

Tribal member \$500 technology grant extended to December

COVID-19 continued from front page

Casino closed for 74 days from mid-March through May 31.

Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes reaped about \$200 million in direct payments from the departments of the Treasury and Interior in CARES Act funding.

The \$2.2 trillion CARES Act was passed by Congress in March 2020 and Oregon Tribes initially received a combined \$152.7 million in funding, according to a Harvard study that used Treasury's publicly announced formula for determining payments to Tribes. The study estimated that the Grand Ronde Tribe initially received approximately \$33 million in funding. The exact amount, according to a U.S. government website, was in the ballpark at \$31.6 million.

After a hold on 40 percent of the \$8 billion allocated for Tribes ended upon settlement of whether Alaska Native corporations were eligible to receive CARES Act funding, Treasury dispersed the balance to help Native American Tribes weather the COVID-19 storm.

The federal mandate is allowing the Grand Ronde Tribe to extend

its deadline for Tribal students and Elders to apply for \$500 technology grants with which to purchase a computer to access educational needs or keep in contact with the Tribal government. The new deadline is Dec. 31, 2021, as well.

It also is allowing the Grand Ronde Tribe to offer \$200 grants to nonElder Tribal members and descendant children for the same purposes.

The grant applications can be accessed at www.grandronde.org/covid-19-information/.

The other piece of good news is that \$20 billion in additional funding for Native American Tribes is included in President Biden's proposed American Rescue Plan. The funding will help Tribal governments and communities hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the new administration's Build Back Better website, the two-step plan is intended to provide relief for Americans who have been most affected by the pandemic, both in terms of health and economic impact.

The American Rescue Plan still needs to be approved by the new Congress that took over in mid-January. ■

Availability of ODOT 5310 & Special Transportation Fund Transit Grants

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is providing notice that eligible transportation providers may apply for federal 5310 grant funds (\$97,571) allocated to the Tribe for the 2021-23 biennium by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Projects providing transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible for funding including those that also serve the general public. In past years, the Tribe has chosen to select internally generated proposals to use these funds in agreements for the transit service to Salem through the Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD) and to McMinnville through the Yamhill County Transit Area.

The Tribe also will be applying for its ODOT Special Transportation Fund (STF) allocation (\$135,400) and project proposals, suggestions and comments can be provided for use of these funds as well. STF funds have been used for these same routes to Salem and McMinnville and for transit service to Lincoln City through an agreement with TCTD.

STF and 5310 applications for projects serving the Grand Ronde community must be submitted to the Grand Ronde Tribe not later than noon Feb. 5, 2021. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, the Tribe's Transportation Advisory Committee will meet to review 5310 and STF proposal options and make its recommendation to Tribal Council. The meeting will be by telephone between noon and 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend by calling in. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information including the call-in number and participant code. Meeting materials will be available for public review by Feb. 5 and can be e-mailed.

It is expected that the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which is an STF agency, will vote on the recommended uses of these funds at its meeting on Feb. 24, 2021, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Both the STF and the 5310 applications from the Tribe to ODOT are due March 1, 2021. ■



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ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST
PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING
Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.

LIHEAP program open in service area


The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■


PREVENTION CORNER

January 2021 Happy New Year



Staff Spotlight

This past October Matt Bucknell joined the YEP Program as the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant Coordinator (TPREP). Along with supporting YEP events and activities, Matt will also be assisting the Willamina SD in delivering personal health curriculum to the school's 8th, 9th and 11th grade students. Matt has worked with our Tribal/Native youth and their families in Grand Ronde since August of 2000, and is eager to meet the challenges of his new position.



Emotional Well-Being Into the New Year & Beyond

Being emotionally healthy doesn't mean you're happy all the time. It means you're aware of your emotions. Emotionally healthy people still feel stress, anger and sadness, but they know how to manage their negative feelings. Emotional health allows you to be productive, cope with the stresses of everyday life and can help you realize your full potential. There are many ways to improve and/or maintain good emotional health. Here are some examples:

- Be aware of your emotions and reactions
- Express your feelings to others in appropriate ways
- Think before you act or speak
- Manage your stress using relaxation methods and techniques
- Strive for a healthy balance between work and play
- Take care of your physical health through exercise and diet
- Don't abuse drugs or alcohol, and be aware of excess gambling
- Connect with others, we all need positive people in our lives
- Find purpose and meaning in your daily work and life choices
- Stay positive, focus on the good and forgive yourself for mistakes

*American Academy of Family Physicians

CTGR Office Closures:

- Jan. 18th MLK Jr. Day
- Feb. 15th Tribal Chiefs Day

Cooking with Shannon:

- Jan. 27th and Feb. 25th

Facebook LIVE:

- Virtual Valentines Family Event Feb. 11th in the evening

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on program activities, to win cool prizes and to participate in the fun online "LIVE" events.

[ctgryouthempowerment](https://www.facebook.com/ctgryouthempowerment)

Grand Ronde Youth Empowerment and Prevention

As always, use the following hashtag, and post your pictures **#ctgrwellnesswarriors**

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER

Due to COVID restrictions TERO is putting on two 5 hour Flagger Certification Classes

Classes Feb. 24-25. 10am-3pm. 9 person max per class. Mask required.

CTGR Employment Service Center
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
(Building C, Rooms A & B)

No cost for Tribal members and \$100 for non-Tribal members.

Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2139 or 503-879-2188

You can also e-mail us at tero@grandronde.org



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