

Affordable Housing grant for the tribes

The Housing Authority learned last week that the Confederated Tribes have received an affordable housing grant of \$1.06 million. The award is part of \$10.5 million in Affordable Housing grants to the nine tribes of Oregon.

The funding is through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to help with the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The Oregon tribal housing block grants under the act are allocated as follows:

- The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, \$1.06 million.
- Burns Paiute Tribe, \$104,915.
- Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Confederated Tribes, \$645,994.
- Coquille Indian Tribe, \$810,330.
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe, \$668,660.
- Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes, \$1.94 million.

- Klamath Tribes, \$1.06 million.
- Siletz Confederated Tribes, \$2.86 million.
- Umatilla Confederated Tribes, \$1.38 million.

The housing grants were announced by Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

"Tribes in Oregon have been rocked by Covid-19," Sen. Wyden said. "Affordable housing is a must to keep community members safe during this pandemic and beyond."

Sen. Merkley added: "It's clear that this pandemic has hit Black, Brown, Native, and low-income communities the hardest, and made existing problems—like the growing affordable housing crisis—even worse. That's why it is so important to me and my colleagues that the American Rescue Plan include the resources that local communities, including tribal communities, need to make sure that everyone has access to a safe place to call home."



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Recent game at Madras High School: Hayden Heath, coach butch David and Sebastian Bisland (r-l). Sports teams and staff are taking many precautions to prevent a covid incident. There are restrictions on allowing fans in the stands, for instance; and masking, testing and social distancing are required. So far, as of this printing, there had been no incident requiring a delay in practice or games for the 509-J school district teams.

"We can all do our part to help protect our community from COVID-19."

WSTPD Officer Lorena Medina



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