

## 2019 Report of Government to Government Activities with Oregon's Nine Federally Recognized Tribes

In compliance with ORS 182.166 (3), the Oregon Business Development Department, dba Business Oregon, is submitting its annual report of Government to Government Activities with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes.

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Business Oregon participates in the Economic Development and Community Services Government to Government Cluster.

### Implementing Business Oregon's Strategic Plan

To ensure an inclusive and competitive economy, it is critical that economic development explicitly invest in communities and populations that encounter significant systemic barriers to economic prosperity. That is why Business Oregon created a strategic priority to "Advance Economic Opportunity for Underrepresented People". The relationship between the state's economy and tribal economies is an important one, both in terms of the how the State can collaborate with tribes and the benefit tribes bring to our economy – since time immemorial and today. There are unique challenges and opportunities Native American entrepreneurs and tribal governments face. Agency leadership is committed to visiting each tribal nation to build stronger relationships and to better understand how Business Oregon can support the vision each community has for its tribe. In 2019, Director Harder visited with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation, the Coquille Tribe, and the Burns Paiute Tribe. Each meeting was an opportunity for each tribe to learn more about Business Oregon's programs and services and for Business Oregon leadership and staff to hear about each tribe's respective strategic priorities. These meetings will continue to be a priority in 2020 as we strive to deepen our working relationships with tribal people and their governments.

### Agency Programs that Impact Tribes

Business Oregon has a myriad of programs that affect Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. Primarily these programs exist in two functional areas: 1) Economic Development Programs and 2) Arts Commission/Cultural Trust Programs.

### Economic Development Programs

Business Oregon delivers its business development programs through Regional Development Officers (RDOs) who work on a day-to-day basis with businesses and local governments, including tribal nations. The technical assistance this past year for Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes includes:

#### CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS:

- Our Brownfields Program Specialist participated in several Funders meetings hosted by the Tribe to address tribal economic and community development priorities. Priorities discussed involved issues associated with: (1) Landfill/Transfer Stations; (2) Water System Infrastructure; (3) Wastewater System Infrastructure; and, (4) Meth-contaminated homes.
- Continued to work with the Tribe's Warm Springs Community Action Team with respect to the \$39,160 Brownfields Redevelopment Fund technical assistance grant awarded in 2018. This grant assists with the cost of asbestos and lead-based paint abatement from the Old Commissary Building prior to relocation and renovation of the Building.
- The Brownfields Program Specialist participated in a teleconference call discussion with the Warm Springs Housing Authority regarding brownfields cleanup funding to assist with the cost of cleanup of meth-contaminated homes.
- A variety of Business Oregon staff members have participated in funding summit meetings along with federal, state, and regional entities.
- Business Oregon formed an internal team to address opportunities to provide ideas and assistance to the Tribe on capacity needs to prepare to receive legislative funds.
- Staff discussed the potential of technical assistance for additional capacity and provided a partially completed intake form to start the process.

- Business Oregon met with tribal management to discuss a Unmanned Aerial Vehicle site and requirements for funding.
- RDO has participated in a variety of meetings regarding water emergency needs.
- RDO and other staff participated in the Warm Springs Governor's Marketplace.
- The agency executed a Regional Infrastructure fund contract with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Warm Springs Community Action Team. Funding is for the relocation and renovation of the Old Commissary, a 2-story, 5,000 square foot historic structure built in 1916, and its conversion into a small business incubator and anchor for small businesses in the downtown area of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

#### **BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE:**

- In January, the RDO met with the General Manager to discuss Business Oregon and other agency assistance for tribal initiatives.
- The RDO, Finance Officer, and Regional Project Manager met with the Community Development Director to discuss infrastructure programs and tribal projects in May.
- The RDO and Finance Officer also met with the General Manager to discuss tribal projects and possible Business Oregon assistance in May.
- In September, the RDO and the Industrial Lands Coordinator met with General Manager and Community Development Manager to discuss industrial lands programs and land survey needs.
- In October, the RDO and Rural Opportunities Initiative Coordinator met with General Manager and Community Development Director to discuss Rural Opportunity Initiative and potential projects.

#### **COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE:**

- RDO sent an intake form for the Water Pump Station project in October.

