



Coquille Indian Housing Authority

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RESOLUTION HA2004

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY “ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR” GRANT

WHEREAS, the Coquille Indian Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe pursuant to the Coquille Indian Restoration Act of June 28, 1989, 25 U.S.C. § 715, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, by and through its Tribal Council, the Tribe has adopted a Housing Ordinance at CITC Chapter 130, which created the Coquille Indian Housing Authority (“CIHA”) and established a Board of Commissioners (“Board”) to manage the affairs of the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, CIHA’s role is to provide safe and affordable housing for low income families; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a direct threat to the health and safety of low-income Coquille Tribal members, other American Indians, Alaska Natives, and their families; and,

WHEREAS, CIHA has undertaken multiple measures to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of COVID-19 within its housing units and facilities, and to other households within the Tribe’s Kilkich housing community; and,

WHEREAS, improving the ventilation of indoor spaces by replacing radiant and recirculating heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with systems that draw in fresh, filtered air has been recommended by the EPA to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and identified as a priority need by the CIHA Board; and,

WHEREAS, available CIHA funds are inadequate to perform this work; and,

WHEREAS, opportunity has arisen for the Tribe to receive funds appropriated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 through the Oregon Health Authority “Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Tribal Communities and Communities of Color” grant program; and,

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity has been extended by the Tribe to CIHA to assist with its unmet needs related to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, CIHA staff have developed a request for funds in the amount of \$1,036,800 to rehabilitate CIHA’s residential HVAC systems, included in the Tribe’s grant application attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Board wishes to approve acceptance of grant funds and expeditious implementation of project activities; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the inclusion of CIHA's residential HVAC rehabilitation project in the Tribe's application for funding to the Oregon Health Authority's "Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Tribal Communities and Communities of Color" grant program; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chair of the CIHA Board of Commissioners and/or the CIHA Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and execute all documents necessary to give this resolution full force and effect.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Coquille Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners meeting held on Coquille Tribal Lands in Coos Bay, Oregon on September 24, 2020 with the required quorum present by a vote of:

_____ **For** _____ **Against** _____ **Absent** _____ **Abstaining**

Paul E. Doyle,
Chair

Robert B. More,
Secretary/Treasurer

COVID-19 Response Application for Funds Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Tribal Communities and Communities of Color



Posted Date: August 18, 2020

Deadline: August 31, 2020

Introduction

As the Oregon Health Authority continues to advocate for tribal communities and communities of color and fight the COVID-19 pandemic we share with you the following announcement:

The Oregon Health Authority is seeking to send up to \$45,000,000.00 of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) prioritizing tribal communities and communities of color in Oregon to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and its effects. Data show COVID-19 infection rates disproportionately impact Oregon's tribal communities and communities of color. The disparate health and economic impact the virus has on these communities is driven by the systemic health inequities experienced as a result of social determinants of health. Key examples of social determinants of health include income inequality, unemployment, working conditions, food insecurity, housing, and other factors that contribute to health outcomes.

Background

In early May 2020, the Oregon Health Authority's Community Partner Outreach Program, Office of Equity and Inclusion Division and Tribal Affairs contacted the Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon and multiple community partners throughout the state with this question:

What health-related needs does your community have as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, that flexible federal dollars could help address?

Responses were very helpful in sharing identified needs with state leadership and shaping a community-driven proposal for the state to allocate Coronavirus Relief Funds to address the needs of tribal communities and communities of color. On August 5, 2020 the State of Oregon Emergency Board (E-Board) approved 45

million dollars for health equity in communities most impacted by social and health inequities.

Purpose

This application is designed to help determine how the OHA will distribute these CRF dollars. The agency is seeking specific proposals of projects and initiatives to fund and any additional ideas for investment in the community to slow the spread of and speed up the recovery from COVID-19 and improve health.

