

## Application Made for New Community Facility Facility Funds

The application for a HUD Community Block Grant to finance development of government Hill was submitted on May 29. Here is an excerpt from that application, a description of the community facility building;

The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon will address a portion of its tribal facility needs with HUD Basic Grant funds for Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives during the current funding cycle. The selection of the type of structure to be built with community Development Block Grant funds was based on a tribal membership survey and on the size of the available grant. Tribal members felt that the office and community buildings options should be given priority. Since the size of the basic proposed community structure is smaller than the size of the proposed office building, it was decided that project could be more completely accomplished with the \$250,000 grant dollars. Additional money will be needed to complete the first building. The tribe is currently considering timber sales money and a low interest Farmers Home Administration Loan.

Since the reestablishment of official relations between the Tribe and the Federal government, tribal activities have taken place in "borrowed space." School gyms, Grange halls, and VFW facilities have provided makeshift shelter for tribal meetings and celebrations. As participation in those events increases, adequate facilities have become more difficult to secure.

There is much competition for the few available spaces, and numerous restrictions on their use. This has caused serious difficulties in scheduling pow-wows (which attract up to 1,000 persons) and other large functions, especially those involving Indian dancing.

The construction of the tribal community facility will provide a strong impetus toward realizing a major tribal goal--the return of Siletz people to their homeland and the reknitting of the Tribe's social and cultural fabric.

The 5,500-square-foot facility to be constructed will include a large multipurpose room (to accommodate gatherings of 300 people, dining for 150 people, or athletic activities such as badminton, volleyball, and half-court basketball); a kitchen (to accommodate storage of tribal fish and game, food preparation for tribal celebrations, and group canning projects); a tribal room (for classes, small meetings, and program staff); a storage room (for tables, chairs, recreation equipment, craft class supplies, and maintenance equipment); and toilet/shower rooms with outside access (for use by picnickers and during outdoor recreational activities).