

Annual Elders gathering

This year's gathering was very well-attended by Tribes across the Northwest and Indians from many other Tribal affiliations.

Our Elders and Tribal and casino staff did a great job of organizing the event. Nick Sixkiller always does a great job as an emcee and did so this year. It was heartwarming to see so many veterans in attendance.

Tribal Elder Ed Ben recognized every veteran with a gift that he made. It was very generous and added a nice touch to the event. Thank you, Ed!

Highlights of proposed funding for Tribal programs

Many Tribal programs fall into the category of domestic discretionary funding in the federal budget. In preparation for the president's budget, some agencies have consulted with Tribes about programs in the budget. Some recommendations from Indian Country are included in the FY 2015 proposal.

Below are a few highlights from the National Congress of American Indian's initial analysis of the president's budget.

Significant proposals in the FY 2015 budget include:

- Full funding for Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Health Service (IHS) contract support costs (CSC): BIA CSC would receive \$251 million, including funding for the Indian Self-Determination Fund, an increase of \$4 million above the FY 2014 enacted level. IHS CSC would be funded at \$617 million, an increase of \$30 million above FY 2014.
- The BIA proposes the Tiwahe (Family) Initiative: A comprehensive and integrated approach to address the inter-related problems of poverty, violence and substance abuse faced by Indian communities. The initiative would provide about a \$5 million increase for social services and a \$4.7 million increase for ICWA, \$550,000 for BIA job placement and training and a pilot program for providing alternatives to incarceration and increased treatment.
- Public Safety: The budget would provide \$395 million for Department of Justice public safety initiatives in

Indian Country and \$352 million for public safety and justice programs funded by the BIA.

- Tax provisions: Treasury includes a proposal to exclude from income student loan forgiveness and certain scholarship amounts for participation in the IHS health professions program; a modification of the adoption tax credit to allow Indian Tribal governments to make a status determination of a "child with special needs"; and changes to the rules governing tax-exempt bonds for Indian Tribal governments, including permanent repeal of the essential governmental function test and allowance of Indian Tribal issuance of certain private activity bonds.
- Environment: Tribal general assistance grants in EPA would receive a \$31 million increase to \$96.4 million – a 47 percent increase over FY 2014.
- Carcieri: Language to provide a no-cost economic development and jobs creation solution for restoring land to Tribal governments impacted by the Carcieri Supreme Court decision is again included in the Department



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of Interior general provisions of the president's budget.

The White House also has released a fact sheet on Tribal programs in the FY 2015 budget entitled *Standing with Indian Country*. NCAI will work to ensure that the federal programs that fulfill the trust responsibility to Tribes receive bipartisan support in the appropriations process.

STBC updating website for Tribal business owners

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is updating its website for every Siletz Tribal member business owner over the next few months and needs your updated information.

Please contact Kimbrali Somes at 541-994-2142, 877-564-7298 or ksomes@stbcorp.net for more information and/or to provide your business information.

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Elders Council Meeting

May 10 • 1-4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Eugene</p> <p>Eugene Area Office May 5 – 6-8 p.m. June 3 – 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All language classes in May will be dedicated to the Feather Dance and will include Feather Dance practice as part of the class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Portland</p> <p>Portland Area Office May 12 – 6-8 p.m. June 9 – 6-8 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Siletz</p> <p>Tribal Community Center May 6 – 6-8 p.m. June 2 – 6-8 p.m.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Salem</p> <p>Salem Area Office May 13 – 6-8 p.m. June 10 – 6-8 p.m.</p>

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.