Examples of investments to improve COVID-19 outcomes in our communities include, **but are not limited to**, the following:

- Economic resources – thermometers, personal protective items, wrap-around support and services, wage relief, childcare support, business consulting, and technology needs to improve access to telehealth and distance learning;
- Food insecurity and housing - food, bedding, transportation, home heating and cooling costs, and outdoor gear for situations of homelessness; and
- Safety and violence - emergency motel vouchers for people experiencing child abuse or domestic violence, culturally and linguistically appropriate services that address domestic violence, and social life skills programs for parents to address stress, depression, and self-care.

This funding is intended to be of service to and support the health of people in Oregon, particularly people diagnosed with or at higher risk for COVID-19 and associated complications due to longstanding social and health inequities, prioritizing tribal communities and communities of color.

This funding cannot be use for organizational infrastructure or expenditures not related to COVID-19 response, as the CRF is a non-sustainable emergency investment.

Eligibility

- Oregon’s Nine Federally Recognized Tribes and Urban Indian Health Program
- Any 501(c)(3) organization that provides culturally responsive services to or mission is of service to communities in Oregon that are disproportionately

impacted by COVID-19. Organizations with 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsors are eligible to apply. Organizations must hold commercial general liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and annual aggregate limit not less than \$2,000,000. Other insurance may be required (auto, other liability) depending on the type of work performed.

- All grantees must abide by [OHA's nondiscrimination policy](#), and state and federal civil rights laws, unless otherwise exempted by federal or state law. Specifically, people participating in OHA-sponsored activities or programs may not be treated unfairly because of age, color, disability, gender identity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.
- For-profit organizations are not eligible.

Process and Timeline

- August 18, 2020: Grant announcement released
- August 31, 2020: Deadline for application.
- Total awards will be provided up to \$45m. Total number of awards will be made subject to the availability of funds via a process that will allow for equitable distribution among tribal communities and communities of color throughout the state.
- Budget due within 15 days of award

Funding

This funding can be used for certain federally eligible expenses under the CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund, that:

Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

Coronavirus Relief Funds may be used for costs resulting from COVID-19 that occurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020 and **MUST BE SPENT NO LATER THAN December 30, 2020.**

While OHA will provide funding in full up front, invoices with project budget detail on what funding was spent on will be due on November 30, 2020 and February

28, 2021. OHA will use these reports to determine that all charges meet Federal requirements.

Information requested – Part One

Please fill in the following information for your organization: *(Organizations and DBA's must be a registered non-profit business with the Oregon Secretary of State)*

Information requested – Part One

Please fill in the following information for your organization:

Tribe/Organization name: Coquille Indian Tribe

Organization name DBA (if different from above): NA

Fiscal sponsor organization name (if applicable): NA

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Area(s) served: The Coquille Indian Tribe has a five county service area in SW Oregon, consisting of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Jackson County. The total number of enrolled Coquille members is 1,102. Throughout the service area the Tribe provides healthcare to nearly 1300 enrolled American Indian and Alaska Natives.

Population(s) served: The Coquille Indian Tribe currently provides health care to the Tribe's 1,102 Members and 1,282 active Native American patients through the Tribe's Community Health Center (CHC) and 250 Tribal Members and their families in their housing community. An additional 3000 American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) will be served with the OHA funding that will specifically improve the health of the target population and slow the spread of COVID19.

Estimated total budget per need, activity or initiative:

Health:

Coos County Wellness Center Expansion: \$300,000 to complete construction of the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. The wellness center is currently under construction and will provide comprehensive health and wellness services to American Indians/Alaskan Natives and non-AI/AN patients enrolled in the local CCO (Coordinated Care Organization) Advanced Health. The facility and services of the new Ko-Kwel Wellness Center are designed to promote COVID19 prevention strategies such as social distancing, remote work, frequent surface sanitizing and other environmental controls. Additionally, the capacity to deliver services through telemedicine is incorporated throughout. Services at the facility will be provided at no “out of pocket” cost to all enrolled American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Lane County Tribal Health Clinic: \$200,000 to combine with \$900K HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (awarded) to purchase clinic in Lane County to increase access to culturally appropriate healthcare. Similar to the Ko-Kwel Wellnes Center, the additional funding will help support facility updates to support COVID19 mitigation measures and access to telemedicine. Services at the facility will be provided at no “out of pocket” cost to all enrolled American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Economic Disruption:

Coquille Indian Tribe Child Care/Early Learning: \$50,000 to support childcare costs and distance learning expenses to support parents and families dealing with COVID19 home schooling and education changes. Funds will be used to pay for supplies, technology and childcare expenses.