#### **KLAMATH TRIBES:**

- RDO and Regional Solutions Team met with Tribal Leadership to present information on the Governor's Recommended Budget.
- RST and RDO met with Klamath Tribes to discuss housing needs and funding in August.
- Also in August, toured Modoc Point Irrigation District with the Klamath Tribes. Project to enhance instream water, which is a priority for the Klamath Tribes.
- In December, the RDO and RST to meet with the Klamath Tribes Chair, Council and Economic Development Department for annual outreach.

#### **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION (CTUIR):**

- RDO met with CTUIR Economic Development team to discuss the Regional Significant Industrial Sites program and how CTUIR might want to use the program to assist with further development of the Wanapa site. Industrial Lands Coordinator joined by phone conference.
- RDO met with the CTUIR Economic Development team as a RST member. RST had not had formal meetings with CTUIR in prior years, so I introduced the team and we discussed how the RST might assist CTUIR with project development.
- Director and RDO met with CTUIR.
- Industrial Lands Specialist toured the Wanapa site and then we both met with CTUIR further discuss RSIS and site certification for Wanapa. The tribe is moving forward with site certification.
- RDO participated in an interview with a consultant hired by CTUIR to explore options for a spec building. RDO interview mostly focused on types of industry that would be attractive to the Coyote Business Park and the kinds of requests seen for buildings as it relates to customers looking in Oregon for site location.
- Recertified as shovel ready the Coyote Industrial Park – South.
- Partnered with Business Oregon to exhibit at the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, World Conference.
- Listed the Wanapa industrial site on Oregon Prospector.
- CTUIR also hosted our Fall Commission meeting.

#### **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY:**

- Awarded a \$25,000 Brownfields Redevelopment Fund integrated planning grant to assist the Tribe in contracting with a professional environmental consulting firm to complete an overarching work plan with respect to the environmental condition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill property in Oregon City which it acquired in August 2019.

#### **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, AND SIUSLAW INDIANS:**

- RDO assisting with technical assistance and referrals for Hollering Place project in Coos Bay.

## TAX INCENTIVES

- Incentives Coordinator joined CTUIR Tax Administrator at July 19 Economic Development and Community Services Tribal Cluster meeting to explain process and benefits of tribal enterprise zone designation, and advised tribal representatives of such opportunities.
- Fielded questions from and distributed information to representatives and other tribal contacts regarding federal opportunity zones.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Business Oregon helps facilitate the deployment and utilization of telecommunications infrastructure to support innovation, create economic opportunities, and build quality communities and prosperity for all Oregonians. The following are activities of the past calendar year.

Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (OBAC): Business Oregon provides staff support and is home to the OBAC. The mission of the OBAC is to encourage coordination and collaboration between organizations and economic sectors to leverage the development and utilization of broadband for education workforce development, government and healthcare, and to promote broadband adoption by citizens and communities. OBAC issues a biannual report on *Broadband in Oregon* which includes a section on tribes. The OBAC members represent Oregon's cities, counties, and telecommunications service providers, tribes, educators, economic development organizations, public safety agencies, healthcare, State Chief Information Officer, the Public Utility Commission, the State House of Representatives and the State Senate. [For more information, click here for the broadband website.](#)

Oregon Broadband Map: The Oregon Broadband Office within Business Oregon is directed by statute to develop and maintain a broadband map as a platform for data collection to track the availability of broadband services and measure progress as well as other related information and provide public access to the data. The map includes a data layer for Tribal lands including the Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde; Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians; Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; and Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes.

Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference: Business Oregon is a sponsor and organizer of the conference. The 2018 conference presenters and attendees explored smart communities, strategies, applications, enabling technologies and Oregon initiatives. The 2019 conference was attended by representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and EnerTribe, Inc.

Oregon Broadband Office: In August 2019, Governor Kate Brown signed House Bill 2173 into law the *Oregon Broadband Office* within the Oregon Business Development Department to develop broadband investment and deployment strategies for unserved and underserved areas including Tribal lands. Business Oregon provided a briefing to the Oregon Tribal Cluster on the status of broadband in Oregon and current initiatives and activities, distributed federal broadband funding program information to the tribes, distributed information on tribal governments' new ability to access data filed in July 2019 by telecommunication carriers that serve their lands with support from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) High Cost program, and distributed a new report, *Tribal Technology Assessment: The State of Internet Service on Tribal Lands*, by the American Indian Policy Institute at Arizona State University.

## INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Oregon Aquaculture Association – Oregon Aquaculture Explorer Platform (\$431,246 grant)

This project will develop an open access knowledge management and decision support system called the Oregon Aquaculture Explorer Platform. This integrated instrument will serve as a business planning model to guide and stimulate investment in aquaculture in Oregon. This project will also use the new platform to do a case study in collaboration with the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation. The case study will examine the feasibility of developing an aquaculture cluster to stimulate economic development by utilizing assets owned by the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.

## OTHER

The first annual Infrastructure Summit was held on October 20-21, 2019 at the Salem Convention Center in Salem. Bruce Zimmerman from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation participated on a panel "What Can Infrastructure Resiliency Look Like?" and spoke about [Local Transportation Funding Challenges](#). Bruce was also a member of the Infrastructure Summit's Planning Committee.

Our Business Finance Manager made a proposal to the Tribal Cluster for Economic Development and Community Services for a Tribal Capital Scan. The proposal was generally accepted. A Tribal Capital Scan represents an opportunity to assemble a knowledge base of capital sources and flows currently available to support the continuum of capital needs of tribes and their members. The assessment would include resources that support community and infrastructure development, business growth and expansion, and entrepreneurial start-ups. The specific purpose of this report is to serve as a roadmap for tribal nations, foundations, state government, and economic development agencies by way of a more thorough understanding of the breadth and variety of capital types currently available in Oregon. The report also seeks to address the areas (gaps) where further development of capital and support ecosystems may be required.

### **Oregon Arts Commission & Oregon Cultural Trust Programs**

The Arts Commission and Cultural Trust advocate for arts and culture as cornerstones of community and civic life. The work is focused on providing Oregonians wide access to arts and culture. This includes providing better access to quality arts and culture learning opportunities and assisting Oregon's artists and culture keepers in developing their skills and careers.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Chuck Sams III, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation serves on the Cultural Trust Board of Directors

#### **ARTS LEARNING GRANTS**

The purpose of the grants is to support high-quality projects that: provide an opportunity for learning in and through the arts to benefit K-12 students; foster exchange of knowledge between artists and educators; and impact the achievement, skills and/or attitudes of learners.

- Caldera: This \$10,000 award supports the Geography of We: Planting the Seeds of Creativity which will provide 300-400 youth with year-round arts instruction and creative mentoring (Warm Springs Academy--32 days of service)

#### **PERCENT FOR ART**

Oregon's Percent for Art legislation guides the acquisition of artwork for state's collection of art in public places, which includes more than 2,400 works of art.

The following acquisitions were made for the State of Oregon art collection through Oregon's Percent for Art Program, administered by the Oregon Arts Commission:

- Joe Cantrell (**Cherokee**), *Berber Agate*, 2019, photographic print, 24 x 30 inches and *Petrified Bogwood*, 2019, photographic print, 24 x 30 inches (for University of Oregon)
- Jeffrey Gibson (**Choctaw-Cherokee**; New York, NY), *One for the Other*, 2008-2009, lithograph (for Portland State University); purchased from Crow's Shadow Institute for the Arts
- Ka'ila Farrell-Smith (**Klamath Modoc**), *For Colonizers*, 2014, oil and graphite on wood panel, 11 x 14 inches; *For Next Gen*, 2014, oil and graphite on wood panel, 11 x 14 inches; *Pueblo*, 2017, spray paint, oil, acrylic on clayboard, 24 x 18 inches; *Pueblo II*, 2017, spray paint, oil, acrylic on clayboard, 24 x 18 inches; *Red Road*, 2017, spray paint, oil, acrylic on clayboard, 24 x 18 inches (for Oregon State University, Cascades)
- James Lavadour (**Walla Walla**), *This Good Land*, 2017, lithograph, 74 x 46½ inches (for Oregon State University, Cascades)
- Melanie Yazzie (**Navajo**), *Yazzie Girl in Pendleton*, 2017, lithograph and woodcut, 45¼ x 36 inches (for Oregon State University, Cascades)

Continued from 2018: A current Percent for Art project at the Forest Science Complex at Oregon State University is involving all **nine federally recognized tribes** in Oregon in the selection process. One stated goal for the entrance artwork to the Forest Science Complex includes working in partnership with the nine tribes of Oregon to create artworks reflective of cultural imagery associated with Oregon's Native cultures. The tribes are involved as partners to help identify artists to be invited to apply for three art commissions (not just the entrance) and provide feedback to the art selection committee about selecting the finalists and about the proposed artworks. The art selection committee is working with the tribal Cultural Directors, Lead Chair people, or Chiefs, depending on the tribe. The project is not yet completed; semi-finalists have been selected but not yet finalists.

