

HUD announces Indian Housing Block Grant awards

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that it is distributing more than \$1.1 billion in Indian Housing Block Grants to Tribes and Tribally-designated housing entities, for affordable housing in Indian Country.

Grand Ronde’s allocation for 2025 was \$6.2 million.

Tribes apply for grants using a federal formula that considers population, income, housing conditions and need. It is the main source of federal housing support to Tribes and is driven by treaties with the federal government. Grant funds can be used for housing construction, operation, improving existing houses and providing housing services.

Other Oregon Tribes received the following allocations for 2025:

- Burns Paiute Tribe, \$315,233
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, \$8,677,436
- Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, \$1,873,430
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, \$2,912,747
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, \$2,645,992
- Coquille Indian Tribe, \$2,162,442
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe, \$2,354,710
- Klamath Tribes, \$3,129,909

“Today’s announcement reaffirms our commitment to serve Tribal communities while working towards meeting Indian Country’s housing needs,” HUD Secretary Scott Turner said in a press release. “HUD has a strong partnership with Tribal nations, and I look forward to collaborating directly with Tribal leaders to expand housing opportunities and remove burdensome regulatory barriers that impede progress.” ■

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

Mental walk



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Marcia Stake peruses a box of building blocks as she creates a mental health survival kit while her fiancé, Albert Moody, looks on during the Mental Health Awareness Walk at the Day Use Park on the Tribal campus Wednesday, May 21. Different ways to keep mental health strong, including cultural and spiritual self-care, were discussed. Additionally, supplies to create a mental health survival kit were provided and sandwiches from Firehouse Subs were served for lunch. May is Mental Health Awareness Month.



Mental Health Awareness Walk attendees walk the loop at the Day Use Park on the Tribal campus Wednesday, May 21. Ten walk participants received a walking stick.



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Find out more:

Get as much information about foster care as you can. Children & Family Services offers opportunities to talk one-on-one with certification staff to ask questions and learn more before attending required training. You can also review our certification standards, which offers guidance and expectations of being a resource provider.

Make the decision:

Becoming a resource provider will bring changes to your life. Because of that, it is important that every member of your household considers what that will mean to them. The following is a list of questions that can help you make the right decision with your family:

- Does everyone in our family believe that resource care is right for us?
- Are you comfortable maintaining and making cultural connections?
- Are you willing to attend cultural events in Grand Ronde?
- Do we have friends or family that will support us in this decision?
- Do we have space in our home for a child?
- Is there an age group or gender that would work best with our family?
- Any special needs a child may have that we would not be comfortable taking on?

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NATIVE YOUTH WELLNESS WARRIOR CAMP

JUNE 23 - 26, 2025

The camp is intended to provide healing opportunities and skill development through ceremony, workshops, activities, movement, traditional games, crafts, and more!



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