



The Da'luk

Shvawi shvu'k gou'ts hou dagu'n (It's very hard work to take care of it well)



On April 15th, a small group gathered to honor Leona Wilkinson, outgoing Tribal Secretary. Mrs. Wilkinson, a tribal elder retired some years ago from Humboldt State University's Upward Bound Program where she spent most of her career. She made the decision to retire



from Wiyot Tribal Council in 2021. Mrs. Wilkinson first ran for Council in 1996 and has been seated through 2021 for a total of **25 years of service**. This is a historic milestone for the Tribe. Mrs. Wilkinson is the only person to have ever served on Council for 25 years. Her work and leadership on Council resulted in a number of other historic milestones. Leona Wilkinson and her sister Cheryl A Seidner were responsible for starting the candlelight vigils, and Wiyot Sacred Site Fund fundraising efforts which eventually lead to the return and restoration of Tuluwat Island in Humboldt Bay. She has also been active in the work to environmentally restore the Eel River and save Tsakiyuwit. Thank you Leona Wilkinson Shvawi shvu'k gou'ts hou dagu'n (It's very hard work to take care of it well).



Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center

Submitted By: Marnie Atkins

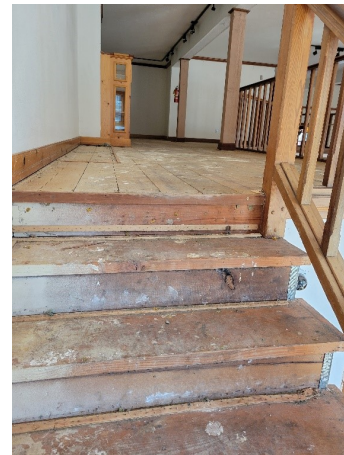
Our building is located at 417 Second Street, Eureka. Watch our monthly Newsletter for on-going updates!

Activity has been happening at the Center! We have a contractor lined up and repair scheduling is underway. Old carpeting has been removed and we are working on getting flooring installation quotes.

Behind the scenes, we are busy dreaming up our exhibits, educational programming, and how to safely welcome people to the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center. Hou' to everyone who has submitted their survey answers about what they would like to see in the Center. Your input is welcome anytime!

Soon, we will be able to announce the opening of the Center and welcome you in while we adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about our Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center.

Da gou rou louwi' "the ongoing return of all" (lit. 'continuous again all the returning')



Old carpeting has been removed and now we need new flooring installed.



IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!



I am looking for Native artists to develop artwork to be used on the website and all social media for the Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center. If you are interested in discussing this topic, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and I will send you a **Call for Art Submission** form with more information. Wiyot artists preferred, but we will accept art submissions from local area tribal peoples, too. Please contact me for more details at matkins@wiyot.us.



Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "House of Tradition"

Submitted By: Hazel Garcia

The Cultural Department is working with Blue Ox Mill to set future dates for the dugout project we will keep everyone posted as time gets closer. The Cultural Department is working on permits with the County and Government to Government consultations with the local Government agencies. As of this year we are sad to say Wiyot Day will be postponed until august 2022. We are working with the Hearst museum in Berkley on the return of medicine woman regalia and the remains of our ancestors that will be coming home. We are looking at some time this summer to travel to Brooklyn museum to bring back a dress from their collection. The necklaces and sashes got mailed out if you have not received yours feel free to contact Hazel via email or call Tribal Office at 707-733-5055 ext. 125 or hazel@wiyot.us .

we would like to remind everyone that we still have language cards if you are interested, we can mail them to all who would like them.

Departments:

Tsek Houdaqh Youth Program:

As Summer is coming around the corner, we are starting to plan field trips and activities to keep the youth busy making sure they have fun during summertime as soon as we get everything planned out and schedule set it posted in June's newsletter as well as Tsek Houdaqh page. We do know that the last day of school is June 11th with Tsek Houdaqh will be closed June 14th-18 2021 so that we can get everything ready for the summer. we will fully reopen to all youth June 21st, 2021 the hours will be from 8 am – 5pm as I mentioned before once we have the schedule complete it will be posted on Tsek Houdaqh Facebook page as well as the newsletter

JOM

If your children need assistance with homework. They can contact Margaret Card our JOM Coordinator at Tsek Houdaqh (707)733-5055 or at mcard@wiyot.us.

