

Tribes receive \$250,000 prevention grant

Caroline Cruz had been general manager of tribal Human Services for a very short time when she learned that a large grant—in the amount of \$250,000—could be available to the tribes.

The money could fund a two-year methamphetamine-suicide prevention program.

The problem was that the grant application was due within

about a month, a very short time for producing a \$250,000 grant application.

Cruz took the lead in producing the application, and the tribes learned recently that the application was successful.

With the money, Cruz said, the tribes can fund two positions, a methamphetamine prevention position, and a mental health position to work on sui-

cide prevention.

Learning that the grant application had been approved, she said, was great news, especially since the tribes will face budget constraints going into 2010.

The methamphetamine-suicide prevention grant is a good example of the grant money that can be available to the tribes.

The departments in her

branch, she said, rely a great deal on grants and other outside funding, and use a relatively small percentage of tribal general fund dollars.

She estimated that at least \$1.5 million of her overall Human Services budget comes from outside. And there may be more grants out there that the tribes could access, she said.

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KWSO, Spilyay in new building



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Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the new media center. At left are KWSO secretary Donna Wainanwit, and building construction manager Tom Strong; at right by Chief Heath are KWSO's Marge Kalama and Jennifer Miller.

The KWSO radio station and the Spilyay Tymoo newspaper have moved into the new tribal media center.

The 3,000-square-foot building is located on Highway 3 just above the intersection with Highway 26, before the industrial park.

The building is dedicated in memory of Warren R. Clements, who was a long-time advocate of bringing the radio and station and newspaper together in the same place. Mr. Clements was the director of Tribal Relations. He passed away in late 2005.

The Warren R. Clements Media Center was funded by the tribes, through a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, and through a grant to KWSO from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Head Start now taking registration

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For more information on registration, call 460-1396.

Vital Statistics Hours of Operation

The Vital Statistics Department hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the department will be open during the lunch hour Monday through Thursday.

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If you have any questions regarding the hours of operation changes, please call Louie Pitt Jr., Governmental Affairs and Planning Director 541-553-3270.

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