

**For Immediate Release:**

## **Wildhorse Foundation Announces 2017 First Quarter Grant Recipients**

**Pendleton-** The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), hosted their annual Recipients Luncheon Tuesday, May 9th in Cayuse Hall at Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

Over 150 grant recipients from 2016 enjoyed a specially prepared lunch as Wildhorse Foundation Chairperson, George Murdock, presented details on funding for the last year. Four grant recipients from 2016 also spoke about the impact the Wildhorse Foundation has on their organizations. Speakers included Mike Ciraulo, Pendleton Fire Chief, Natalie Hansen from Yellowhawk Tribal Health Orthodontics Office, Richard Szymanski from the Martin Scout Ranch and Aaron Duff, Principle at Freewater Elementary.

The luncheon also celebrated passing a huge milestone, surpassing \$10million in giving! Over 1750 local and regional non-profits have benefited from the nearly \$10.2 million given by the Foundation since its inception in 2001.

In 2016, over \$886,000 was distributed to 153 organizations in the Foundation's giving area which includes Umatilla, Union, Morrow and Wallowa counties in Oregon; Benton, Columbia and Walla Walla counties in Washington and National Indian Organizations.

Following the lunch, the Foundation Board, consisting of Chairperson Murdock, Vice-Chairperson Debra Croswell, Secretary/Treasurer Carrie Sampson, Aaron Ashley and John Turner, met to discuss the 2017 First Quarter Grant Applicants. The Wildhorse Foundation awards grants to applicants that cover the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection, and cultural activities.

A total of \$264,541.14 was awarded to 41 organizations. Organizations funded in the first quarter for 2017 are:

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Granted</b>
American Heart Association	CPR in NE Oregon and SE Washington Schools	Portland	OR	\$5,000.00
Athena Caledonian Games Association	Promoting Caledonian's Visions	Athena	OR	\$456.60
Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo	Arena Improvements	Kennewick	WA	\$4,750.00
Blue Mountain Community College	Water Conservation, Waste Reduction, and Water Availability on Campus	Pendleton	OR	\$8,718.30
Carnegie Picture Lab	Lillian Pitt Artist Project	Walla Walla	WA	\$1,400.00
Cason's Place: Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon, INC	Cason's Place Public Education and Camp Cason	Pendleton	OR	\$3,823.00
City of Athena	Athena Swimming Pool Bathhouse Phase 4 of Master Plan	Athena	OR	\$6,250.00
City of La Grande	Tennis Courts Rehabilitation Project	La Grande	OR	\$10,000.00
Clearview Mediation and Disability Resource Center	Wheelchair Accessible Vans	Pendleton	OR	\$10,000.00
College Possible	College Possible Statewide Initiative	Portland	OR	\$1,450.00

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission	Safety Equipment for Columbia River Fishers Memorial	Portland	OR	\$7,500.00
Connectwerks	American Indian Mentoring- WA Initiative	Seattle	WA	\$2,253.00
CTUIR Department of Natural Resources	On the Path to Energy Independence and a Clean Power Future -- LED Lighting Retrofit and Solar Power Generation for the CTUIR Science and Engineering Laboratory and Public Transit Center	Pendleton	OR	\$20,000.00
Dream Catcher Therapeutics	"The Welcome Mat"	Pendleton	OR	\$5,000.00
East Umatilla County R.F.P.D. #7-412	Firefighter PPE	Weston	OR	\$7,000.00
Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department	Scott Sight Thermal Imaging Mask Purchase	Enterprise	OR	\$6,888.00
Friday Backpack Program	Union County Friday Backpack Program	La Grande	OR	\$5,000.00
Greenwood Elementary School	The Family Reading Challenge: Building Early Literacy Foundations	La Grande	OR	\$7,000.00
LaGrande Middle School	LMS Library Media Center Chair Replacement	La Grande	OR	\$6,185.00
LaGrande School District	Outdoor Sensory Classroom	La Grande	OR	\$5,000.00
Let R Buck VFW Post 922	Avenue of Flags - Flag Lighting Project	Pendleton	OR	\$3,312.00

Little Theatre of Walla Walla	Stage Lighting System Replacement	Walla Walla	WA	\$7,475.00
Made to Thrive	Art and Music Summer Classes	Hermiston	OR	\$2,239.33
McNary Heights Elementary School	1-1 iPad technology for integrated STEM learning	Umatilla	OR	\$6,500.00
NARA NW	NARA Youth Residential Treatment Center (YRTC)	Portland	OR	\$10,000.00
Neighbor 2 Neighbor Pendleton	Install new heating and air conditioning.	Pendleton	OR	\$10,000.00
One Transition at a Time	Yellowhawk Behavioral Health clients	Baker City	OR	\$4,800.00
Oregon Rural Action	Oil-by-rail: Potential impacts to NE Oregon - available resources, deployment, and coordination.	La Grande	OR	\$750.00
Oregon Trail Manor	Walk in Showers for 2 disabled individuals	Pendleton	OR	\$4,172.55
ORTOP	Nurturing Kids' Natural Interest in Science and Technology in Northeast Oregon	Beaverton	OR	\$3,556.00
Pendleton Downtown Association	Pendleton Enhancement Project -- Phase 2	Pendleton	OR	\$10,000.00
Pendleton Senior Center	Roof repair	Pendleton	OR	\$4,000.00
Pendleton Youth Football Program	Pendleton Youth Football	Pendleton	OR	\$7,200.00

Safe Harbors Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims Services	Purchase of a secondary vehicle to ensure availability for client transportation and travel necessary for trainings.	Enterprise	OR	\$10,000.00
Salvation Army Pendleton Corps	Hot Meals Program Kitchen Upgrade	Pendleton	OR	\$10,000.00
Shelter From the Storm	Emergency Shelter & Building Support	La Grande	OR	\$6,263.36
Stanfield Secondary School	Stanfield Baseball/Softball Indoor Hitting Facility	Stanfield	OR	\$8,175.00
Umatilla Co. Fire Dist. #1	Hydraulic Rescue Tools	Hermiston	OR	\$7,250.00
Umatilla County Sheriff's Office	Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Equipment	Pendleton	OR	\$9,149.00
Wallowa Resources	Work Vehicle for Wallowa Canyonlands Partnership Weed Program	Enterprise	OR	\$10,000.00
Wallowa School District	Technology for Mathematics Education	Wallowa	OR	\$6,025.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$264,541.14</b>

The quarterly deadlines for requests are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. For more information on Wildhorse Foundation guidelines or to receive an application, visit [www.TheWildhorseFoundation.com](http://www.TheWildhorseFoundation.com) or call the Foundation Administrator, Tiah DeGrofft at 541-966-1628.

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