Our culture is a living spirit that must continue to thrive. Our generation must carry on with the traditional ways and the stories from our elders and ancestors that have gone before us.

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The Birth and Growth of Humboldt Bay

A long time ago there was a small grassy pool located where Humboldt Bay now lies. In this pool there were many frogs, so many that there was not food enough for all of them. They became very hungry and talked loud and long at night, calling to their friends, the Indians, for help. In those days there was a great friendship between the two peoples.

There was an old man commonly known as May-wee-Mur. May-wee-Mur went to see what was troubling the frogs after hearing them talk so much at night. The frogs told him that they wanted a bigger pool where there would be more food. May-wee-Mur told them that he would try to find such a pool, and in return the frogs said they would help him. They told him that a deer had passed that way going to the ocean to lick salt off the rocks. The old man had his bow and quiver full of arrows with him and headed for the ocean.

When the old man came near the ocean, he saw the deer licking the rocks, and the old man was able to kill it with his first arrow. While May-wee-Mur was dressing the deer, Kah-ha-mis, the water spirit, came close to shore in the breakers near where the old man was. Kah-ha-mis said: "I am very hungry. The sea has been so rough I have not been able to get any food. If you will give me the deer I will do much for you in your lifetime."

The old man was sorry for Kah-ha-mis as he, too, knew what hunger was in his younger life, and he gave the deer to the Water Spirit.

In those days the Indians used to hunt sea lions for food on the rocks toward Trinidad, and

when one would be killed the carcass of the animal would be towed in the water behind the Indians seagoing canoe to the place where the entrance to Humboldt Bay is now. The carcass was there dragged across the land to where the place where the Indian village was located. This required a great deal of effort and consumed a great deal of time. When Kah-ha-mis saw how hard the Indians had to work to get their food, he was sorry for them. He also wanted to show his appreciation to May-wee-Mur, and decided to help the Indians.

Kah-ha-mis went to the little pond and thrashed around with his great strong body many times, until it grew to its present size. He then had to connect it with the ocean. To do this he had to thrash his way back and forth between the bay and the ocean many times before he had a channel wide and deep enough for ocean going canoes to travel freely. A great earthquake occurred, and a tidal wave came which further widened the entrance to the bay now known as Humboldt. Ever since the Indians had no trouble in bringing the sea lions and their canoes right up to their village. Thus, for the old man's kindness to Kah-ha-mis he was repaid many times. "It is always that way," say the Indian grandmothers.

From: Austen D. Warburton and Joseph F. Endert, 1966, INDIAN LORE OF THE NORTH CALIFORNIA COAST Story told by Bluff Creek Tom, a packer for the Brizard Company, as described in the column written by Andrew Guinzoli for the Times Standard in 1966.



Table Bluff Community Garden: Come and Join the FUN!

Our community garden is getting started for the season! We had a few cover crops growing during the winter to add nutrients back to the soil. We have started seeds in the greenhouse that are already sprouting! Some plants include; peas, bush beans, melons, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumber, zucchini, pumpkin, onions, basil, peppers, cilantro, and sunflowers. Ed at *Potowat* garden generously donated 100 strawberry starts which need to be planted. We started tilling the cover crop the second week in April. The following weeks we will start building the rows and mounds for the plants. The garden is open to all tribal members to maintain and harvest. If you do go in please be mindful of the starts and close the gate. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer call the office or email hwilkinson@wiyo.us



Figure 1. Seedlings in the WNRD greenhouse



Figure 2. Tilling and terminating the cover crop

Must be 18-24 years old

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM POSITION

Garden Assistant
at Table Bluff Reservation

Position includes planting, watering, turning compost, pulling weeds, removing invasive species on the bluff, harvesting and cleaning vegetables.