#### **ART IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

Artist Ka'ila Farrell-Smith (**Klamath Modoc**) had originally been scheduled to exhibit her work in the Governor's Office in November and December 2019. Stating as her reason Governor Brown's position on the Jordan Cove pipeline, Smith declined the exhibition.

#### CULTURAL COALITION GRANT AWARDS: \$59,552

Oregon's 45 county and tribal Cultural Coalitions are funded directly by the Trust and are unique to the state. Led by dedicated volunteers, each coalition prioritizes community cultural goals and annually distributes seed grants that address the needs of each county. Among these are Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, whose cultural contributions are integral to the region's cultural vitality. Direct, annual grant funds to tribal cultural coalitions to redistribute in accordance with their community cultural plan.

1. Burns Paiute Tribe: \$6,340
2. Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw: \$6,416
3. Coquille Indian Tribe: \$6,402
4. Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians: \$6,472
5. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: \$6,911
6. Klamath Tribe: \$6,803
7. Confederated Tribes of Siletz: \$6,813
8. Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation: \$6,593
9. Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs: \$6,802

#### CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Grants are awarded in four categories and are intended to fund arts, heritage, history, preservation and humanities programs. Cultural Development Grants are for project activities that: protect and stabilize Oregon's cultural resources; expand public awareness of, access to and participation in quality cultural experiences in Oregon; ensure that Oregon cultural resources are strong and dynamic contributors to Oregon's communities and quality of life; and build an understanding of the value and impact of culture to Oregonians. Competitive grant awards are available for projects that serve tribal communities/audiences.

1. Wisdom of the Elders Incorporated: \$33,671  
This project supports the creation of the "Discovering Yidong Xinag" ["Discovering the Old Wisdom" in Athabaskan] Educational Toolkit. It builds upon Wisdom of the Elder's culturally tailored multimedia environmental science curriculum. **Oregon Senate Bill 13** directs the Oregon Department of Education to develop curricula and train educators relative to the Native American experience in Oregon. The Educational Toolkit will engage Native and other students by integrating cultural arts into environmental science studies.
2. Confederated Lower Chinook Tribes and Bands: \$6,103  
The project will support the construction of an interpretive kiosk on the 1851 Tansy Point Treaty Grounds, now owned by the **Chinook Indian Nation**. The forested wetlands property in Warrenton is bordered by two creeks and Youngs Bay, an area rich with Chinook salmon at its confluence with the Columbia River. The Chinook Indian Nation will tell their story and preserve their legacy at the site where the Tansey-Point treaties were signed in 1851 yet left unratified by the US Congress.
3. Chetco Historical Memorial Project: \$10,057  
The project supports the **Chetco Indian Memorial**, the only interpretive site that represents and focuses on an Oregon coastal tribe and its history on the very site of their ancestral village, making this project unique in the region. Creating a historical marker at this site will help the public understand the site's historical significance and will ensure that it is protected.

#### CULTURAL COOPERATIVE PARTNER GRANT AWARD

The Cultural Trust works directly with its five Statewide Partners in supporting culture across Oregon. These partners receive a percentage of the funds distributed by the Trust each year to support cultural projects of statewide significance and impact.

#### OREGON FOLKLIFE NETWORK: \$20,000

Support for Culture Fest, a showcase of Oregon's living cultural heritage in the Portland Metro and Central and Eastern Oregon. Includes folk and traditional artists from the Culture Keeper's Roster reflecting members from Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes.

- Cultural Stewardship Summit 2019: \$26,337

Support for a summit of Cultural Coalition members. Tribal Coalition representatives from **The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, The Burns Paiute Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde** participated in this free Cultural Summit. Travel, room and board expenses to the Summit were among the costs covered by this grant award.

#### CULTURAL PARTNER GRANTS

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- **Oregon Historical Society: \$60,623** Unrestricted partner support for projects including community outreach with Oregon tribes for the new Oregon history exhibit, *Experience Oregon*.
  - **Oregon Arts Commission: \$181,868** Unrestricted partner support for projects including the Percent for Art Project (see program specific information in Arts Commission report).