

# W I L D H O R S E R E S O R T C A S I N O

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## **Wildhorse Foundation Wraps up 2004 With Over Half Million Dollars in Grants**

The Wildhorse Foundation moved its four-year contribution total to nearly \$1.5 million with its grants for the fourth quarter of 2004, providing \$134,554 to 21 non-profit organizations for causes ranging from youth recreation to healthcare, from wildlife protection to education. The foundation is the charitable giving arm of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, offering grants in four NE Oregon counties.

Because the annual funding comes from a percentage of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino's net income, as the resort's business grows, so does the Foundation's annual fund. In 2004 total grants amounted to \$502,990 in 77 grants. In 2003 total grants amounted to \$469,994 in 59 grants. For the four years the total granted is \$1,495,406.

Over four years, the Foundation has funded projects or programs for more than 190 organizations. Many of the funded organizations have a facility in only one county but serve people from throughout the region. Although most of the grants go to organizations based in Umatilla County, the Foundation encourages applications from Morrow, Union and Wallowa Counties, according to Foundation Administrator, Michelle Liberty. The next deadline for applications is April 1. More information and online application forms are available at [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

Organizations and the amount of their grants for the fourth quarter:

### **Project Support \$66,214**

Arc of Umatilla County \$3,000

For support of the Umatilla/Morrow County Lifespan Respite Network

Blue Mountain Forum \$3,500

To allow the staging of the Blue Mountain Symposium: A Sense of Place—Union County, Oregon

Blue Mountain Wildlife \$10,000

For the continuing development of the environmental education program

Girl Scouts, Mid-Columbia Council \$10,000

For comprehensive youth development for girls

Hermiston Public Library \$3,500

In support of the Children's Reading Program (Summer Reading Program)

Morrow County School District \$4,436

To purchase text for a new class in contemporary Hispanic literature

Nixyaawii Community School \$10,000

To allow the setup of a multi-media educational classroom

Pilot Rock School District \$3,038

In support of the Oregon Writing Project at Pilot Rock

Umatilla County Reduce Adolescent Pregnancy Partnership \$2,775

In support of the 2005 Teen Summit

Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council \$5,815

For the Science Technology Environmental Land Lab and Research (STELLAR)

Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness \$6,150

In support of training for Positive Discipline for Parents in Recovery

**General Operating Support \$16,000**

Think Link Discovery Museum \$5,000

For an educational development program

Tonya's House \$1,000

For the Increase Awareness and Mentor Program

Umatilla-Morrow Headstart \$10,000

In support of the Free to Grow neighborhood revitalization project

**Capital Expense \$38,000**

Grande Ronde Association for Youth \$10,000  
For the Riveria Activity Center

Nixyaawii Booster Club \$10,000  
In support of the athletic program

Wallowa County Fair \$6,000  
For improvements to the fairground arena

Wallowa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue \$12,000  
For purchase of an incident command trailer

**Other \$14,340**

Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation \$4,340  
To support development of a family talk show

Elgin School District \$10,000  
Supporting a program to help learning disabled and dyslexic students succeed

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