Apply through NCIDC at: <https://ncidc-intake.questionpro.com>



Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted BY: Adam Canter

Wiyot Natural Resources SPRING Update

Ha'wa'lou and greetings from the Wiyot Natural Resources Department (WNRD). Spring is in the air and as we emerge from the bleakness of the global pandemic and head into a new administration there is a thankful and blessed sense of re-birth across the land, just as the World Renewal Ceremony would re-set our clocks for the season and year to come. While the nice spring weather is welcome, it is a concern as we see our rivers far too low for April, as the pressures and demand for our regions precious water only deepens, we continue to work with our partners to lobby for a free and wild *Wiya't* (Eel) River, as we also move into phase two of our invasive Sacramento pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus grandis*) removal project, which funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Pacific Coastal Salmon Restoration Fund (PCSRF) seeks to identify effective and ethically salmon-safe removal techniques and protocols. As part of this work the WNRD has also been deploying temperature loggers along the South

Fork and main stem Eel. Please keep a look out for youth intern opportunities for summer field work associated with this project as well as our *Goukdi'n* (Jacoby Creek) forest project with HSU, or contact the WNRD if you have or are an interested youth!

In addition to our upcoming WNRD youth internship there is an exciting opportunity in partnership with HSU for youth ages 15-17 to become a certified drone pilot! Yes, there is a free 4-week program for Native American youth in Humboldt and Del Norte counties from June 21-July 16 which will prepare participants to pass the FAA drone pilot's license test. There is even a \$100 per week stipend! If you know any interested Wiyot youth please contact the WNRD or David Marshal at

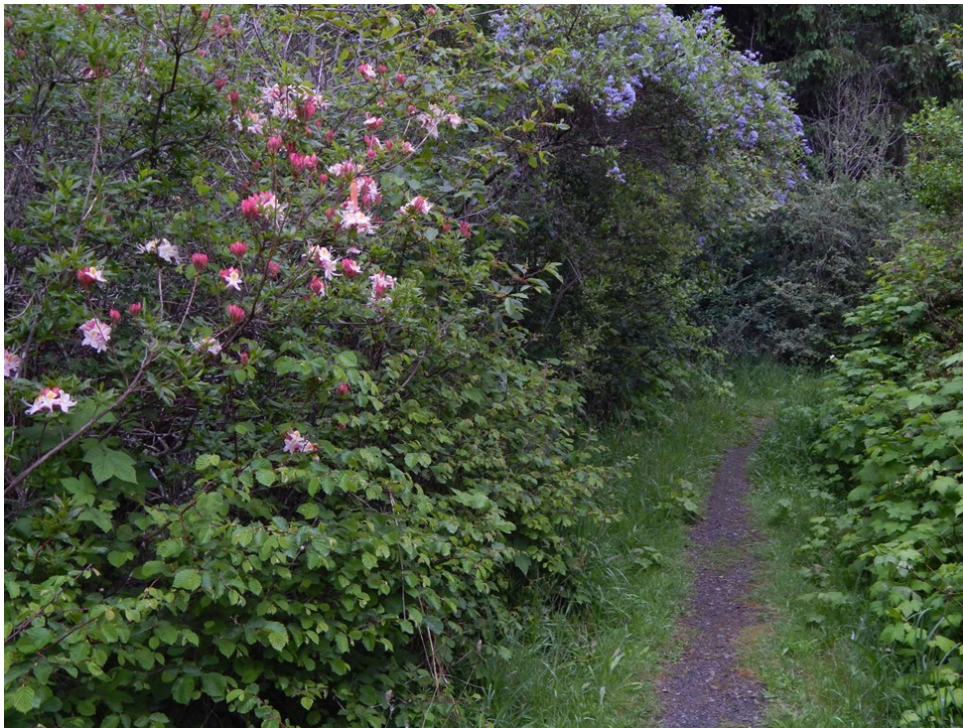
Dave@humboldt.edu . Details and registration at <http://hcoe.org/pilot>. Drone technology is quickly becoming a standard for use in natural resources applications, surveys, and mapping. Having skills and tool sets like holding a drone pilot's license , greatly prepares youth for future careers in a vast array of fields that could benefit the Tribe in many aspects, from cultural and

