



Coquille Tribal Community Fund

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COQUILLE TRIBAL COMMUNITY FUND ANNOUNCES 2010 GRANT RECIPIENTS

46 grants provide \$294,000 for community projects

North Bend, Ore. – The Coquille Tribal Community Fund will provide \$294,000 in grants this year to projects at 46 area non-profit organizations and public agencies.

At its annual meeting, the Fund’s Board of Trustees placed added emphasis on programs directed toward individuals and families who were adversely affected by the regional and national economic downturn.

“Our trustees are acutely aware of the need for basic services throughout the region,” said Julia Willis, Fund administrator. “Programs providing food, emergency housing and health services were given a high priority in this year’s funding decisions.”

In its continuing emphasis on feeding the hungry, the Fund provided \$82,475 to 14 organizations operating food pantries, senior meals programs, community gardens and children’s nutrition. Board members provided an additional \$27,000 for housing and health care programs. In addition, the Fund continued its support for the Coos County Historical Society’s Waterfront Museum with a grant for \$70,000. Grants totaling more than \$30,000 were provided for the arts and art education programs.

The Coquille Indian Tribe established the community fund in 2001 as a way to share profits from The Mill Casino with community organizations. Since its inception, the fund has distributed close to \$3.5 million to support charitable efforts throughout the region.

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund supports non-profit and governmental organizations with projects in the areas of education, health, public safety, problem gaming, environmental issues, arts and culture and historic preservation. Funds, derived from a percentage of revenues from The Mill Casino, are managed and distributed by a board of trustees comprised of community leaders, a gubernatorial appointee and representatives of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.

The fund reflects the commitment of the Coquille Indian Tribe to take a proactive, positive role in the well-being of the community. The Tribe is among the largest employers in Coos County, and, through the Coquille Economic Development Corporation, manages The Mill Casino • Hotel & RV Park along with business ventures in assisted living, organic cranberry farming and high-speed telecommunications.

For organizations wishing to be considered for the next round of funding, the deadline for applications is Aug. 31. For more information, visit the Fund Web site at www.coquilletribalfund.org.

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The following organizations received funds this year.

- Bandon Community Youth Center – for job skills development program.
- Bay Area Senior Activity Center – for senior lunch program.
- CASA of Lane County – for volunteer screening, training and supervision.
- Christian Help Food Bank – for snack pack program and food purchases.
- Community Emergency Resources & Vital Services – for food bank and children’s school supplies.
- Community Sharing Program – for holiday meal boxes.
- Coos Art Museum – for 2010 Biennial Student Art Exhibit.
- Coos Bay Police Dept. – for crime prevention program.
- Coos Bay Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry – for food purchases.
- Coos County Friends of Public Health – for women’s health service vouchers.
- Coos County Historical Society – for waterfront museum and plaza.
- Coos County Public Health – for exam vouchers for teens.
- Coos County RSVP – for mileage reimbursement for volunteers.
- Coquille Valley Art Association – for replacement kiln and improvements.
- Ecumenical Emergency Food Cupboard – for food purchases.
- Egyptian Theatre Preservation Assoc. – for stage lighting.
- Ellensburg Theater Company – for ADA compliance for new theater.
- Florence Food Share – for food purchases.
- Friends of South Slough Reserve – for the Aquaria project.
- Lower Umpqua Community Center – for new kitchen flooring.
- Mental Health Assoc. of SW Oregon – for Living Well with Chronic Conditions program.
- Music on the Bay –for stage roof and handicap access.
- Myrtle Point Senior Center – for window replacement.
- ORCCA-CASA – for training and support of volunteers.
- ORCCA-Emergency Housing – for emergency housing program.
- ORCCA-Share Bear Snack Pack program – for supplemental weekend food.
- ORCCA-South Coast Food Share – for transportation costs.
- Over the Rainbow, Inc. – for horse feed.
- Parent Partnership, Ltd. – for McKinney Homeless Youth program.
- Planned Parenthood of SW Oregon – for educational programs.

- Powers Action Team – for projector and screen for Saturday Nite Movies in the Park.
- Powers Food Pantry – for food purchases.
- Powers School District – for equipment for Native Species Center.
- Rogue Gallery & Art Center – for Drop in & Draw program.
- Rogue Valley Habitat for Humanity – for drywall and insulation for new home.
- Shelter Care – for prescription drug program for the homeless.
- SMART – to provide program to 34 children.
- South Coast Business Employment Corp. – for senior meals.
- South Coast Community Garden Assoc. – for a shed.
- Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center – for pre-vocational work-study program.
- Star of Hope Activity Center – for new equipment for Oregon Connection.
- Triangle Food Box – for food purchases.
- University of Oregon Museum of Natural History – for a compact storage system.
- Walter Graham Food Pantry – for food purchases.
- Women’s Safety and Resource Center – for a sexual assault advocate.
- Zonta (Coos Bay area) – for the Little Red Schoolhouse Project.