

# HUD, VA award \$5.9 million to 26 Tribes to help homeless Indian veterans

WASHINGTON – For the first time, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has awarded \$5.9 million in grants to 26 Tribes to offer a permanent home and supportive services to American Indian veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program is a demonstration program that will combine \$5.9 million in rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA to serve 500 American Indian veterans

HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced the recipients in Tulsa, Okla., on Jan. 8 at the winter meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

“By targeting resources directly to Tribes, we can better honor the service and sacrifice of Native American veterans

who now need a roof over their heads,” said Castro. “These heroes deserve hope for a brighter future and by offering permanent housing solutions combined with needed services and case management, we can work with Tribes to end veteran homelessness.”

HUD invited 30 eligible Tribes to seek Tribal HUD-VASH vouchers to help house and serve hundreds of American Indian veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness or at extreme risk of becoming homeless.

Twenty-six Tribes, from Alaska to New Mexico, will deliver and manage the housing vouchers among their members who need them on Tribal lands.

“Targeting HUD-VASH vouchers to veterans living on Tribal lands opens new opportunities for helping Native American veterans exit homelessness as quickly as possible” said Secretary of Veteran Affairs Robert McDonald. “We are

pleased that recent statutory changes to the HUD-VASH Program made it possible to award these vouchers for use within Indian Country, where Native American veterans have existing support systems that can be aided by those provided under the HUD-VASH Program to help the veterans remain stably housed.”

Since 2008, more than 79,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 90,000 homeless veterans have been served through the broader HUD-VASH program. Rental assistance and supportive services provided through HUD-VASH are a critical resource for local communities in ending homelessness among our nation’s veterans.

In FY2015, Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country and directed HUD to coordinate with Indian Tribes, Tribally

designated housing entities (TDHEs) and other appropriate Tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to eligible American Indian veterans.

The Tribal HUD-VASH Program will provide rental assistance and supportive services to American Indian veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas.

HUD will make available \$5.9 million in grant funding to Indian Tribes and TDHEs to fund rental assistance and associated administrative fees. Indian Tribes and TDHEs participating in this program will partner with VA to provide health care assistance to eligible American Indian veterans.

More information about HUD and its programs is available on the Internet at [hud.gov](http://hud.gov) and [espanol.hud.gov](http://espanol.hud.gov).

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District/School/ESD	Program Name	Award
Baker Technical Institute, Baker School District 5J	Baker Technical Welding Proposal	\$330,930
Astoria School District	Clatsop County CTE Center	\$305,469
David Douglas School District	Project LAB (Learning Aligned with Business)	\$390,745
Elgin School District	Fabricating Quality Careers in Agriculture	\$378,426
Gaston Jr./Sr. High School	Dream, Plan, Build Gaston	\$360,478
Harney School District #3	Harney Frontier Schools CTE Revitalization	\$368,382
Henley High School	Revitalizing CTE in Klamath County	\$390,605
Hillsboro School District	Hillsboro Manufacturing Training and Learning Center	\$385,188
La Grande School District, La Grande High School	Real Science Creating Real Industry Skills in CTE	\$379,852
Malheur Educational School District	Treasure Valley Tech	\$488,432
McMinnville School District	Protective Services Career Pathway Project	\$146,796
Heppner High School	Morrow County Welding and Manufacturing Project	\$390,745
Pendleton School District	Pendleton Technology and Trade Center	\$390,745
Redmond High School	Building the Hub of Entrepreneurship: Innovation and Ideation at Redmond High School	\$231,700
Roseburg High School	Roseburg High CTE Revitalization – Skills for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	\$358,909
Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center	Equitable Opportunities in Emerging Technology	\$323,884
Scio High School	Scio CTE Expansion	\$383,052
South Coast Educational School District	South Coast Healthcare Pathway Program	\$418,488
Southern Oregon Educational School District	Manufacturing by Design	\$488,432
St. Helens School District #502	Renovations and Remodeling	\$380,197
Sunset High School	Sunset High School Engineering Pathway	\$325,642
Tigard-Tualatin School District	Tigard-Tualatin Manufacturing CTE Program of Study	\$385,215
Waldport High School, Lincoln County School District	Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead	\$384,735
Willamina School District	College and Career-Ready: CTE Revitalization Grant	\$390,745
Yamhill Carlton High School	Yamhill Carlton Career Academy	\$222,208

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

### Attention Siletz Tribal Artists

The 2016 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Committee is once again having a logo contest for the upcoming pow-wow in August 2016.

All Siletz Tribal artists are encouraged to submit a pow-wow-themed logo. The winning logo artist will receive a cash prize of \$250 and a professional banner with your logo.

The winning artist will have his/her logo highlighted on Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your artwork to the cultural education director’s office at the Siletz Tribal Community Center or mail it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than Feb. 29, 2016

### Royalty Crown Proposals

The 2016 Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for 2016-2017 royalty crowns. Proposals are being accepted for Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Proposals for a crown are required to include art design, size of the crown and a bid for the crown or crowns of your interest. Proposals can be submitted for individual crowns, two crowns or you can submit a bid for all three crowns.

Crown proposals must be turned in to the committee no later than Feb. 29, 2016.

Proposals can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399 ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.

## Funded Orthodontic Treatment Screening

The 2016 Funded Orthodontic Treatment Program is fast approaching! If you are interested in applying, please contact the dental department at the Siletz Community Health Clinic to be placed on a list starting January 2016.

The screening dates have not yet been set, but likely will be sometime in late spring 2016.

The program and amount of accepted applicants will depend on funding for that year.

Applicants are selected by case severity and are chosen based on motivation by the patient and parent, reliable transporta-

tion and the oral hygiene of the patient, to name a few.

The non-biased selection process is performed under the guidance of an orthodontic specialist and applicants are chosen through a committee. We want the best results possible for the patient and thus place emphasis on these items in order to achieve this.

This program is open to all ages who are Siletz Tribal members only. All applicants will be notified by mail if they have been chosen.

Please contact the Siletz Dental Clinic at 541-444-9681 or 800-648-0449 if you have any questions.



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