natural resources mapping and identification to monitoring remote sites and furthering Tribal historic preservation. Please help us recruit some youth for this exciting and limited opportunity! In other news, the WNRD continues to monitor development projects within Wiyot ancestral territory which may have negative significant environmental impacts on natural and cultural resources, such as the proposed Nordic Aquafarms aquaculture project at the former Samoa pulp mill site, which tentatively plans to grow non-native Atlantic salmon. This past month the WNRD's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was fully focused on this project and reps gave a brief description of the project, while Tribal members were able to ask questions and get responses to concerns. The WNRD and Cultural Departments are soliciting comments from Tribal members regarding the project as we form our position and prepare to draft staff comments. Some initial concerns include fish escape, effluent water quality and potential harmful algal blooms

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from nitrogen inputs, and disease outbreaks into native fish populations. The draft environmental impact report (EIR) is yet to come out, but we anticipate it any day, which will further shed light on potential impacts. The WNRD are thankful to are partners and friends at Humboldt Baykeeper who are helping to keep us up to speed with Nordic’s permitting process. Please familiarize yourself with the project and consider making comments to both to the WNRD and on the future released draft EIR. We all want to do what’s best for our native fish, people, and community. We are excited about the platform of the WNRD CAC meetings which allows our department share current issues and received direct and valuable feedback form Tribal citizens. CAC meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. on zoom. The next meeting is May 4th. Please see the Tribes website for the link and topic of the month and attend, they’re fun too! Take time to get outside and enjoy the green time of year. As we head into what appears to be further drought, the WNRD continues our work with the Tribal Resilience Program to best assess and prepare the Tribe for impacts associated with climate change and sea level rise. Be looking for opportunities to participate in field trips and interviews for the traditional ecological knowledge component for phase one of the Wiyot Climate Change Adaptation Plan. Peace and Happy Spring! *Rra’dutwas*, Adam Canter, adam@wiyot.us



*Azalea State Reserve, by the Batawa't (Mad) River, western azalea (*Rhododendron occidentale*), hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta* ssp. *californica*), and Californai lilac (*Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*). A prime Wiyot ethnobotanical site to visit in spring!*

Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'

Submitted By: Robert Pitts Jr.

HHS NEWS

Gou'will da lalouluwuk "Taking care of people"

~Counseling Services~

The Wiyot Tribe has counseling services available to all Tribal Members for times of need and support. If you are struggling and in need of services, please call the HHS Department for more information at 707-733-5055 or 800-388-7633.

Tribal Member Services

HHS Department offers a variety of services to it's membership.

1. Burial Assistance up to \$500.00 (Tribal Members)
2. Hunting/ Fishing license reimbursement (one per household)
3. RSTF loan up to \$200.00 (one per every 12 months)
4. Garbage reimbursement once per every 12 months (off Reservation membership only)
5. Chimney Cleaning reimbursement (for all households, on and off Reservation)
6. Elders/Disabled wood: elders/disabled members get one cord per year from Men's Camp

For info. Please call 707-733-5055



LIHEAP funds are available on a first come first serve basis.
For more information, or to apply. Please contact Tammie
at 707-733-5055 or tammieb@wiyot.us

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders" Nutrition Program

If you would like lunch and live within a 25 mile radius, please call Betty or Mariah for more information at 707-733-5055

Important Dates:

FAFSA deadline for 2020-21 School Year: **June 30, 2021**

Wiyot Tribe Scholarship: **August 1, 2021**

BIA Higher Education Grant: **Open all year**

Vocational Training Grant: **Open all year**



Note: You can locate BIA Higher education grant and Wiyot Tribe Scholarship on our website @ wiyot.us, or for more information, contact Tammie at 707-733-5055 or tammieb@wiyot.us. Additional funding opportunities: (if you are considering a career in nursing) <https://www.premiernursingacademy.org/resources/bipoc-marginalized-student-scholarships>

Director's Box

He' ba' lo'.

