

Culture grant helps murals project

The Warm Springs Community Action Team just received funding to continue the Youth Murals Project, an opportunity for young people to design, paint and maintain murals around the tribal community. The unique and colorful mural on the Campus basketball court is a great example.

The \$25,000 grants come from the Oregon Community Foundation.

Tananáwit grant, and others

The artist co-op arm of the Action team—Tananáwit—also received \$5,000 from the Community Foundation Arts and Culture Recovery Fund.

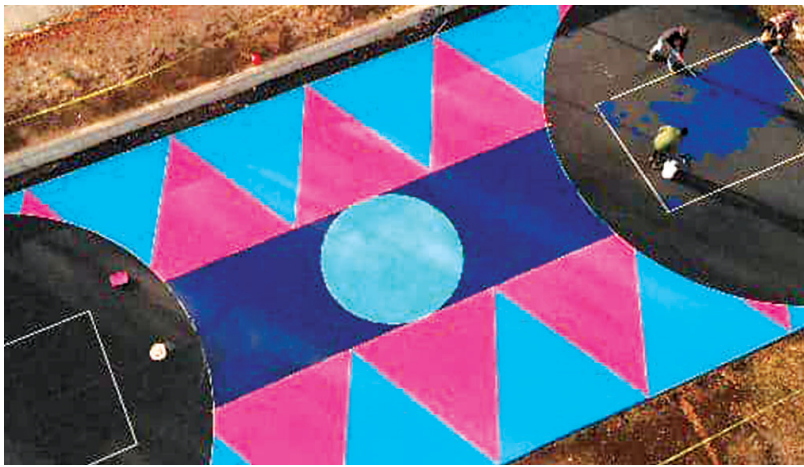
This grant will support artists who have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team began Tananáwit in 2013. The co-op has since opened a shop and an e-commerce site to help market its artists' work.

The recent grant will help increase the e-commerce work, and support the store. This will allow the team to bring on more artists, opening greater paths to success.

Some other notable recipients of the recent Community Foundation grants:

The Columbia River Institute for Indigenous Development received funding to help establish a program to document, preserve



Courtesy Brutis Baez photography

This past fall saw the Action Team's murals project beautify the Campus basketball court.

and teach the Native language Ichishkeen.

Columbia River Institute for Indigenous Development originally created the program as an in-person teaching class, led by Elders to spread the language and culture to youth. There are perhaps only 10 Ichishkeen speakers remaining in Warm Springs.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made the situation worse, as the speakers are elders. The recent grant will support elders working from home, helping establish technical skills to teach language classes in an online format. Another recipient:

The Jefferson County Cultural Commission received funding through the Oregon Community Foundation, along with the other 35

county cultural coalitions in Oregon. In the past, they've given grants to local school districts, the Jefferson County historical society, the Jefferson County Library District, Madras High School Key Club, and the Madras Saturday Market. They're still in process of distributing grants for 2022.

OCF grants have funded hundreds of organizations across the state. This year the grants range from all 36 county cultural commissions, and all nine federally recognized tribes, and to over 100 art and culture non-profits.

Community notes...

The Warm Springs Low Income Home Energy Assistance program offers financial assistance with home energy costs for those eligible.

There is currently funding to assist with furnace, wood stove and heat pump repairs. Contact Warm Springs Social Services at 541-553-2590 to learn more.

Tribal veterans are invited to take advantage of a free weekly transport service.

Please call 541-408-4147 for information.

Covid-19 community case demographics, as of January 5, 2022

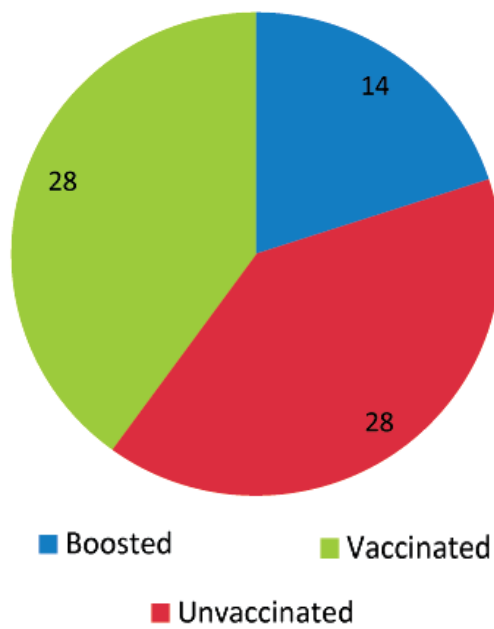
As of January 5 date, there had been a total of 1,397 confirmed covid cases in the community since the pandemic began.

There have been 28 total confirmed covid deaths in the community since the start of the pandemic in early 2020.

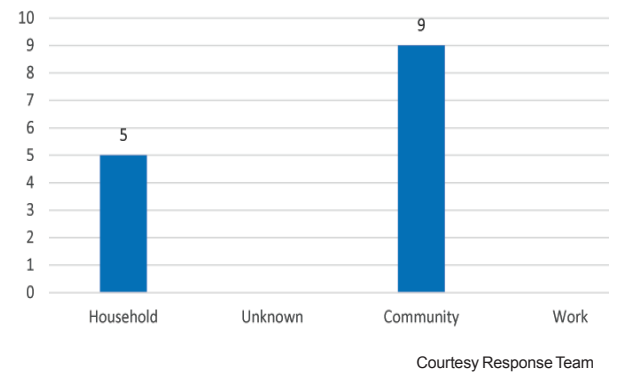
Ninety-five people have been hospitalized with the virus since that time.

As of the January 5, 2022 update: There was one hospitalization, in-patient, with Covid 19. A more recent report shows there are two hospitalizations.

Breakthrough cases - as if Jan. 5, 2022



Place of Exposure: Boosted Breakthrough Cases 1.5.2022



The **KWSO 91.9 phone app** makes it easy for you to listen to KWSO on your phone.

The app features the daily community calendar and local

news, plus more connections to information, opportunities and language lessons. Search 'kwsO' in the Apple Store or Google Play.

Your health insurance could be free.



Health insurance can expand your options and help pay for additional services so you can get the care you need. It covers a wide variety of providers and services including Tribal/IHS clinics and non-tribal providers, hospitals, pharmacies and more. If you're a member of a federally recognized tribe, you can sign up anytime, year-round. If you qualify, your insurance may even be free.

Do you qualify?

Tribal members are eligible for additional savings through the Marketplace. Find out if you're eligible for free insurance and payment assistance to eliminate your out-of-pocket costs:

- Preview savings at **OregonHealthCare.Gov**.
- Get **free help** at your tribal headquarters.
- Or call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at **855-268-3767 (toll-free)** and ask for free, local help.

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