

For Immediate Release:

Wildhorse Foundation Announces Second Quarter Grant Recipients

Pendleton- 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 announced the awards for the second quarter of 2017. A total of \$193,393.25 was awarded to 24 recipients, bringing the total for 2017 to almost \$458,000.

CTUIR has a long history of charitable giving. While the Foundation was formed in 2001, changes to the compact that Wildhorse Resort & Casino made with the State of Oregon expanded their footprint in 2009. Prior to then, the Foundation could disburse grants to Umatilla, Morrow, Union and Wallowa Counties; they can now also allocate funding to government bodies or charitable organizations in the Tribes ceded territory in Washington State (Benton, Walla Walla and Columbia Counties) as well as any Native American Tribal Government Agency or non-profit with its principal office and base of operation within the State of Oregon and any national or regional Indian Organization.

The Wildhorse Foundation will consider awarding grants to applications that cover the areas of public health and safety, education, the arts, historic preservation, gambling addiction services, salmon restoration, environmental protection, and cultural activities.

Over 1800 local and regional non-profits have benefited from over the \$10.8 million given by the Foundation since its inception. In 2016, over \$886,000 was distributed to 153 organizations in the Foundation's giving area.

A number of large grants were given this quarter. AC Houghton Elementary in Irrigon was granted \$20,000 to purchase a new play structure and safety/fall material to go around the structure. According to the application, the current playground structure is unsafe and needed to be removed from the property. The playground also serves the community of Irrigon after school and during the summer.

The Kirkman House in Walla Walla, WA also received the maximum grant of \$20,000. The Kirkman House Museum was completed in 1880 and is the only brick Italianate style Victorian House in the Walla Walla Valley. With the exception of the NE corner of the house the foundation of the Kirkman House Museum is composed of unreinforced masonry. The bricks are soft and the mortar is crumbling. The grant funding is to be used toward the replacement and strengthening of the foundation.

The third \$20,000 grant of the quarter was awarded to the Morrow County Health District, to expand the existing Irrigon Medical Clinic. A 2,100 square foot addition to the clinic will include additional exam rooms, providers offices, an expanded waiting room, business office and meeting room space. The Irrigon Medical Clinic has currently reached its capacity and is unable to serve many patients in need. This expansion will

allow the Health District to provide needed services to Irrigon and North Morrow County residents.

A full list of grants funded in the second quarter of 2017 can be found below:

Organization Name	Organization City	Organization State	Project Title	Granted
AC Houghton Elementary	Irrigon	OR	New playground structure	\$20,000.00
Advantage Smiles for Kids	Redmond	OR	Providing orthodontic treatment for at-risk kids	\$6,000.00
Cross Trail Outfitters	College Place	WA	Youth Fishing Float Trips	\$10,439.70
Dayton Historical Depot Society	Dayton	WA	Upgrading Exhibit Gallery Space	\$7,723.00
Friends of the Wallowa County Museum	Joseph	OR	Publication of Wallowa County History Book, Volume 2	\$4,000.00
Grande Ronde Symphony Association	La Grande	OR	Grande Ronde Youth Program	\$3,000.00
Historic Rivoli Theater Performing Arts Center Restoration Coalition	Pendleton	OR	Rivoli Theater Phase 1 Construction	\$15,000.00
Kirkman House Museum	Walla Walla	WA	Foundation Restoration of the Kirkman House Museum	\$20,000.00
Knights Pride Booster Club	Irrigon	OR	Baseball Field Improvement Project	\$5,440.00
Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center	Enterprise	OR	Maxville: Unlocking Hidden Histories and perspectives photo exhibit	\$2,000.00
Medical Springs Rural Fire Protection District	Baker City	OR	Supply Cache -- Cargo trailer	\$7,730.00

Morrow County Health District	Heppner	OR	Irrigon Medical Clinic Expansion and Renovation Project	\$20,000.00
Mt. Emily Safe Center	La Grande	OR	Erin's Law - Sexual Abuse Prevention Program	\$9,300.00
North End Grange #820	Enterprise	OR	North End Grange #820 Hall upgrades.	\$2,931.00
Pilot Rock Elementary School	Pilot Rock	OR	Pilot Rock Elementary School Reader Board	\$10,814.00
Skyline Adventures	Dayton	WA	"Ski & Snowboard Experience" program	\$2,000.00
The Health Center	Walla Walla	WA	Expand the capacity of The Health Center to better serve students in Walla Walla County and expand school based health clinics into more schools through implementation of an electronic health record system.	\$10,000.00
Ukiah Municipal School District	Ukiah	OR	Greenhouse Lab and Garden Resupply	\$8,500.00
Umatilla Masonic Lodge #40	Irrigon	OR	Bikes For Books	\$1,000.00
Umatilla School District	Umatilla	OR	Classroom Technology Request	\$3,299.00
Wallowa Avalanche Center	Joseph	OR	Beacon Basin	\$4,500.00
Wallowa History Center	Wallowa	OR	Bear-Sleds Ranger Station Restoration Project	\$16,000.00
Weston Middle School	Weston	OR	New furnishings for Mrs. Olson's Classroom	\$2,906.55

White Bluffs Quilt Museum	Richland	WA	Native American Heritage Month	\$810.00
Total				\$193,393.25

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.wildhorseresort.com and click on "Our Foundation" or call Tiah DeGrofft at 541-966-1628.

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