letters, etc.); and expense verification, if any (i.e. child

What if the applicant is receiving or has received help?

The applicant may provide documentation through a legitimate program showing completion of a program or proof of participation in a program. The applicant will be placed on the active waiting list at the date of application. Note: The applicant must complete the legitimate program within 12 months of the date of application.

What are tenant checks? Why are they done?

Tenant checks are confirmed online through Happy Tenant software. This site is for housing authority use only. We complete a tenant check for each adult member of the household.

How long does an applicant stay on the active waiting list?

At this time, we have 87 applicants and estimate a wait of four years from the date of the application as long as an applicant is corresponding to annual updates.

When are annual updates and why do applicants need to do this?

Annual updates are sent out in July. The applicant has 30 days to respond. If the applicant does not respond by the deadline, he/she will be removed from the active waiting list and placed in inactive status. As a result, those who want to remain on the active waiting list will respond and those who do not will not respond.

What if the update is mailed to the previous/invalid address? It's the applicant's responsibility to update the Rental Assistance Program with his/her mailing address.

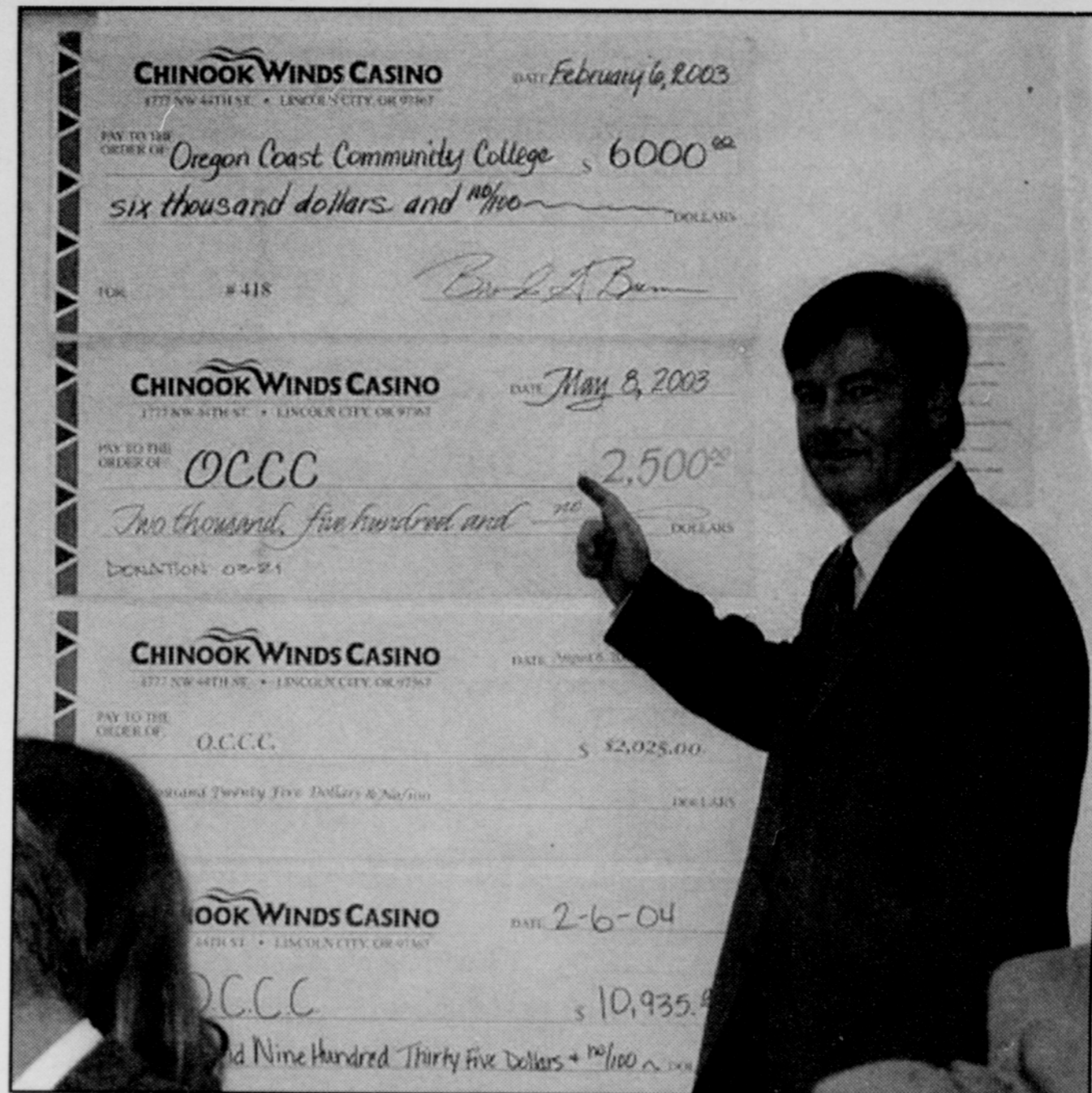
Can homeowners apply for the Rental Assistance Program? No. We assist our participants with rent, not mortgages or land leases.

If you have any rental assistance questions, contact Angela Martin or Marci Simmons at 541-444-8314 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1314; by e-mail at angelam@ctsi.nsn.us or marcis@ctsi.nsn.us; in writing at P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; or in person at 555 Tolowa Court in Siletz.



care, etc.). We will verify your criminal background and tenant check.

Why does STHD check criminal backgrounds? To be eligible for the Rental Assistance Program, the applicant may not have engaged in any criminal violent or criminal drug-related activities for two years prior to the date of the application. For example, if an applicant applies Jan. 1, 2005, and there was a criminal drug-related activity on March 2, 2003, listed on the criminal background check, a letter of ineligibility will be mailed to the applicant.



Pat O'Connor, president of Oregon Coast Community College, stands in front of the checks that have been given by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to OCCC over the past 18 months. He thanks the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Chinook Winds Casino Resort for their continued support of higher education in Lincoln County.

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