



State Library
of Oregon

Government-to-Government Report 2020

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Government-to-Government Annual Report

State Library Collaboration with Oregon Tribes in 2020

2020 Activities

The State Library implemented initiatives and participated in activities over the course of this year to strengthen relations with Oregon tribes, and to provide resources and support to tribal libraries and the communities they serve.

Grants Awarded to Tribes

The State Library offered two grant opportunities to Oregon tribes during 2020.

COVID-19 Response Mini-Grants

COVID-19 response mini-grants supported Oregon libraries in responding to immediate needs in their local communities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Library reallocated Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds from other State Library LSTA-funded projects and programs for this purpose. Libraries were invited to apply for grants of \$500, \$1,500 or \$3,000. The grant funds could be used on a broad range of expenses to meet a wide variety of needs related to COVID-19 response. Examples include continuing education for staff, digital services such as e-books and online resources, and programming costs associated with new programming strategies in response to COVID-19. Oregon federally recognized tribes were eligible and invited to apply for these mini-grants. One tribe applied and was awarded grant funds.

Tribe: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Project Title: Tamástslikt Research Library & Archive COVID-19 Response Grant

Amount: \$1,500.00 (\$1,232.95 claimed)

Grant Summary: Professional Development. “Registration for online learning courses from InfoPeople, ALA divisions, Amigos, or PCI Webinars for two staff. If funding allows, additional registration for ARCL Online courses for two staff members.”

Cares Act Grants

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) received \$50 million through the CARES Act and distributed \$30 million to State Libraries and territories based on population. The State Library of Oregon was allocated \$381,108. IMLS provided the following direction on how this CARES Act funding is to be used:

- a. Primarily to address digital inclusion and related technical support, using the following types of data to inform targeted efforts:
 - Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Unemployment
 - Broadband availability
- b. Secondly to address other efforts that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19;
- c. With respect to (a) or (b), reach museum and tribal partners, in addition to traditionally eligible library entities, where appropriate.

The State Library applied the IMLS suggested criteria to Oregon counties and offered grants to the nine federally recognized tribes, and to all public libraries and community college libraries in the highest need counties. Each library was allocated a \$2,000 minimum grant, and the remainder was allocated based on service population. For tribes, the service population was determined by the population data from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services. Tribes were invited to apply for a non-competitive grant, up to their full grant allocation. Three tribes applied for and received these funds.

Tribe: Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

Project Title: Grand Ronde Tribal Library Digital Access Project

Amount: \$4,558.00

Grant Summary: Technology for virtual and socially distanced access. “This project will help address this problem in that students can check out iPads and access the library Wi-Fi from the library’s covered patio or parking lot area (there are benches and a bench like rock wall) outside the library. These 5 iPads will serve at least 20 different students during the project. The same iPads will also be used by children with books on them as they are easier to clean for COVID. This will add another group of users for roughly 40 users. The project would also include a picnic table to go on the covered patio that can be used for wi-fi schoolwork when the library is closed.”

Tribe: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Project Title: Tamástslíkt Library Connectivity Project

Amount: \$3,228.00

Grant Summary: Expanded Wi-Fi: “Tamástslíkt will use funds to extend Wi-Fi coverage into the Tamástslíkt library and archival vault where there is currently no coverage. This



will allow staff and public access to the internet within the library spaces and will allow staff to access shared files and the collection database wirelessly. Any remaining funds will be used to replace the current table and chairs in the reference library. The current chairs have padded cloth seats and the table is made of particle board, neither of which are conducive to sanitizing after use. Solid molded plastic/metal chairs and tables will replace the current furniture.”

Tribe: Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Project Title: Digital Technology to Enhance Career Center Capabilities for Tribal Members

Amount: \$2,722.00

Grant Summary: Content creation for workforce development. “We plan to create informational videos to help Tribal members have successful job searches, create resumes, enhance their interviewing skills and job retention. We have some of the technology in house and following the recommendations of our professional video production trainer have purchased some equipment. We have a training/production schedule established with our trainer. We have allocated space in our facility for a recording studio. This project is part of the Cow Creek Career Center expansion. We have Tribal members across the US that could access our services if we go digital/web based.”

Statewide Database Licensing Program Participation

Four tribal libraries are enrolled in the Statewide Database Licensing program. This program provides 23 library information databases (general reference, business, health, etc.) and the LearningExpress Library test preparation database at no cost to tribal libraries. A tribal member is serving as a member of the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee.

Consultation and Information Sharing with Tribal Libraries

The State Library shared information with tribes through the tribal library directors email list hosted and managed by the State Library. This is a communication tool for the State Library to share relevant information and announcements such as grant program opportunities. Information shared included timely updates and resources for libraries related to COVID-19 response.

Tribal Cultural Items Inventory

The State Library created a project team to work on the tribal cultural items inventory in compliance with the implementation of Executive Order 17-12, which established the Task Force on Oregon Tribal Cultural Items, and requires state agencies to survey items within their



possession that may be of cultural significance to Oregon's nine federally recognized Native American Tribes. The team submitted the inventory report in November 2019 and developed a corresponding [online information guide](#) that provides information and easy access to State Library collections related to Oregon tribes. In February 2020, the State Library received communication from the Task Force with appreciation for the report and the State Library's [online information guide](#) that makes agency records and resources easily accessible and identifiable. The State Library will continue to update this guide as needed.

2020 Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit

The State Librarian attended the Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit on December 1-2, 2020. This event included presentations on topics including COVID-19 management, climate change, wildfires and recovery, and economic development. This was a great opportunity to learn about issues and strategies.

Goals and Plans for 2021

Needs Assessment

As part of the 2019 – 2021 Affirmative Action Plan, the State Library will conduct a needs assessment with the nine federally recognized tribes and develop a plan based on the assessment to provide resources, training, and consultation in support of tribal library services.

Promotion of Grants and Services

The State Library will continue to share information and promote grant opportunities and services through various communication channels including the tribal library directors email list and will update contact lists to ensure regular communication with Oregon Tribes.

Training Opportunities

The State Library will continue to invite tribal library staff to trainings sponsored by the State Library in 2021 and work directly with tribal libraries to promote the use of statewide database products in their libraries.

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Education Cluster and Culture Cluster Meetings

The State Librarian will attend relevant meetings of the Government-to-Government Education Cluster and Culture Cluster in 2021.

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