

From Tribal Chairman **Mary Fisher** Confederated Tribes Home Improvement Program

This is the second edition of our "new look" Siletz news. There was a very minimal response to the questionnaire that appeared in the last newspaper. Please send in your opinions, so we will know what information on Tribal activities and programs you want to read about.

The Federal dollar cuts will no doubt affect our staffing, but the scope and delivery of services to Tribal members will not change. Belts will have to be tightened and sharing of duties will have to take place in order to continue at the present pace. Coordination and communication will have to take a new direction, also, to ensure that services and benefits are not hampered.

Some things that have come to my attention are **Enrollment** — Keep all data, with documentation, current. This makes the Clerk's duties a little easier and the Roll up to date. **Hunting and Fishing** — Give you input on the distribution of fish and game by filling out the questionnaire in the last newsletter or write a note. **Housing** — Read the criteria and Ordinance before you fill out an application. **CETA** — Many eligible members are not taking advantage of the opportunities for work experience or on the job training offered. **Education** — Keep your Grade Point Average (GPA) and attendance at their best. Because of the many interested applicants and loss of dollars, revised criteria and prioritized fields of study may be coming soon. **Health** — Stay healthy . . . dollar cuts and criteria look pretty critical.

A page in the next newsletter will be devoted to Letters from Tribal Members. If you have items of interest to share, send them in. All letters in their entirety may not be published due to limited space. Include your name and address. Unsigned letters will not be published.

More Housing Money

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz recently received written communication of approximately \$200,000 to cover costs and labor and materials for the Housing Improvement Program (HIP). Obligations are for categories A, B and D only, and were made available by the "Jobs Bill," PL 99-8 approved March 14 to provide productive employment on Indian Reservations.

Our Tribe has prioritized the need for Category B & D projects and hope to serve a minimum of 11 families. Interested and eligible members are encouraged to submit a Siletz Tribal Home Improvement Program Grant application to the Siletz Tribal Area Office, P.O. Box 670, Siletz, OR 97380, ATTN: Housing Coordinator, no later than Friday, June 24, 1983.

The following documentation/verification must accompany your application:

"B" Projects, repair to standard

1. Proof of income
2. Proof of Homeowners Insurance
3. Minimum of two bids.

"D" Projects, New Construction

1. Proof of income
2. Ownership of land or leasehold interest for minimum 25 years
3. Property is approved for a building site, i.e., septic approval and utilities.

Please read the Housing Ordinance in this Newsletter. All questions/concerns should be directed to the Housing Coordinator at 444-2536.

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE JULY SILETZ NEWS IS JULY 15th.

Send all articles and photos (black and white only) to Kristi Martin, P.O. Box 670, Siletz, OR. 97380.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Siletz Tribe has contracted with the federal government to administer the Housing Improvement Program for Siletz Indians. The program shall be administered pursuant to federal regulations and the procedures established hereby. The federal regulations governing this program are set forth in 25 CFR et seq and incorporated herein by reference. Future changes in the federal regulations also are adopted here by reference.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Housing Improvement Program is to provide grant assistance to tribal members to improve their housing situations and to give them the opportunity for a decent home and a suitable living environment.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Only those tribal members who live in the tribe's eight (8)-county service area will be considered for assistance under this program. Priority will be given to families with the greatest need as determined under federal regulations and paragraph 10 herein; with the exception of category "D" as specified in paragraph 8. Applicants must reside in the dwelling for which assistance is being sought. The applicant must have inadequate income and inadequate resources to finance the repair, or in the case of down payments, to meet the full cost of the loan.

4. CATEGORIES

Grants will be made, subject to availability of funds, in the following categories:

— Category A: for repairs to housing that will remain substandard;

— Category B: for repairs to housing that will become standard;

— Category C: for down payments;

— Category D: for new housing.

No applicant may receive more than one grant in categories B, C and D, and up to a maximum of \$2,500 in category A. The specific rules for grants under each category are set forth fully in 25 CFR 256.4. Key federal rules and procedures and additional tribal requirements are set forth below.

5. CATEGORY "A"

The purpose of Category "A" assistance is to finance repairs and additions to substandard housing to make it safer, more sanitary, and more liveable until such time as standard housing is available.

Grants shall not exceed \$2,500 for any one dwelling. If the dwelling is leased, the applicant must provide assurances from the landlord that no rent increase will result from the repair and that the applicant will be able to continue to lease the dwelling for at least two additional years following completion of the repairs.

6. The purpose of Category "B" assistance is to finance repairs and/or additions that will improve housing to "standard" condition as defined in 25 CFR 256.2(1).

Grants may not exceed \$20,000 for any one dwelling. No applicant may receive more than one grant in this category.

In general, these grants are for tribal members who own or are buying homes. Tribal members who rent from Indian owners may apply if they can provide assurances that they can remain in the dwelling for five additional years. The applicant must be able to show that no rent increase will result from the repair. The landlord must also agree in writing that, if the original applicant moves out, he will give preference in renting to another tribal member eligible under this program and will notify the Housing Coordinator of any vacancy and give the Housing Authority six months to locate another eligible tribal member to occupy the building.