Health and Housing:

Emergency Hotel Vouchers: \$5,600 for Coquille tribal members experiencing homelessness for transitional shelter to prevent the spread of COVID19. This program would be a temporary solution to provide a safe shelter until more permanent housing is secured.

Emergency Utility Assistance: \$5,000 for AI/AN at risk for disruption of essential utilities (electricity, gas, water/sewer and sanitation) to improve outcomes of COVID19 and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Housing: \$80,000 for Coquille Tribal homeless tribal members to purchase mobile units for housing supported by the CIHA (Coquille Indian Housing Authority) to improve outcomes of COVID19 and prevent the spread of COVID-19.**Coquille Indian Housing Authority:** \$1,036,800 for residential HVAC rehabilitation on Coquille Tribal lands in Coos County to prevent the spread of COVID19 within the Tribal community. Funds will be used to improve household ventilation by replacing radiant and recirculating forced air heating systems with systems that bring in filtered, fresh air. Work will be performed at no cost to Coquille and other AIAN households in the Kilkich community in Coos County.

Note: A detailed budget will need to be submitted within 15 days of award.

Estimated number of people who could be served per month:

Coos County Ko-Kwel Wellness Center: Up to 3,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives patients. Averaging 1,000 per month

Lane County Clinic: Up to 3,000 AI/AN living in Lane County, with more than 50% (3,222) being enrolled in Medicaid. Averaging 640 per month

Tribal Distance Learning/Childcare: 1,102 Enrolled Coquille Tribal Members and their families. Averaging 250 per month.

Housing Rehab: An average of 250 Coquille and other AIAN tribal family members each month.

Emergency Housing and Utilities: An average of 10 Coquille Tribal members per month.

Additional qualifications: NA

Information Requested – For Oregon’s Nine Federally Recognized Tribes and Urban Indian Health Program only:

- 1) What health-related needs does your community have as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that federal CRF funds could help address?

The Tribe and broader AI/AN community is experiencing significant difficulties in accessing culturally appropriate healthcare that prepares, prevents and responds to COVID19.

Additionally the Tribe is experiencing needed support for Tribal families trying to cope with distance learning for their school-aged children and associated childcare needs.

Coquille Tribal members are experiencing housing insecurity and inability to pay for basic utilities as a result of the economic impacts of COVID19. Access to safe housing improves outcomes of COVID19 infection and reduces the likelihood of community spread.

Lastly, the Tribal housing complex, built 25 years ago is experiencing a need to update homes that currently use radiant and recirculating HVAC systems with heat pumps that draw in filtered fresh air to increase ventilation and reduce indoor air contaminants.

- 2) How will you meet these needs with the CRF funds?

The Tribe is prepared to internally manage and plan the projects as proposed. The projects specifically create access to important COVID19 healthcare resources, childcare and learning and housing related needs.

- 3) Please describe your specific proposal (project, initiative, supplies required, etc.) including the basics of what it is, who will do it, and when, where and how will it happen.

Healthcare - The Tribe is currently expanding its Coos County Tribal health center from an 8,000 square foot medical outpatient facility to a new 22,000 square foot comprehensive medical, pharmacy, behavioral

health and dental facility. Construction began in the second quarter of 2020 and the facility is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2021. The Tribe has contracted with S&B James out of Medford for the design build project. The new facility will create access to comprehensive Wellness services previously unavailable to the American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the region. It creates specific access and space to address pandemic response and safety for patients and staff alike. The \$300,000 from OHA will support final fundraising for facility construction and will be obligated and spent by December 30, 2020. The KoKwell Wellness Center will help provide COVID19 specific response to more than 3,000 AI/AN's, averaging more than 1,000 patients per month.

