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WILDHORSE FOUNDATION AWARDS \$236,923 IN Q3 GRANT FUNDING

Pendleton, OR – The Wildhorse Foundation, a community fund established by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), announced their grant awards for the third quarter of 2022.

This quarter, 16 organizations received grants ranging from \$3750 to \$20,000 for projects in the areas of Public Health, Public Safety, Arts, Education, and Cultural Activities.

“Despite seeing a drastic reduction in the number of applications we’ve been receiving, we’ll still manage to award over \$1 million again this year,” said Mary Liberty-Traughber, Foundation Administrator.

Since 2019, the Wildhorse Foundation has seen grant applications drop to less than half but 2023 grants already total over \$980,000 for the first three quarters.

“We’d really like to see a larger number of applications each quarter. We’d also like to see applicants who’ve never applied before,” said Liberty-Traughber.

Established in 2001, the Wildhorse Foundation has, in total, awarded over \$18 million in grant funding to eligible government, Tribal and non-profit organizations.

Below is the list of organizations and the grant amount awarded to each.

Organization Name	Project	Org. Location	Award
Athena's Gem, Inc.	Gem Theatre Occupancy	Athena, OR	\$ 8,660.00
Chief Joseph Days Rodeo	Finish Ceiling/Electrical in Thunder Room	Joseph, OR	\$ 20,000.00
Color Outside the Lines	Art Outreach to Foster Kids/Native Youth	Portland, OR	\$ 7,000.00
Columbia Basin College Foundation	Food Pantry for Richland Campus	Pasco, WA	\$ 3,750.00
Edith Bishel Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Aid to Low Income Blind/Visually Impaired	Kennewick, WA	\$ 5,000.00
Fundamental Needs Inc	Oasis Project - Clean Water Systems	Dolores, CO	\$ 20,000.00
Neighbor 2 Neighbor Pendleton, Inc.	Winter Shelter for Homeless	Pendleton, OR	\$ 20,000.00
North Powder Rural Fire Protection District	Equipment for Response to Remote Locations	North Powder, OR	\$ 19,813.00
Oregon TRIO Association	Tech Resources for TRIO Students in Need	Astoria, OR	\$ 5,000.00
Pilot Rock School District	District-wide Music Program Expansion	Pilot Rock, OR	\$ 20,000.00
Skyline Adventures	Adaptive Skiing for Disable Veterans	Dayton, WA	\$ 7,700.00

The STAR Project	HOOP - Transitional Program	Walla Walla, WA	\$ 20,000.00
Umatilla County Historical Society	Heritage Station Museum Lobby Remodel	Pendleton, OR	\$ 20,000.00
Union County Fair Association	Furniture for Community Building	La Grande, OR	\$ 20,000.00
Valley Residential Services	Disabled Adult Home Repair	Walla Walla, WA	\$ 20,000.00
Wallowa School District	Restoration Following Historic Hail Storm	Wallowa, OR	\$ 20,000.00
Total			\$236,923.00

About Wildhorse Foundation

The Wildhorse Foundation was established January 1, 2001 for the purpose of formalizing charitable giving on behalf of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Funds from the Wildhorse Foundation are used for education, public health, public safety, gambling addiction prevention, the arts, environmental protection, cultural activities, salmon restoration, and historic preservation. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis with deadlines being January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. For more information, visit the WildhorseFoundation.com.

About the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation comprises the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley. In 1949, the tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.