

# Community Fund December grants top \$396,000

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Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Kathleen George announced \$396,635 worth of fourth-quarter grants to 27 area agencies on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Grants to 25 were made in Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center. Grants to two others were made previously.

“We want to support and be the tool for the Tribe’s desire to help,” she said to the assembled grantees. “We want to empower your work. The formalization of Spirit Mountain Community Fund continues a long tradition of giving.”

Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno said that granting “is one of the best things we do. In the beginning, others said that it was not a well thought-out program. We turned that around and you have helped. It’s worked out well for all. And the membership is very supportive of the program.”

“The community took care of us for the 30 years before Restoration, so we’re happy to return the favor.”

The grants went to nonprofits in five program areas: \$164,635 in education, \$22,000 in the arts, \$159,000 in health, \$31,000 in public safety and \$20,000 in environmental preservation.

Recipients came from Portland, Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, Oregon City, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Troutdale, Hebo and Falls City.

The Portland-based Bradley Angle House’s Resource Center for Survivors of Domestic Violence received \$20,000 to provide culturally specific services to survivors within communities of color, and among the lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender community, said Executive Director Deborah Steinkopf.



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From left, Julia Willis, Spirit Mountain Community Fund grants coordinator, Michele Haynes, relations officer for the Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation, and Louis King, Spirit Mountain Community Fund program coordinator, talk during the fund’s winter grant presentation in the Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation received \$30,000.

The facility is part shelter and part resources and services for 400 to 500 adults and children every year. This is the organization’s third grant from the Community Fund.

Portland-based Triangle Productions received \$2,500 to help produce a play about Native jazz musician Jim Pepper. Managing Director Don Horn said that the play is scheduled to open May 4 at the Sanctuary at Sandy Plaza, 18th Street and Sandy, in the old Salvation Army building.

“It’s a story that’s not been told,” said Horn. “It will include dancers, story-telling and actors coming into the audience.”

This is the group’s second Community Fund grant.

For the 2013, 110 grants worth almost \$3 million went to 11 counties. Multnomah (48 for \$994,700),

Polk (nine for \$518,759) and the Reservation community (seven for \$471,614) led the list.

By program for the year, education (40 for \$785,083), health (39 for \$739,678), public safety (11 for \$581,845) and environmental preservation (11 for \$246,500) received the most grants and the largest dollar amounts.

And the total since Spirit Mountain Community Fund began now amounts to more than \$61 million.

Other grant recipients on Dec. 18 were:

- Camp Fire Columbia, Portland, \$20,000;
- CASA of Marion County Inc., Salem, \$5,000;

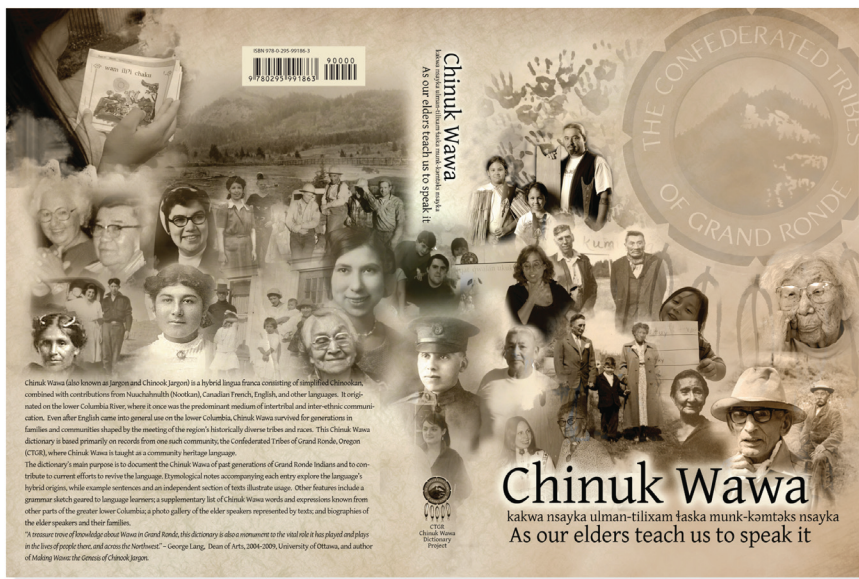
- Clackamas Women’s Services, Oregon City, \$20,000;
- Community Arts Project, Hebo, \$4,500;
- Corvallis First United Methodist Church, \$4,000;
- Eugene Hearing & Speech Center, \$25,000;
- Hope Network, Portland, \$20,000;
- Human Solutions, Portland, \$10,000;
- Innovation Partnership, Portland, \$10,000;
- Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth, Eugene, \$4,000;
- McKenzie Watershed Alliance, Eugene, \$10,000;
- McMinnville School District, \$20,000;
- Northwest Employment Education and Defense Fund, Portland, \$10,000;
- Northwest Outward Bound School, Troutdale, \$9,635;
- Oregon Environmental Council Inc., Portland, \$20,000;
- Oregon Tradeswomen Inc., Portland, \$15,000;
- Polk County School District 57, Falls City, \$2,000;
- Q Center, Portland, \$10,000;
- Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Portland, \$15,000;
- The Geezer Gallery, Portland, \$5,000;
- Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation, Hillsboro, \$30,000;
- Yamhill Community Action Partnership, McMinnville, \$20,000;
- Yamhill County Transit Area, McMinnville, \$10,000;
- A Family For Every Child, Eugene, \$50,000;
- Reading Results, Portland, \$25,000. ■

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