

GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE AND
SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS ORDINANCE — OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering adopting a General Welfare Assistance and Supplemental General Welfare Assistance Programs Ordinance. The proposed new ordinance was given a first reading at the June 25, 2025, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed ordinance is to establish general welfare assistance payment programs to provide for the needs of Tribal members in maintaining their health, well-being, independence and quality of life, and make general welfare assistance payments available to them not subject to federal income tax in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 139E and the Tribal General Welfare Ordinance.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed new General Welfare Assistance and Supplemental General Welfare Assistance Programs Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed ordinance, contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664 or legal@grandronde.org. Also send comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Aug. 15, 2025. ■

TRIBAL DEBT COLLECTION ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the June 25, 2025, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to provide that General Welfare Assistance and Supplemental General Welfare Assistance Program payments are Tribal payments subject to the provisions of the Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance. The proposed amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tribal Debt Collection Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664, legal@grandronde.org or send comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

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Tribal Council approves grant applications for domestic violence and sex trafficking prevention

By Danielle Harrison
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Tribal Council approved a grant application for a U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for domestic violence and sex trafficking prevention at its Wednesday, July 9, meeting.

A similar application included an Office on Violence Against Women rural domestic violence, dating violence and stalking prevention grant for up to \$700,000.

These grant applications are part of the Tribe’s Warriors of Hope Domestic & Sexual Violence Program’s mission to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking.

“This will fund 1.62 of the existing shelter advocates, provide funding for required training and provide funding for needed supplies, equipment and fees,” Tribal Grants Program Manager Wendy Sparks said during a Tuesday, July 8, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “It’s a three-year grant with an award anticipated in September.”

If approved, the federal grants would be used to develop and provide housing capacity that will meet the needs of domestic violence survivors, maintain current services and provide an environment that promotes recovery and healing.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a grant application from the Tribal Police Department to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Oregon Tribal Grants Program for up to \$100,000;
 - Approved the 12 Tribes O’Link memorandum of agreement for fiscal year 2026. The annual agreement is necessary because the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Indian Housing Block Grant service area overlaps with 11 other Tribes in Oregon and California. The federal government requires that Tribes in overlapping service areas agree on how to distribute funding, which will include an allocation of approximately \$428,577 for Grand Ronde;
 - Approved the Oregon Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund transit plan agreement to help fund public transit services in Grand Ronde;
 - Approved an amendment to the Tribal Transportation Program funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior;
 - And approved the enrollment of four infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.
- To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Videos tab. ■

Gas discount

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

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