

**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Social Security Disability  
Insurance Benefit Advocate  
Request for Proposal**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being conducted by the Social Services Department for the purpose of obtaining a contractor who has 5 plus years' experience in SSI/SSD advocacy/ benefit determination and the qualifications to advocate for Tribal members who are seeking assistance in the application process. Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

- Provide general information to Tribal members and make referrals regarding SSI/SSD and Veteran's Benefits.
- Screen Tribal members who claim their disability does to allow them to work.
- Refer members to appropriate physical and/or mental health evaluations.
- Determine the severity of the physical/mental health condition from reports received. Make recommendations and assist Tribal members develop an action plan.
- Assist Tribal members in applying for SSI/SSD and or Veteran's benefits.
- Assist Tribal Members with completing paperwork to file for appeals for denial of SSI/SSD or Veteran's benefits.
- Refer Tribal members to Tribal member benefits to apply for Tribal SSI/SSD program.
- Serve as a resource to employees when working with clients that may benefit from SSI/SSD or Veteran services.

Preference will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and/or Indian-owned businesses registered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO office.

Successful candidates must provide the following insurance:  
Commercial General Liability Insurance limits not less than:

- \$500,000 General Aggregate Limit
- \$500,000 Personal Injury
- \$500,000 Each Occurrence Limit

Please submit your proposal to Tammy Garrison by April 20, 2016, at 5 p.m.

Tammy Garrison, Social Services Department  
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.  
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503-879-2077

**Elders seeking help making jam**

Tribal Elders are seeking small jelly jars, donations of sugar and volunteers to help make jam for Elder Honor Day in July.

Drop off donations at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. For more information, call 503-879-2233. ■

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the Grand Ronde Restoration Act; provided, that such roll may be corrected by Tribal Council with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior *or the official Tribal membership roll prepared by the Tribe between Nov. 30, 1984, and Sept. 14, 1999; provided that such roll may be corrected by the Tribal Council in accordance with the Tribal Enrollment Ordinance.*"

The second proposed amendment would reduce General Council participation requirements for initiatives, referendums and the calling of special General Council meetings.

Currently, the Tribal Constitution requires at least one-third of the adult general membership – more than 1,300 people – to sign a petition for an initiative, referendum, recall effort or membership-proposed constitutional amendment to proceed.

Tribal Council members said unbiased educational meetings will be held before the election regarding

the possible effects of the two proposed amendments.

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said the resolutions and proposed amendments will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review and calling of an election and that, if promptly called, the constitutional election is not expected to significantly overlap with the upcoming Tribal Council election in early September.

Tribal Council also adopted a resolution appointing Janet Giddings, Sharon Hanson, Deanna Johnston, Michael Mercier and Joann Mercier to serve on the Election Board for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Constitutional Amendment Election.

Tribal members will be required to register to vote with the BIA for the special election. Thirty percent of those who register to vote must cast a ballot and two-thirds of those voting must approve of the proposal for an amendment to be adopted.

To watch the Wednesday, April 6, Tribal Council meeting in its entirety, go to the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org), click on the News tab and then Video. ■

Grand Ronde Tribal members are invited to attend  
the fourth annual  
**First Salmon Ceremony**

**Friday, May 6, 2016**  
**1 p.m.** Ceremonial Arrival and Blessing of the Salmon  
on the banks of the Willamette River in West Linn

**3 p.m.** Community Salmon Dinner Potluck Style at  
**McLean House**  
5350 River Street  
West Linn, Oregon 97068

Please bring a dish to share  
Dress for the outdoors, wear good walking shoes  
Please bring your own chair.  
We recommend using 99 E instead of I 205

We need an accurate head count to manage parking and food. Please RSVP to  
[PublicAffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@grandronde.org)  
Or call 503-879-1418

**Hayu Masi**