

Tribal Council approves economic development grant application

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Tribal Council approved a comprehensive economic development strategy federal grant application for up to \$900,000 at its Wednesday, Aug. 6, meeting.

If approved, the three-year Administration for Native Americans grant would be used to pay for an already-budgeted new position in the Economic Development and Tribal Lands Department.

The Tribal Economic Development program recently merged with the Tribal Lands Department under the direction of current Tribal Lands/Self-Governance Manager Jan M. Reibach.

Using the grant funds, the new employee would be sent to economic development trainings and complete an economic development strategy plan for the Tribe.

Grants Program Manager Wendy Sparks spoke about the grant at a Tuesday, Aug. 5, Legislative Action Committee meeting and noted that most federal grants now have an application deadline of just two to four weeks after the funding opportunities have been posted. Previously, the timeline was between two months to a year. As a result, the Tribal grants team had to submit the application prior to it being approved by council.

“That made it impossible for us to submit a signed resolution and bring the application to you prior to submission, so if you choose not to approve this resolution, we will withdraw the application,” she said. “I know this is far from ideal and we

really appreciate your flexibility as we look for ways to navigate this interesting new approach.”

Tribal Council member Kathleen George thanked the grants team for their hard work.

“It’s a big adjustment and we really appreciate how you guys are doing your best to just accommodate the shifting sands of federal funding,” she said. “This sounds like a really great project and one that we could really benefit from.”

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved a Tribal credit card for the Social Services Department Children & Family Services Program for \$2,500;
 - Approved an amendment to the fee schedule for the Win Thin Logging Unit timber sale;
 - Approved a grant application for up to \$124,979 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a Tribal cultural use study and co-stewardship project;
 - Approved terminating a credit card processing agreement with Square and approving an agreement with Worldpay LLC. Tribal Finance Officer Chris Leno said the new system will allow the Finance Department to accept loan payments from Tribal members electronically;
 - 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. ■

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.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■

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Public comment notice — CSBG Block Grant Annual Plan

The Tribe invites Tribal members to review and provide feedback on the proposed CSBG Block Grant Annual Plan. The plan will be available for public review at the Tribal Community Center from Friday, Aug. 15 to Tuesday, Aug. 26.

This public comment period ensures meaningful community participation in the planning process. Tribal members are encouraged to submit their input during this time to Caitlin Zimbrick at caitlin.zimbrick@grandronde.org ■

School clothes program is open

The Social Services school clothing program is open and requirements are as follows:

- Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member (must provide CIB or Tribal ID);
- Child must be of school age and must be registered in preschool, elementary, middle or high school;
- Income must meet eligibility criteria.

To learn more about the application process or to get an application, call the Social Services front desk at 503-879-2034 or stop in between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Social Services is located in the Tribal Community Center building on the Tribal campus.

The program closes Wednesday, Dec. 31. ■

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