Also, the Tribe is acquiring a Clinic in Lane County Oregon with CARES Act funding through HUD and the Indian Community Development Block Grant. The Tribe has been awarded \$900,000 to acquire a facility. There are 6,000 AI/AN's living in Lane County and Lane County has been identified as the second largest population of **unserved** AI/AN in the Indian Health Service Portland Area (Oregon, Washington and Idaho). The facility will provide culturally appropriate care to the 6,000 AI/AN's, of which 3,222 are low income and enrolled in Medicaid. The clinic will provide primary and urgent medical care with a focus on preparing and preventing COVID19. The facility will specifically address responding to COVID19 by developing patient access with dedicated space for responding to COVID19 care. The Tribe is needing an additional \$200,000 from OHA for the Lane County site to facilitate acquisition of quality space located within an area that has access to public transportation. The acquisition will occur prior to December 30, 2020 and allow health care services to be provided as early as Q1 2021. The Lane County Clinic will serve an average of 640 patients per month.

Economic Disruption - Distance learning and childcare support: The Tribe as part of its Culture, Education and Library Services (CELS) Department will be working with Tribal families to determine each household need to help support costs for technology, childcare and other supplies. CELS has also identified and prepared space, on the

Kilkich Reservation and adjacent to the Wellness Center and Housing complex, for classroom setting opportunities for needy families. This space has the ability to be easily sanitized each day and create another education resource for families. The program will serve 250 family members per month.

Housing – Low income housing rehabilitation: The Tribe, through its Coquille Indian Housing Authority (CIHA) will complete a rehab of the 96 HVAC units located on the Kilkich Reservation. The new units will include ductless and ducted heat pumps that filter fresh air and replace 25-year-old radiant and recirculating HVAC systems. The units will be acquired and installed by licensed professionals. The estimated average cost per household is \$9,000 for a request of \$864,000. An additional planning, administration, and contingency cost allowance of 20% (\$172,800), brings this line item request to a total of \$1,036,800. All units will be updated by December 30, 2020 and will serve 250 Coquille and other AIAN tribal family members.

Housing Emergency Hotel Vouchers: The Coquille Indian Tribe will provide hotel vouchers for Coquille tribal members experiencing homelessness. The hotel voucher program is only for transitional shelter to prevent the spread of COVID19. The estimated average cost per case \$800 (\$75 per day for 20 days) for 7 tribal members equally \$5600. This would be a temporary solution to provide a safe shelter until more permanent housing is secured.

Emergency Utility Assistance: The Coquille Indian Tribe will provide emergency utility payment for Coquille tribal members who are at risk for disruption of essential utilities. The estimated average cost per case \$500 for 10 tribal members equally \$5000.

Permanent Housing: The Coquille Indian Tribe will purchase mobile, housing units (not to exceed \$20,000 each) for homeless Coquille tribal members who are unable to secure other housing. The estimated average cost per case \$20,000 for 4 tribal members equaling \$80000. .

Information Requested – For 501(c)(3) organization that provides culturally responsive services to or mission is of service to communities in Oregon that are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

- 1) What health-related needs does your community have as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that federal CRF funds could help address?

- 2) How will you meet these needs with the CRF funds?

- 3) Please describe your specific proposal (project, initiative, supplies required, etc.) including the basics of what it is, who will do it, and when, where and how will it happen.

- 4) What is your experience serving or being of service to communities or a community most impacted by COVID-19?

- 5) Please describe your organization's established relationships with key community partners/sectors in your region (please list) that serve the grant's priority populations.

- 6) How do you plan to meet the needs of the community in a culturally and linguistically responsive manner?

- 7) Optional Question: Do you have any ideas for the funds that your organization is unable to take on, but another organization might be able to do so? If so, please describe the need/idea.

Technical and financial assistance

OHA will provide:

- Budget and reporting template
- Technical Assistance

For questions or more information, contact:

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- Written materials in other languages
- Braille
- Large print
- Audio and other formats

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