

Wildhorse Foundation surpasses \$10 million mark in 2016

Pendleton, OR- The Wildhorse Foundation, a community benefit fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to support organizations in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington, has passed the \$10 million mark. This threshold was reached as the result of the fourth quarter grant cycle.

“This is a huge milestone for the Wildhorse Foundation,” said George Murdock, Chairman of the Foundation Board. “The Confederated Tribes have a rich tradition of sharing and giving back to the area, and this is really a monumental benchmark. A study of history actually reveals that Native Americans have a culture of giving and sharing dating back hundreds, if not thousands of years and our Board is proud to be able to contribute to that legacy.”

Murdock went on to point out “the groups the Wildhorse Foundation supports are groups that serve our communities and help improve the quality of life for all of us in Eastern Oregon and Washington. Those organizations along with organizations like the Wildhorse Foundation are what make our area such a special place to live and work.”

During the history of the foundation over 1,750 local and regional non-profits have benefited from the funds totaling almost \$10.2 million that the Foundation has distributed in their giving area since its inception in 2001.

“Our Board makes distributions on a quarterly basis,” said Murdock, “and we receive many more requests than we are able to fund. Usually, the requests are about three to four times our capacity so it becomes very difficult to make choices. However, the Board has established a clear focus which guides our work and we try very hard to make investments which have the greatest impact on our communities.”

“As one of two non-tribal members on our five-member board, Pendleton Mayor John Turner is the other, I am particularly appreciative of the honor accorded me by the Board of Trustees and the faith they have in our work. In return, we constantly seek to honor their customs, beliefs, and traditions.”

Nearly \$3.6million of the funding has gone to educational initiatives, followed by public safety and public health. However, the Wildhorse Foundation Board will consider awarding grants to applications that cover the areas of arts & cultural activities, historic preservation, environmental protection, salmon restoration and gambling addiction services as well.

The 28 awards for the fourth quarter of 2016 total \$205,369, bringing the total for 2016 alone to \$886,488.47.

Organizations funded in the fourth quarter for 2016 are:

Organization Name	Project Title	City	State	Grant Amount
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American Indian Science and Engineering Society	Native American STEM Education Enhancement	Richland	WA	\$2,275.00
Athena-Weston School District	Student Safety through improved Communication Systems	Athena	OR	\$7,500.00
City of Pendleton - Office of Chief of Police	Pendleton Police Department Defensive Tactics Training Program	Pendleton	OR	\$3,678.00
City of Pendleton, Parks Department	2016-2017 Playground Replacement Project	Pendleton	OR	\$9,000.00
City of Pendleton-Facilities Dept.	City Hall & Library AV equipment	Pendleton	OR	\$3,073.00
Columbia River Community Health Services	Medical Equipment Purchase	Boardman	OR	\$3,500.00
Creating Memories for Disabled Children	Camp Wallowa: 2017 Renovation of A-Frame Cabins	Enterprise	OR	\$12,000.00
CTUIR Department of Information Technology	Historic Record Development Project	Pendleton	OR	\$10,000.00
Divide Camp	Divide Camp Facilities Improvement Project	Joseph	OR	\$3,955.00
Domestic Violence Services	Safety and Health Improvements for Awakening House Shelter and Advocacy Center	Pendleton	OR	\$6,000.00
Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands Fund	Discovery Room Enhancement	Joseph	OR	\$5,000.00
Eastern Oregon Mediation Center	Restorative Justice for First Time Juvenile Offenders	La Grande	OR	\$3,000.00
Echo School District	Echo School District Community Meeting and Fitness Center Project	Echo	OR	\$12,000.00

Edith Bishel Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Children and Families	Kennewick	WA	\$3,400.00
Elgin Health Care District	Phase 2 - Good Health, Strong Community Campaign	Elgin	OR	\$10,400.00
Friends of the Fair and Rodeo	Development of the facilities for the Fair and Rodeo at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center Site.	Hermiston	OR	\$10,000.00
Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation	Upgrade Computer Equipment and Software	Pendleton	OR	\$3,500.00
Guardian Care Center	Upgraded technology/recording system	Pendleton	OR	\$2,950.00
Irrigon Elementary School	Irrigon Elementary Music Enrichment Opportunity	Irrigon	OR	\$5,000.00
Kiwanis Club of Milton-Freewater	Friday Food Bags	Milton-Freewater	OR	\$4,000.00
Libraries of Eastern Oregon	The Big Eclipse 2017	Baker City	OR	\$1,750.00
Main Street Cowboys	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvement	Pendleton	OR	\$5,000.00
Martin Scout Ranch	Rosenberg Homestead Ranch House Roof replacement (at Martin Scout Ranch)	Kennewick	WA	\$7,000.00
Maryhill Museum of Art	Museum Week: Shadow Play	Goldendale	WA	\$1,000.00
Milton-Freewater Senior Center	Resurfacing and repair of asphalt parking lot. Includes cleaning, tack and pre-level with 1/2 inch of asphalt. Then place 1-1/2 inch overlay.	Milton-Freewater	OR	\$5,000.00

Morrow County Museum	New building for the display and storage of Agricultural equipment that contains wooden parts and shop area for the repair and refurbishing of antique equipment.	Heppner	OR	\$10,000.00
Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland	Interpretive plan implementation at Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland	Wallowa	OR	\$10,000.00
Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	Eastern Oregon Agriculture Field Days	Corvallis	OR	\$1,000.00
Pendleton Fire Department	IV (Intravenous) Pump Assistance	Pendleton	OR	\$8,400.00
Pilot Rock High School	Renovation of Junior High Computer Lab	Pilot Rock	OR	\$7,000.00
Riverside High School	Community Track repair and resurfacing	Boardman	OR	\$7,500.00
Sam Boardman Elementary	Sam Boardman Elementary Playground Renovation - Phase 1	Boardman	OR	\$8,000.00
St. Mary's Outreach	Buy groceries for food bank	Pendleton	OR	\$6,000.00
Sunridge Middle School	Classroom set of Google Chromebooks for a 6th grade English Language Arts classroom (including a charge cart, wireless printer and licensing and support)	Pendleton	OR	\$7,488.00
Umatilla County Fair	ADA / Safety Access Corridor 1 Paving	Hermiston	OR	\$10,000.00
Union High School District #5	New Hardwood Gym Floor	Union	OR	\$10,000.00
University of Oregon, NW Indian Language Institute	Carrying Our Languages Forward: Youth Leadership	Eugene	OR	\$10,250.00

Wallowa Lake Camp	Horse Camps for Niimiipuu children and youth	Portland	OR	\$4,000.00
Willow Creek Park District	Willow Creek Park District Pool Park	Heppner	OR	\$10,000.00
Total				\$205,369.00

The board will celebrate the \$10,000,000 accomplishment as well as the recipient groups that are out in our communities' day to day working to help others at their annual luncheon on May 9th.

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.

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