

## Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



### Opportunity for comment on GRTHA's 2015 Indian Housing Plan

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has received multiple grants under this program. Comments on the Indian Housing Plan are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRTHA office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRTHA no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, 2014. All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD.

### Home repair grants for Tribal homes

The Tribe, through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority, offers Home Repair Grants to Tribally owned private homes for needed repairs, upgrades and maintenance.

If you own a home in Oregon and it needs a little help with things like a worn-out roof or a tired heating system, get in touch with your Tribal Housing Authority and see if you and your home qualifies. 503-879-2401.

## Community Fund selects Bodine as Hatfield Fellow

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Mary Bodine, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, has been selected by Spirit Mountain Community Fund as the newest Hatfield Fellow.

Bodine currently works at the Bonneville Power Administration as the corporate fish and wildlife paralegal/project manager in Portland.

Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a congressional fellowship with a member of the Oregon delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country. Past fellows have served in a number of congressional offices, including those of Sens. Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith and Reps. Kurt Schrader, Darlene Hooley, Earl Blumenauer and Greg Walden.

Bodine will begin her Hatfield Fellowship in November with a one-month orientation with the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C. Following the orientation, she will assume her congressional placement in the office of Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, where she is expected to be assigned to work with the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Bodine received a juris doctorate degree in 2013 from Lewis and Clark School of Law and received an Environmental Law certificate. She earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Lewis and Clark College in 2009.

She is a recipient of the Oregon



Mary Bodine

State Bar Association's award for diversity and inclusion. From 2006-08, she served as president of the Native American Student Union at Lewis and Clark and is a former intern with the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission.

Bodine was a contributor and project lead at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, researching toxicology issues for Native Americans and consumption of contaminated salmon. She is a former Udall congressional intern and has received numerous awards, scholarships and accolades for her work in Indian Country.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. More information about the fellowship can be obtained at [www.thecommunityfund.com](http://www.thecommunityfund.com). ■

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## Learning new skills



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**Tim Anderson (in foreground) writes down ideas suggested by (from left, backs to camera) David DeHart, Alton Butler and Dalette Remington-Nash for winning strategies to succeed at work during the first Work Skills class held Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the Education Building. In the background, from left, Ronnie Johnson, Misty Carl and Tiffany Mercier also suggest strategies. All are part of the seven-class course called "The Work Skills System," a modular training program designed to enhance communication skills vital to success at work. The class is moderated by Senior Human Resources Generalist Steve O'Harra. The second class is scheduled for Sept. 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Education Building. Contact O'Harra at 503-879-2113 to join.**

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