

Self-Sufficiency Program has employment/training, assistance services

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) offers a wide variety of employment/training and cash assistance services for Siletz Tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes. These services are for those who reside within the 11-county service area.

For Siletz Tribal members, SSP offers Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance for Single Adults (GASA) cash grants for

those who are low-income. It also offers Non-Needy Caretaker Relative (NNCR) cash assistance for those who are caring for grandchildren and are over-income.

Are you facing an eviction or utility shut-off? SSP offers an Emergency Assistance program that remains open all year. This program is to prevent eviction or utility shut-off and cannot be used for deposits or move-in costs.

SSP provides employment/training and education services for members of any federally recognized Tribe. Currently, funding and open slots are available for Work Experience (WEX), On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Classroom Training (CRT).

SSP can help with basic education assistance, one term of higher education or vocational training services. Funds can be utilized for tuition, fees and/or provide a stipend.

Have you recently gained full-time permanent employment? The program can assist you, if hired within seven business days, with the tools and clothing needed for your new job. Other eligibility criteria apply.

Are you employed and at risk of losing your employment? Contact SSP to see if you qualify for Diverted Services.

To apply, contact one of the Tribal service specialists located in each of the Tribal offices.

Emergency Housing Assistance to open Jan. 2 for this year's funding cycle

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program will begin accepting applications Jan. 2. No applications will be accepted early.

Applications are available through the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD), the Tribal website (ctsi.nsn.us) and all area offices. This program is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only completed applications will be processed and served. If your application is not complete, funds will not be held for you. Once the funds are depleted, the program will close and will not reopen until the next funding cycle in January 2016.

Service district is throughout all of the United States.

- EHA can be used to enable a Tribal member/Tribal family to get into a permanent home if there is a situation of homelessness. Homeless is having no personal residence or if person/family is temporarily staying with someone else.
- EHA should not be used as a tool to move from one residence to another without good cause.
- EHA is available every three years, to the date. Your application will not

be set aside until your date comes up and it will not be accepted if you apply early.

- Your application must be complete and you must comply with all stipulations of the program (income verification, proof of Tribal enrollment, Social Security card copies and proof of household composition) before funds will payable.
- If you are homeless and are approved for assistance, you will have 14 days in which to provide proof of income, find a place to live, obtain a rental agreement and get information to STHD to process payment.

- If you are facing eviction, you must have a signed 72-hour eviction notice from a landlord or rental property.

- If you are facing foreclosure, you must have proper documentation from a mortgage lender in order to process.

- Assistance cannot be provided to those already participating in Low Rent, Mutual Help and Rental Assistance programs.

If you have any questions, please call Housing at 541-444-8322 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1322.

Information for Tribal veterans

Vet rep asks Tribal veterans to call in: All Siletz Tribal veterans are asked to call Tony Molina, Honor Guard director and Tribal veterans representative, to verify their DD214s and enrollment numbers so he can process their names to be placed on the Veterans Memorial on Government Hill.

Molina can be reached at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.

Siletz veterans office open daily: Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See below for contact information.

From our veterans representative, Tony Molina: All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation.

Unclaimed Funds

If a participant fails to claim an Elder stipend payment within 180 days, the payment shall be moved to an Unclaimed Funds account to be published in the Elders newsletter quarterly and in Siletz News twice a year.

The following Elders have funds in the Unclaimed Funds account. If you have contact with these Elders, please have them call the Elders office at 541-444-8212 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1212.

Diane Service
Roberta Russell

2015 Standing Committee Applications Due

**Deadline for consideration for committees is
Feb. 11, 2015**

Any Tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a two-year term must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to Feb. 11, 2015. Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day() _____ Evening() _____

If you only want to be considered for one committee, please indicate this by inserting the number 1 next to the committee of interest. If you have interest in more than one committee, please indicate by numbering your preference as 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice).

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| ___ Education Committee (3) | ___ Housing Committee (3) |
| ___ Natural Resources Committee (3) | ___ Pow-Wow Committee (4) |
| ___ Health Committee (3) | ___ Budget Committee (1) |
| ___ Cultural Heritage Committee (3) | ___ Enrollment Committee (2) |

Committee appointments will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in February 2015.

If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner, executive secretary to Tribal Council, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

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Siletz Basketry Class

At the Siletz Tribal Community Center

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 • 4-7 p.m.



Come and learn how to make Siletz baskets.

All ages welcome.

Young people under 10 years old need an adult to accompany and assist them.

The Siletz Culture Department will provide round reed material and instructors.

If you have your own materials, please bring them.

Contact: Bud Lane at budl@ctsi.nsn.us; 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320.