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WILDHORSE FOUNDATION AWARDS RECORD AMOUNT IN QUARTERLY 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 fourth quarter of 2022.

The quarter marked a record for the total amount awarded in a single quarter by the Wildhorse Foundation. The total awarded was \$390,992. 29 organizations received grants ranging from \$2500 to \$20,000 for projects in the areas of Public Health, Public Safety, Arts, Education, and Cultural Activities.

In addition, two Rapid Response Grants were approved for \$1000 each, adding to the total. These are smaller grants that cannot exceed \$1000 but can be submitted and reviewed at any time for a quicker turnaround.

“We were happy to see an increase in the number of applications for the quarter,” said Foundation Administrator Mary Liberty-Traugher. “Applicant numbers really dropped in 2021 but we’ve been working hard at outreach and it appears to be helping.”

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

Below is the list of organizations and the grant amount awarded to each for the fourth quarter of 2022.

Organization Name	City	State	Project Name	Awarded
A Smile for Kids (ASK)	Redmond	OR	Providing Orthodontic Treatment for Oregon's Under-served children	\$ 9,600.00
American Red Cross Serving Central and Southeastern Washington	Seattle	WA	Home Fire Campaign - Supporting Vulnerable Community Members	\$ 20,000.00
Athena Weston Youth Sports	Athena	OR	AWYS child development in sports and exercise	\$ 19,025.00
Blue Mountain Humane Society	Walla Walla	WA	Lighting Up Our Futures	\$ 20,000.00
Blue Mountain Old-Time Fiddlers' Association	Union	OR	The Rosin Dust Communication Project	\$ 2,500.00
Blue Mountain Singletrack Trails Club	La Grande	OR	La Grande Pump Track	\$ 20,000.00
Building Healthy Families	Enterprise	OR	Wallowa Bike Park Phase 2	\$ 3,800.00
Catholic Charities Eastern Washington (legal dba)	Walla Walla	WA	Broadening Community Outreach and Resources for Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness	\$ 10,182.00

City of Elgin Ambulance Service	Elgin	OR	CPR Training Manikin	\$ 14,260.00
City of La Grande Fire Department	La Grande	OR	Purchase of 3 - Lucas Chest compression systems	\$ 20,000.00
College Possible	Portland	OR	College Possible Navigate High School Pilot Program	\$ 5,000.00
Gesa Power House Theatre	Walla Walla	WA	Key Theater Improvement for Power House Theatre: New Sound Board and System	\$ 20,000.00
Good Shepherd Community Health Outreach	Hermiston	OR	Healthy Cooking on a Budget en Español	\$ 3,600.00
Joseph Center for Arts and Culture	Joseph	OR	Technology Advancements to Enhance the Joseph Center's Program and Exhibit Experience	\$ 19,150.00
Little League Baseball Inc.	Pilot Rock	OR	Pilot Rock Little League Safety Enhancements	\$ 10,000.00
Mountain High Broncs and Bulls	Enterprise	OR	MHBB Improvements and Technology Upgrade	\$ 13,772.00
Music Camps @ Wallowa Lake	La Grande	OR	Tuition Support, Music Camps 2023	\$ 7,500.00
Oregon Native American Chamber	Portland	OR	APEX Accelerator	\$ 20,000.00
Pacific Northwest Veterans Alliance	Hermiston	OR	Veterans Emergency Assistance Project	\$ 20,000.00
Pendleton Chamber of Commerce			Operation VR for Eastern Oregon	\$ 19,500.00
Reach Out and Read Inc.	Boston	MA	General Operating Support for Reach Out and Read Northwest	\$ 10,000.00
The Little Theatre of Walla Walla	Walla Walla	WA	The Little Theatre of Walla Walla Replacement Seat Campaign	\$ 9,200.00
United Way of the Blue Mountains	Walla Walla	WA	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	\$ 20,000.00
Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival	Walla Walla	WA	2023 Season/Emerging Artist Fellowship Quartet Program	\$ 10,000.00
Walla Walla Choral Society	Walla Walla	WA	Choral Riser Safety and Expansion	\$ 2,500.00
Wallowa County Education Service District	Enterprise	OR	Wallowa County Daycare	\$ 20,000.00
Washington Water Trust	Seattle	WA	Streamflow Restoration and Stakeholder Engagement for the Benefit of Salmon and Steelhead in the Walla Walla Basin	\$ 20,000.00

YMCA	Walla Walla	WA	Athena Community Health and Safety Through Water Competency	\$ 6,095.00
Young Musicians and Artists, Inc.	Portland	OR	Arts and Education Access for Disadvantaged Youth	\$ 15,308.00
Total				\$ 390,992.00

Besides Wildhorse Foundation, there are five other Tribal community funds and foundations in Oregon. Collectively, these organizations gave out \$10,831,944 in grant funding in 2022. The other philanthropic organizations are [Spirit Mountain Community Fund](#), Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, [3 Rivers Community Foundation](#), Coquille Tribal Community Fund, and Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.

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 TheWildhorseFoundation.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.

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