

Important requirements at Housing Authority

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The Warm Springs Housing Authority operates housing programs for low- and moderate-income families on the reservation, in addition to managing the tribal housing rental program on behalf of the tribe.

The Housing Authority, WSHA, receives very little funding from the tribe to operate our housing programs, so we are very dependent on outside funding in the forms of federal and state grants.

When applying for and receiving outside funding, there are rules and regulations we are required to follow, including income eligibility, annual recertification (income and household composition), annual home inspection, as well as other various requirements.

Income eligibility is based on the individual housing program. Income limits for our federal Housing and Urban Development, HUD

programs requires us to move in households that are 80 percent or less of the area median income, or AMI.

AMI is a rate published annually by the federal government for each county or area. Below are the current income limits for our HUD programs, which is based on the number of people living in the home:

Income levels

Income limits for our tax credit programs are also based on the AMI, and are also published annually. Limits for an individual tax credit unit is based on the 'set aside' for that particular unit, which is established during the project application phase for the tax credit program with the state.

The WSHA operates units that

are 30-percent, 50-percent and 60-percent AMI. Also below are the current income limits for our tax credit programs, which is also based on the number of people living in the home and the set aside percent of the unit:

We are required to income qualify families at the time of move in for each program. This process requires the household to disclose

When issues of non-compliance arise, we are required to address the issue immediately to bring the home and project back into compliance.

2023 median family income	\$96,200	% Median Income	80%	1 Person	\$53,850	2 Persons	\$61,550	3 Persons	\$69,250	4 Persons	\$ 77,000	5 Persons	\$ 83,100	6 Persons	\$ 89,250	7 Persons	\$ 95,450	8 Persons	\$101,600
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Income Limit %	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
30%	\$17,010	\$19,440	\$21,870	\$24,300	\$26,250	\$28,200	\$30,150	\$32,100
40%	\$22,680	\$25,920	\$29,160	\$32,400	\$35,000	\$37,600	\$40,200	\$42,800
50%	\$28,350	\$32,400	\$36,450	\$40,500	\$43,750	\$47,000	\$50,250	\$53,500
60%	\$34,020	\$38,880	\$43,740	\$48,600	\$52,500	\$56,400	\$60,300	\$64,200

all reportable household income, which includes all earned and unearned income from adults over the age of 18, and unearned income for minors, unless specifically excluded by the federal government. Types of reportable income include (but not limited to) employment income, Social Security, unemployment benefits, child support, veterans benefits, per capita from gaming and TANF.

A few things that are excluded from household income are foster care payments, SNAP benefits, per capita payments from a trust source, as well as other federally mandated exclusions.

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COCC Annual Salmon Bake tradition continues Saturday

The first Central Oregon Community College Salmon Bake happened more than 20 years ago. Since that time, the event has become one of the more popular celebration days at the school.

The annual Salmon Bake is coordinated by the COCC Native American program and its First Nations Student Union Club. The 2024 bake will be at the Bend campus athletic field from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 18.

This is a free community event with food, music, dance, vendors and a silent auction. All donations and auction proceeds go to support the COCC First Nations Student Union scholarship program.

The salmon are provided and prepared by Sandra Greene of



Scene from the COCC Salmon Bake last year.

Quartz Creek. Frybread and other side dishes are also on the menu.

The day's entertainment will fea-

ture flutist James Edmund Greeley, Native American Music Award winner, whose work has featured on a

Grammy-winning album. Quartz Creek will bring the powwow drumming and dancing; and there

will be a performance by Aztec dance group Mexica Tiahui.

For the current academic year, nearly 4 percent of COCC's students identify as American Indian or Alaska Native.

For more information on the COCC Native Student Union or other any other tribal-related issue, contact Jeremiah Rector, Native American program coordinator, at 541-318-3782; or email: jrector@cocc.edu

Any person who may need accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability should contact Caitlyn Gardner at 541-383-7237. For accommodation because of other disability, such as hearing impairment, contact disability services at 541-383-7583.

OHSU, Prevention health event

Two doctors in June will host the first of three community education events about pancreatic cancer in Indigenous populations.

Oregon Health Sciences University doctors Claymore Kills First (Oglála Lakóta- Mnikówo'u Lakóta), and Jonathan Brody will be joined by the Warm Springs' Prevention teams.

The doctors will begin by talking about health and healthy behaviors that help the pancreas.

At the national level, we know that indigenous populations have the worst pancreatic cancer survival outcomes among all U.S. eth-

nic groups.

Warm Springs patient data from 2013-2017 reports that the rate of pancreatic cancer diagnosis is 14 times higher than the state rate. And Warm Springs patients with pancreatic cancer die at a three times higher rate than others in the state.

Drs. Kills First and Brody will talk to the community about early detection, being aware of related symptoms, like diabetes, and treatment of the condition.

There will be time for conversation to answer your questions about pancreatic cancer prevention and control.

Warm Springs Prevention pro-

grams will attend, and the OHSU team will be available for a discussion. These teams will have educational materials, handouts, prizes and giveaways.

Locally prepared dinner will be served to families interested in learning more. They will serve a hearty stew, fruits, vegetables, rolls, and non-sugar beverages.

The event is from 5 to 7 p.m on Monday, June 3 at the Community Wellness Center.

Children can play at the wellness center during the talk. Door prizes will be raffled off and gift cards will be given to those who stay the whole time. Must be present to win.

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