There has been such a tremendous turn around in the fight against COVID-19.

Just like two generations ago with the fight against Polio and Influenza, vaccinations are proving effective to give us immunity to COVID. While sheltering is still in place and masking still mandatory when outside the home, shops and businesses are opening up more and we can participate in activities that stopped a year ago.

In that effort, we are reaching out to all Tribal Members, ages 16 and up, to let us know if they have received the vaccine or not. Please see the survey in this newsletter and let us know your needs. We stand with you.

- Robert Pitts, Jr., HHS Director

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Eating Smart • Being Active

Learn how to make healthy eating and active living part of your family life. Each meeting features a healthy food demonstration. This is offered at **no cost** to you.

Learn how to:

- choose healthy foods
- save money on your food budget
- cook low-cost recipes
- keep your family active

Topics:

- Welcome to Eating Smart • Being Active
- Get Moving!
- Plan, Shop, Save
- Fruits and Veggies: Half Your Plate
- Make Half Your Grains Whole
- Go Lean with Protein
- Build Strong Bones
- Make a Change
- Celebrate! Eat Smart & Be Active

Graduate with a **Certificate of Completion** at the end of the series!

Contact the instructor (see below) or the HHS Dept for more info.

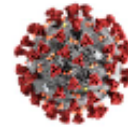
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For more information contact: Jessica Rebholtz 707-445-7351



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COVID News



The Wiyot Tribe is still adhering to social distancing at the Reservation. Always wear a face mask whenever you are with anyone outside of your household, sanitize and wash hands frequently.

PPE — If you are in need of PPE, we have a supply and can send you some.

COVID Testing — While we are not providing testing, we can help you find options of where to go.

Vaccinations — While we are not providing vaccinations, we can help you find options of where to go.

Call HHS at 707-733-5055

How to Protect Yourself When Going Out

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.

When should you quarantine?

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- You shared eating or drinking utensils
- They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

For more information on COVID, please visit CDC at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19)

CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

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Submitted By: Robert Pitts Jr.

March 25, 2021

Dear Tribal Member:

He' ba' lo'.

It has been one year since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic. We have each had to adjust our life to get through this together, and for solutions to come out to get to the end.

One of the key solutions is the COVID-19 Vaccine. As We would like to get an idea of who has been vaccinated and who has yet to receive it. This is a key measure so that we can start reopening services at Table Bluff Reservation, and we as a Tribe can look at having Tribal Events again.

For anyone who is interested in getting the vaccine, and is having trouble, we would like to know those barriers so that we can assist.

Please know that any health provider doing the vaccination is making this free to all adults due to the efforts of the State Governments and the US Government. Vaccine clinics are running weekdays and weekends to accommodate patients' schedules. There is still research into a vaccine for children, and there may be some teenagers receiving it. But at the very least, if we can get all adult Tribal Members vaccinated, it would make a big difference in being able to see everyone in-person again.

If you are unsure about the vaccine being right for you, we encourage you to contact your health provider and get your questions answered.

This survey is completely voluntary, yet keep in mind that the more information we get, the better we can assess the rest of 2021, and to start planning for 2022.

After you complete, please return to the HHS of OES Departments, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551. Or call us at (707) 733-5055 so that we can support you.

Hang in there, reach out for support, and thank you for your participation.

Juwaksh,

Robert Pitts Jr & Heather Blevins
HHS Director OES Coordinator

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Wiyot Tribal Member COVID Vaccination Survey

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE	
EMAIL	

	How many adults live in the home?
	How many children live in the home?

YES	NO	
		How many adults have/have not been vaccinated?
		How many children have/have not been vaccinated?

