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Coquille Tribe distributes almost \$200,000 in grants

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NORTH BEND – The Coquille Indian Tribe Community Fund is helping 28 projects through the distribution of almost \$200,000 in grants that were handed-out at a celebration on Feb. 6.

Grant recipients gathered in person at the awards reception at The Mill Casino-Hotel. The Tribe’s grants will help organizations from five southwestern Oregon counties (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Lane) with projects in seven categories: education, public safety, arts & culture, environment, historic preservation, health, and problem gaming.

Now celebrating its 35th year since being restored in 1989, an important milestone and sign of resilience that follows 35 years of struggle in the face of 1954’s termination policy.

Brenda Meade, Chairman of the Coquille Indian Tribe, said this program is testament to that resilience but also an opportunity for the Tribe and the community to come together to work for the common good, sharing resources and caring for our people. “Community partnerships are just so important,” Meade said. “You look around our communities and you see where the needs are. When we work together, we can accomplish great things to help meet those needs.”

The Coquille Indian Tribe established its Community Fund to share the proceeds of The Mill Casino-Hotel with organizations that benefit southwestern Oregon. The fund seeks to strengthen the community by improving opportunities and lives throughout the region.

Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students received \$10,000 for students and families in crisis, helping fund eviction prevention through the program. Susan Mann-Heintz, with Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students, says these types of foundations are needed. “They provide assistance and give support that otherwise isn’t offered by our society, which is so vital, and I just want to thank the Coquille Tribal Community Fund very much for the work that they are doing.”

This year’s \$199,979 grant total brings the total amount the fund has distributed since it began in 2001 to just under \$9 million, with over one thousand grant projects being impacted.

The Tribal Fund accepts grant applications in the fall of each year. Learn more at www.coquilletribe.org, or call fund administrator Kay Collins at **541-756-0904, ext. 1254**.

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