7. CATEGORY "C"

The purpose of Category "C" is to provide down payment assistance to tribal members to help make them eligible for tribal, federal or other housing loan programs (including bank loans or mortgages). Grants under this category will not be made unless the financing for the mortgage is provided by federal, state or tribal government or a reputable lending institution insured under federal law.

The applicant must show that he has adequate income and other resources to meet the full cost of the mortgage loan, that he is purchasing a standard dwelling as defined in 25 CFR 256.2(1) and does not presently own or is not presently buying any other dwelling.

No other grant may be made for more than the amount necessary to secure the loan plus closing costs or \$5,000 whichever is LESS. No applicant may receive more than one grant under this category.

The applicant must provide evidence from the lending institution that the loan will be granted and give assurances that the funds will be used for the purposes intended. The lending institution must also agree in writing to notify the Housing Coordinator of any anticipated default of a tribal member and to allow the Housing Authority a reasonable time to locate a qualified tribal member to assume the loan prior to any foreclosure.

8. CATEGORY "D"

The purpose of Category "D" assistance will provide the financing of the construction of new standard housing when it is established there is no reasonable prospect that standard housing can be financed from sources other than the Housing Improvement Program.

Grants may not exceed \$45,000 for a dwelling and

equipment. No applicant may receive more than one grant under this category.

Considerations for assistance under this category is hereby limited to elderly and handicapped members of the Siletz Tribe.

All contractor built-homes must contain a one-year warranty against defects, materials and workmanship.

The applicant must have ownership of the land on which the house is being built.

Within sixty (60) days of such notice, the tribe shall have the right to either assume his/her interest in the house or designate someone to assume his/her interest. If the tribe takes no action, he/she may dispose of the house without regard to any restriction in this part.

9. APPLICATION

An applicant must be a tribal member living in the tribe's eight (8) county service area and shall submit a Home Improvement Program Grant Application and provide any other information determined necessary by the Housing Coordinator or Housing Authority.

10. APPLICATION REVIEW

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Housing Coordinator within each category under a system developed by the Housing Authority. Factors which shall be considered in ranking applications shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Income
2. Assets
3. Family size
4. Age
5. Employment
6. Urgency of need
7. Funds available

The Housing Coordinator shall be responsible for gathering information necessary for completion of the ranking process. Upon completion of the ranking process, the Housing Coordinator shall present the list of ranked applications to the Housing Authority which shall make the final decision.

11. ONE-TIME ONLY

Applicants may receive assistance only one time in categories B, C and D, and up to a maximum of \$2,500 in category A.

12. FUNDING

Assistance is limited by funds available. The Housing Authority makes no guarantee that funds will be granted or that successful applicants will receive the maximum amount under a category.

13. HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Housing Authority shall consist of three persons to be appointed by the Tribal Council. The Housing Authority shall meet as necessary to review ranked applications submitted by the Housing Coordinator and make decisions thereon. The Housing Authority shall ensure compliance with requirements of these rules

and procedures and the applicable federal regulations.

14. APPEALS

Appeals from decisions of the Housing Authority may be made to the Tribal Council under the rules and procedures established thereby. When the Tribal Court is established, appeals shall be made to that Court. The appeals procedure established under 25 CFR 256.7 may be followed only after tribal remedies have been exhausted.

15. IMPLEMENTATION

Successful applicants must present for review by the Housing Authority at least two bids from contractors prior to awarding a contract for work under "A", "B" and "D". Tribal members may not be paid to work on their own dwellings from grants hereunder.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Siletz Tribal Council on April 24, 1983 and ordinance No. 82-1 was repealed at a special meeting in Siletz, Oregon by a vote of 6 FOR, 1 AGAINST and 0 ABSTAINING.

SILETZ TRIBAL COUNCIL
By /s/ Mary Fisher
Tribal Chairperson

Attest:

/s/ JoAnn Miller
Tribal Council Secretary

/s/ A. Calvin Hewitt
BIA Superintendent

FAMILY REUNION BEING PLANNED

Last summer, many decedents of Abbie John "grandma John" held a family reunion in Eugene, Oregon. Alice Werth and David John were very instrumental in the organization of last year's reunion. Flo Aلتree from Alaska was able to make the reunion, and she was a welcome sight to many who had not seen her for more than 12 years.

Another gathering is being planned for this summer for the decedents of grandma John, those families are "Butlers, Bells, Selsics, Johns." Anyone who is interested in planning the date, location and time please contact ALICE WERTH, 746-9658 work or DAVID JOHN, 747-6492 HOME.

VIDEO OUTLET

Tote-em Video, owned by Gerald Ben, has opened at 3904 Commercial Street S.E., Salem, Oregon. The store features current movies for rent or for sale. Recorders also are available on request. The shop is open daily. Weekday ours are 11 to 9, weekends 10 to 9. Show your Tribal Registration for \$1.00 discount.