For anyone not vaccinated, please indicate current reasons:

- ☐ Not sure how, where to go
- ☐ Transportation issue

Please explain: _____

- ☐ Difficult scheduling due to childcare
- ☐ My health provider suggests I not receive it at this time
- ☐ OTHER

Please explain: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: HHS Dept or OES, 1000 WIYOT DRIVE, LOLETA, CA 95551
Or call us at (707) 733-5055 so that we can support you.



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AFTER GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Q&A

Q: Do I still need to wear a face covering and practice physical distancing after I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

A: Yes. You may still be able to pass the virus from one person to another even if you are vaccinated and do not have symptoms.



Q: After receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, what are some of the normal side effects I may feel?

A: Most people will experience pain, swelling, and tenderness at the injection site. A fewer percentage of people will experience headache, fever, muscle, or joint pain. Symptoms should last no more than 1-3 days. There is a small chance that a few people will have a severe allergic reaction, usually within minutes or an hour of getting it. Signs will include difficulty breathing, swelling of the face and throat, rapid heartbeat, body rash, weakness, and feeling faint. After you receive the vaccine, you will be asked to stay in place for monitoring. If these symptoms start later or while at home, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital.

Q: How do I report a potential problem or bad reaction after getting a COVID-19 vaccine?

A: If you have a severe allergic reaction, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital. But for other symptoms, contact your health care provider. In addition, you can report symptoms which you think may be related to the vaccination to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at **800-822-7967** or www.vaers.hhs.gov. You can also enroll in "V Safe", a health checker that lets you report your symptoms to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through text messages and web surveys. Talk to your provider or visit www.cdc.gov/vsafe to enroll.

Q: What is the difference between a side effect and adverse event?

A: A side effect is any health problem proven to be caused by a vaccine. Vaccine side effects are usually minor and go away within a few days. An adverse event is any health problem that occurs after a vaccine shot is received. This can be a serious reaction like an allergic reaction. For more information visit www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/ensuring-safety/side-effects/index.html.

Individuals who receive a COVID-19 vaccine should be observed for 30 minutes following injection rather than the usual 15 minutes. Individuals who carry an EpiPen for their allergies should bring it to their appointment. CDC notes that women who are pregnant or breastfeeding can be presented the option to vaccinate, but first talk to your health care practitioner if you have any concerns about whether you should receive it.

California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
COVID-19 Resources:
<https://crihb.org/prevention-and-education/public-health/>

For more information, go to:
<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>



#CovidVaccineSavesLives

#EndThePandemic

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.



To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to or caused by COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien.

Which expenses will qualify for reimbursement?

Examples of eligible expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation may include, but not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two people to identify the deceased individual
- The transfer of remains, a casket or urn
- A burial plot or cremation niche
- A marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- The arrangement of a funeral ceremony
- The use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing multiple death certificates

What information do I need to provide to FEMA?

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply:

- Your name, social security number, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone numbers
- The name, social security number and date of birth for each deceased individual
- The location or address where the deceased individual passed away
- Documentation and receipts for any assistance already received from other sources, including burial or funeral insurance, donations, voluntary agencies, other government programs or non-profit organizations
- If you and another person both incurred funeral expenses for the same deceased individual(s), you can also provide that person as a co-applicant. Include their name, social security number and date of birth on the application.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE?

Call FEMA's COVID 19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday and begin the application process.

For fastest service following your application, you can begin submitting documentation online through [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov), by fax 855-261-3452.

Documents may also be mailed to COVID-19 Funeral Assistance P.O. Box 10001 Hyattsville, MD 20782

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

You can also visit us online at FEMA.gov/funeralassistance/faq. Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.



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Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or provides grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

What is an eligible area?

Generally, rural areas with a population less than 35,000 are eligible. Applicants may check the address of their home to determine eligibility online.

How may funds be used?

- Loans may be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$20,000.
- Maximum grant is \$7,500.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years.
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%.
- Full title service is required for loans of \$7,500 or more.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$7,500.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years.

- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are available year round as long as funding is available and are processed in the order they are received.

How long does an application take?

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a USDA home loan specialist in your area for help with the application.

How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist in your area.

