

**Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban
Development Program
Community Development Statement
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Grand Ronde Child Care Center Project**

Following HUD's Notice of Funding Availability, the Tribe solicited for ICDBG project suggestions from Tribal departments. This was followed by discussions and updates with the General Manager and Tribal Council. Council reviewed five eligible ICDBG project suggestions and construction of a Child Care Center was selected by Tribal Council.

ICDBG is a competitive grant program whose funds are intended to meet an essential community development need and to benefit the neediest segment of the population. The proposed construction of this Child Care Center will primarily serve children from low-moderate income households.

To comment on the proposed application, please contact Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Manager, at 503-879-2250 or send your comments to him at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or kim.rogers@grandronde.org.

Council will review comments collected to date at its Oct. 12, 2021, Legislative Action Committee meeting and again at its Oct. 13, 2021, Council meeting at which time Council will consider authorizing this application. Council will also consider comments provided by Grand Ronde community members in determining whether to make any modifications to the application. The resulting application will be available for review. The ICDBG grant application is due on Oct. 25, 2021.

The Tribe's Early Childhood Education Center was built in 2001 and has to turn away children and families in need of service based on not having space to serve them. Lack of child care is a major barrier to family members obtaining training and achieving employment and self-sufficiency. The proposed project will construct a 3,500-square-foot Child Care Center with three classrooms (infant through age 2). The estimated development cost is \$2.1 million with \$1.9 million for the structure and \$200,000 for parking and utilities. The ICDBG application will be for \$750,000, plus \$250,000 in Tribal matching funds planned to come from the Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant funding, plus \$500,000 from a planned amendment of the Tribe's Child Care Development Fund grant, and an expected \$400,000 in grant funding from foundations. Added building operation and maintenance costs are expected to be \$20,000 a year. Adding staffing costs are expected to be primarily funded by increased Early Head Start and Child Care Development funding. ■

Future housing site



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Workers from Scholten Construction Inc. of Willamina have started moving earth at the 86.5-acre Rink 2 property off McPherson Road and east of Grand Meadows in Grand Ronde. The site has been designated for the Tribe's new home ownership property recently named tipsu-ili'l (grassland in Chinuk Wawa). The home ownership project is starting with 20 residential lots on which Tribal members can build homes with 75-year leases. Tribal Council approved the \$612,000 professional services agreement with Scholten Construction during its Aug. 25 meeting. The Tribe held a blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the property on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Fee assistance available

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. ■



TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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VETERANS CRISIS LINE, CALL 1-800-273-8255 AND PRESS 1 OR TEXT 838255

VETERANS CORNER, October 2021:

E-mail CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org to register for events and training!

All CTGR veterans send us your e-mail address so we can include you on the monthly CTGR Veterans Newsletter Distribution List and periodic e-mail information updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 2021 until completed
Coffee & Chat with the TVSO

The original plan was to take you out to coffee and meet with you face to face. Due to the pandemic, that isn't possible and I do not want to risk anyone's health and safety. Because I still want to connect with you, I will be reaching out to you via phone call to speak with you about your benefits or other related veteran topics. In return for your time the TVSO will send you a gift card as a token of appreciation.

The Tribal Veterans Service Officer will call all Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde veterans to review Veteran Benefits the veteran might be eligible for. Reviewing and applying for benefits can mean more money in your pocket and/or more benefits that you qualify to use. In some cases, spouses can also benefit in case of the veterans passing. Let's chat!

Oct. 28, 2021 2 p.m. (Virtual)
A Community Wellness Gathering: Living in Balance
Register on Zoom. Use Meeting ID: 810 8041 1541
Passcode: 241701

The last in our series of Behavioral Health trainings for 2021. Please join us! The Native Wellness Institute will facilitate a community virtual gathering to laugh, learn and connect with one another in a good way. We'll visit about living in balance, how our cultural teachings can give us strength and share with each other what makes us feel good. We'll uplift each other and leave feeling better than when we arrived.

Nov. 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.
Veterans Day Drive Through Luncheon

Honoring Tribal and community veterans on Veterans Day. Begins at noon until supplies run out. Come get a boxed lunch, a

T-shirt and some goodies from the Tribal Veterans Service Office and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Behavioral Health Department. #ctgrhonorsveterans

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

Month of November
Veterans Wellness & Mental Health & Suicide Awareness Walk (Virtual)

Contact the CTGR TVSO to sign up and to give us your T-shirt size. Walk or run 2.2 miles sometime during the month of November 2021.

Veterans and veteran family members are welcome to participate in our first walk to bring awareness to veteran mental health and suicide. Each participant will receive a T-shirt in return for completing the walk/run. If participants choose to, they are welcome to post a selfie on the CTGR TVSO page and/or send a photo to the CTGR TVSO with the hashtags: #ctgrveteranmentalhealthwalk2021, #iamaveteran or, #ctgrhonorsveterans

Dec. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
Veterans End of the Year Event

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUTHWEST ASIA THEATER OF OPERATIONS?

The Department of Veterans Affairs began processing disability claims Aug. 2, 2021 for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas – if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service. Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office to determine if your dates of service and location of service fall within the qualifying dates.

IRAQ or AFGHANISTAN?

Did you serve in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, New Dawn, Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom? The Open Burn Pit Registry allows eligible veterans and service members to document environmental exposures, such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires or pollution during deployment, as well as record health concerns, through an online questionnaire.

VIETNAM VETERANS - AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?

The list of conditions presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure has recently expanded. Whether you were on land, air or sea, you may be entitled to compensation from the VA.

Blue Water Navy: Agent Orange Presumptive Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam.

1. Are you a Vietnam veteran (includes military, naval or air service) who served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975?
2. Did you serve aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia?
3. Do you have one or more of the Agent Orange presumptive conditions listed below: IHD, type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, respiratory cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, soft tissue sarcomas, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, hyper thyroidism, etc.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office for more information.

