

Tribe awarded \$590,055 Access to Care grant

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is one of 48 organizations that will receive a total of \$10 million in initial funding to provide services required by Measure 110, the Drug Treatment and Recovery Act approved by Oregon voters in November 2020.

The Tribe will receive \$590,055, according to a May 18 Oregon Health Authority press release.

Organizations chosen for funding provided proposals that met the criteria to deliver services to communities most affected by substance abuse disorders and the war on drugs, including communities of color and Tribal communities.

“We are using the funds to support our efforts to deliver services focused on substance use disorder,” said Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe.

The Health Authority received 114 grant proposals and an 18-person evaluation committee reviewed them and selected the award recipients.

Grant recipients demonstrated their ability to offer services that

are, among other things, culturally and linguistically specific and support person-directed recovery.

“We are very impressed with the quality of the proposals that were submitted by organizations that will provide these urgently needed, culturally responsive substance abuse services,” Health Authority Director Steve Allen said. “The need is great.”

In addition to the Grand Ronde Tribe, the Umatilla Tribe’s Yellowhawk Tribal Health Clinic will receive \$62,660 and the Native American Rehabilitation Association in Portland will get \$557,675.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde opened a medication-assisted treatment center in Salem, the Great Circle Recovery Clinic, in March to treat people who have become addicted to opioids. The Tribe plans on opening a similar treatment facility in east Portland in late 2021 or early 2022.

In addition, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy serves on the Measure 110 Oversight and Accountability Council, which is responsible for designing future funding opportunities. ■

Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

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Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center is pleased to add additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings. The clinic will be scheduling patients at 8 a.m. every Thursday preceding or following a holiday closure. Urgent care also will be available during this time. ■

Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camps



Learn to speak Chinuk Wawa this Summer with the Chinuk Wawa Education Program! Three themed camps will be offered for youth in grades K-5 and 6-12 on a first come, first served basis! Camps will run from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Adult Education building in room 126. See below for camp and registration details. Tribal preference will be given. Transportation not provided. COVID safety measures in place, masks required.

JUNE- Games

Focusing on basic vocabulary and playing/creating games for a fun language learning experience!

June 22nd-24th- K-5 group
June 29th-July 1st- 6th-12th group
Registration begins May 24th



JULY- Canoes

Focusing on Grand Ronde’s canoes, songs, and dances through Chinuk Wawa, AND an opportunity to paddle in a canoe!

July 20th-22nd- K-5 group
July 27th-29th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 2nd

AUGUST- Berries

Focusing on different berries and local native plants, picking berries, & making homemade jam & fry bread!

August 16th & 17th- K-5 group
August 18th and 19th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 30th



There are only 12 spots per camp! To sign up, please complete and return registration to
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