

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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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. ■

Tribal Council approves contract for Native Plant Nursery seed processing facility

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a contract with Advanced Native Construction LLC of Jefferson, Oregon, to build a seed processing facility at the Tribe's Native Plant Nursery during its Wednesday, July 23, meeting.

The Native Plant Nursery is located adjacent to the Natural Resources Department and was established in 2015 with a plan to grow camas lilies, Yampa and bare-stemmed biscuitroot, among other plants.

Since then, the program has expanded to include a hoop house to start seeds and cuttings in, first foods for Tribal gatherings and additional capacity for growing plants used in restoration projects.

Native Plant Nursery staff have also participated in projects to educate the Tribal community about the importance and various uses

of Native plants, such as nursery tours, work parties and opportunities for youth.

When completed, the enclosed pole barn will allow Natural Resources staff to process seeds and conduct related activities in a permanent, indoor location.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved appointing Annabelle Layman to the Elder Board with a term ending March 31, 2027;
- Approved an agreement with the Metro Regional Land Information System, which will allow the Tribe to map out different tax lots in the Multnomah County metro area;
- And approved the enrollment of one infant 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. ■

Powwow is a clean and sober event

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in various dance categories. There will also be a best-dressed drum competition Saturday evening, with prizes ranging from \$200 to \$500.

Prize totals will be \$40,000 for drum contests, \$60,600 for dance contests and \$6,000 for committee-sponsored specials, according to Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam.

Specials include ermine bonnet teen & boys traditional; men's grass dance for 18 and older and women's old-style jingle for 18 and older.

Powwow will begin with a royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 15, at the Tribal Governance Center Atrium, followed by ceremonies for the outgoing royalty and crowning incoming royalty at 5 p.m. at the powwow grounds. Grand entry will

start at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, grand entry will take place at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, there will be an Indian auction at 11 a.m., and grand entry at 1 p.m.

The powwow is a clean and sober event. Attendees are asked not to bring alcohol, drugs or weapons, and not to display gang affiliation. Smoking and vaping is not allowed around or in the arena or arbor. Dogs are not allowed in the event area, including the arena, around the arbor and in the vendor areas.

The event is often crowded, so people are advised to arrive early enough to allow time for parking and finding seating.

For more information, visit www.grandronde.org. For vendor information, call 503-879-4533 or 503-879-2037. ■

Contest Powwow vendors wanted!

The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

Interested vendors are asked to apply online at www.grandronde.org.

For more information or assistance call:

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Call is open | June 17, 2025
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submit your art and share your story.