

Housing secures funding to help Covid-19 response

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has secured a \$900,000 federal grant to help with the Confederated Tribes' response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"These funds come at a critical time, as the Warm Springs people continue to battle with Covid-19 on our reservation," said Raymond Tsumpti, Tribal Council chairman.

The \$900,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat award is part of the funding allocated by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security Act—the Cares Act.

On the reservation the funding will be used to rehabilitate six units for quarantine purposes and overcrowding reduction, as well as make improvements to the Warm Springs Housing Authority's Office building, reducing person-to-person contact so employees and customers can safely conduct business.

Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley made the award announcement last week.

"Tribes throughout Or-



egon are battling hard to weather Covid-19's economic and public health fallout, such as its impact on members' essential need to keep a roof over their

heads," Wyden said. "I am gratified these housing resources are heading to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and will keep working on all the

community's priorities."

This work would include passage of the pending Western Tribal Water Infrastructure Act, which would direct urgently needed federal funds to ensure safe drinking water.

Regarding the Housing grant, Sen. Merkley said: "As people stay home to flatten the coronavirus curve, access to safe housing has only become more essential—especially in our hardest-hit communities."

"Unfortunately, despite the fact that tribal communities are bearing the brunt

of this pandemic, the federal government is not doing enough to provide them with critical resources and support.

"While I'm pleased that this grant funding will help the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs support their members by upgrading housing and reducing overcrowding, I know far more needs to be done. I'm committed to fighting for all the resources tribal communities deserve to help them get through this public health emergency."

Resolution of Tribal Council

(Note: The following Tribal Council resolution, passed on June 30, 2020, strengthens enforcement authority regarding isolation and quarantine in cases involving Covid-19.)

Whereas the Confederated Tribes is a federally recognized, self-governing, sovereign Indian tribe, and is the legal successor in interest to the Indian signatories to the Treaty between the United States of America and the Tribes of Middle Oregon, which was executed on June 25, 1855, and ratified by Congress on March 8, 1859, 12 Stat. 963; and

Whereas pursuant to the Treaty, the Tribe ceded approximately 10 million acres of land to the United States and reserved approximately 640,000 acres for exclusive use and occupation of the Tribe and its members as a permanent homeland; and

Whereas the Health and Welfare of tribal members is of paramount importance to the Tribe; and

Whereas the United States has a trust responsibility to the Tribe to protect the health of tribal members; and

Whereas this trust responsibility is embodied in official declaration of policy contained at 25 USC Section 1602 which provides:

"Congress hereby declares that it is the policy of this Nation, in fulfillment of its special responsibilities and legal obligations to Indians... to ensure the highest possible health status to Indians and to provide existing Indian health services with all resources necessary to effect that policy...."; and

Whereas recognition of the Tribe's interest in tribal health and wellness and of the federal government's trust responsibility to the same is further endorsed by Congress' approval of the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Construction program, and approval of the Warm Springs-IHS health and wellness center demonstration project; and

Whereas since January 2020, health officials in the region have been engaged in responding to the public health threat posed by the novel coronavirus (Covid-19); and

Whereas Covid-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease, and the outbreak has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic and by

the President of the United States a national emergency; and

Whereas Covid-19 is a significant health risk to Indian populations, particularly on the Warm Springs Reservation where Covid-19 rates are significantly higher than in the general regional population; and

Whereas the Tribal Council desires that the tribal staff, the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services and any other relevant federal agency, take the necessary steps to control the spread and treatment to Covid-19 on the Warm Springs Reservation; and

Whereas Congress vested authority in the Secretary of the Interior to ensure that adequate measures are taken by virtue of 25 USC Section 198 which provides:

"Whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall find any Indian afflicted with tuberculosis, trachoma or other contagious or infectious diseases, he may, if in his judgment the health of the afflicted Indian or that of other persons require it, isolate, or quarantine such afflicted Indian in a hospital or other place for treatment. The Secretary of the Interior may employ such means as may be necessary in the isolation, or quarantine of such Indian, and it shall be

the duty of such Indian so afflicted to obey the order or regulation made by the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out this provision..."

Whereas Congress further transferred the primary authority to isolate or quarantine individuals under 25 USC Section 198 to IHS; and

Whereas the Tribe desires for the federal trustees to fulfill their responsibilities to ensure the highest possible health status to Indians, and to provide existing Indian health services with all resources necessary to effect that policy including 25 USC Section 198; now therefore

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1(l) of the Tribal Constitution that the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, and any other relevant federal agency and tribal administrative staff, are hereby requested and directed to take the necessary action pursuant to federal and tribal law, as applicable, to control the spread and public health risk to other of Covid-19 on the Warm Springs Reservation, including without limitation, implementing procedures for issuing and enforcing (including through Tribal Court) the isolation or quarantine of individuals in accordance with 25 USC Section 198 and consistent with due process. Resolution no. 12,697

Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) Community Survey

Help give feedback to IRMP Team for the 2022 Revision

CTWS Branch of Natural Resources wants to know what you think? Access the survey by going to <https://qrqo.page.link/UUEVs>

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COVID-19: Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.

- If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19
 - Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.
 - Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
 - If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.

- If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19
 - Stay home until after
 - 3 days with no fever and
 - Symptoms improved and
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms
 - Stay home until after
 - 10 days have passed since your positive test.

If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

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