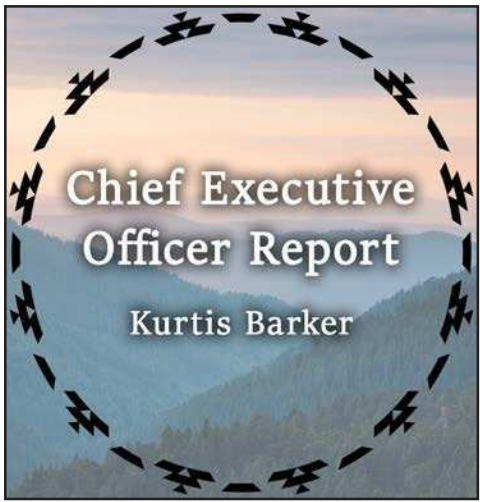




Emergency declaration

On November 1, 2025, the Tribal Council declared a state of emergency to address food insecurity as a result of the ongoing government shutdown. The CTSI Administration quickly implemented a temporary food assistance program through the 477-Self Sufficiency Program. The application period was only open for a short period due to court orders directing that full SNAP ben-

efits be issued to recipients. The 477 Program served 164 tribal families (in and out of the service area) and issued \$51,609.00 in food assistance. I want to thank our dedicated team for implementing this emergency program and serving our membership. Tribal council approved \$80,000 in emergency funding to support local food banks and gleaners as they report an increase in need through their communities. This funding was approved through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. Twenty nonprofit food organizations within the tribe's 11-county service area each received \$4,000 to help meet the surge in demand for food assistance. By allocating these emergency funds, the tribe aims to ensure that essential food resources remain available for vulnerable populations during this challenging time, particularly as the holidays approach. This action reflects the tribe's commitment to supporting the community and addressing immediate needs caused by the shutdown.

Grant awards

- CTSI has been the recipient of many grant awards and some of the most recent include:
- BIA Indian Highway Safety Program – purchase car seats and provide training; \$7,150
 - First Nations Development Institute – Stewarding Native Lands Program; \$500,000
 - NOAA – Department of Land Conservation and Development; \$1,853,378
 - Oregon Emergency Management SPIRE – All-terrain utility vehicle
 - State of Oregon, Department of Forestry Sub-award; \$1,000,000
 - State of Oregon, Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities – Home delivered meals; \$62,500

Museum update

The Tribal Council has selected a new site location for the construction of the museum (GHII DEE-NE DVN

– A Place for the People). Our team will be working diligently to issue requests for proposals for architecture and engineering, construction and exhibit design. The team is also working to ensure federal and state grants previously received align with an updated timeline and deliverables. We will continue partnering with STAHS to align with their fundraising efforts. The museum will be located on Swan Ave, just west of the new recreation center in Siletz, Ore.

Restoration

We hope you all enjoyed our 48th annual Restoration Pow-Wow held at Chinook Winds on November 15.

Season's greetings

On behalf of the Siletz Tribal Council and our entire team at CTSI, we want to wish you all happy holidays! We hope you enjoy the holiday season and spending extra time with family, friends and loved ones.



ELDERS HOLIDAY PARTY



WHEN: DECEMBER 11TH
START TIME: 11:00AM
WHERE: TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER



Proposed Ordinance and Public Comment Period

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is putting forward the proposed Employment Preference Ordinance for public comment.

The proposed ordinance will be available on the tribal website from December 1, until December 18, 2025. Public comments regarding this ordinance can be submitted online at <https://ctsi.nsn.us/policies-open-for-comment/> or sent via email to TraceyV@ctsi.nsn.us. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code.





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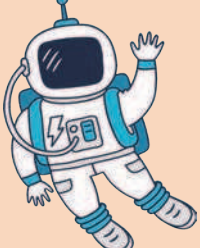
CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS



Upcoming Dates:

Tue. 12/16 at 5 pm: Nee-dash
Tue. 1/20 at 5 pm: Understanding our Stories

IN-PERSON LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES



December: Nee-dash Practice

Eugene Area Office-Monday, December 3
Siletz (Community Center) -Wednesday, December 5
Portland Area Office-Wednesday, December 10
Salem Area Office-Wednesday, December 17

January: Saa-chvn (Acorns)

Siletz (Community Center)-Monday January 5
Eugene Area Office Wednesday, January 7
Portland Area Office-Wednesday, January 14
Salem Area Office-Wednesday, January 21

In-person Culture Nights start at 6 pm

Come early at 5 pm to practice language

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