What governs this program?

- The Housing Act of 1948 as amended, 7 CFR, Part 3550
- HE-1-3550 Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants Field Office Handbook

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Governs This Program?" You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at r.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Last Updated January 2020





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Single Family Home Loan Guarantees

What does this program do?

This no downpayment, 100% financing program assists approved lenders in providing low- and moderate-income households the opportunity to own adequate, modest, decent, safe and sanitary dwellings as their primary residence in eligible rural areas.

Eligible applicants may purchase existing homes (which may include costs to rehabilitate, improve or relocate the dwelling) or build new.

USDA provides a loan note guarantee to approved lenders, encouraging participation by minimizing their risk.

This program is NOT restricted to first-time homebuyers.

Who may apply for this program?

Applicants must:

- Have a household income that does not exceed 115% of median household income.
- Agree to occupy the dwelling as their primary residence.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. non-citizen national, or Qualified Alien.
- Be unable to obtain conventional financing with no private mortgage insurance (PMI).
- Not be suspended or debarred from participation in federal programs.

What properties are eligible?

- Must be located within an eligible rural area.
- Must be a single-family dwelling (may include detached, attached, FUD, condo, modular, and manufactured).
- Must meet HUD 4000.1 minimum standards.
- No set maximum purchase price (based solely on applicant's repayment ability).
- No set acreage limits. Must be common for the area.
- No seasoning requirements ("flipped" properties allowed).

What are applicant qualifications?

- **Income, Non-Self-Employed:** One-year history required.
- **Self-Employed and Seasonal:** Two-year history required.
- **Assets:** No downpayment or reserves required.
- **Credit:** Must demonstrate a willingness and ability to repay debts. No set score requirement. Alternative credit allowable for those with no traditional credit.
- **Monthly housing payment:** Total payment (principal, interest, taxes, insurance, HOA dues, RD annual fee) typically should not exceed 28% of gross monthly income.
- **All monthly debt payments:** All payments included on credit report, including proposed new mortgage payment, typically should not exceed 41% of gross monthly income.
Student loan payments: Fixed payment: Use actual payment or 1% of loan balance.
Non-fixed payment (IBR, graduated, adjusted, etc.) plans: Use 0.5% of loan balance.
- **Seller (or interested party) contributions:** Not to exceed 5% of sales price.
- **Gift funds:** No limit.



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Submitted By: Robert Pitts Jr.



Single Family Home Loan Guarantees

What types of loan products are available?

- Purchase existing or build new with the Single-Close construction program.
- Current USDA Rural Development loan holders can take advantage of lower rates by utilizing one of Rural Development's refinancing options.
- Interest rate is negotiated between the applicant and the lender. Rate must be a 30-year fixed rate.
- Program lending is extended to 100% of appraised value, not purchase price, so borrowers may potentially include closing costs and home repair expenses into USDA financing.
- Funds may be used for closing costs, reasonable and customary expenses associated with the purchase transaction, connection fees for utilities, tax and insurance escrows, essential household equipment, site preparation.

How do we get started?

Interested applicants can apply for a Section 502 Guaranteed Loan through any approved USDA Rural Development lender. We encourage you to contact your preferred lender and ask if they are an approved lender with USDA Rural Development.

Who can answer questions?

Applicants with questions should contact an approved lender. We encourage you to contact your preferred lender and ask if they are an approved USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Lender.

What governs this program?

- **7 CFR part 3555** - This part sets forth policies for the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHGLP) administered by USDA Rural Development. It addresses the requirements of Section 502(f) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and includes policies regarding originating, servicing, holding, and liquidating SFHGLP loans.
- **HB-13555** - SFH Guaranteed Loan Program Technical Handbook. This handbook provides Agency staff and lenders participating in the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program with the tools needed to originate, underwrite, and service guaranteed loans efficiently and effectively.

Why does the USDA Rural Development do this?

This program helps lenders work with low- and moderate- income families living in rural areas to make homeownership a reality. Providing affordable homeownership opportunities promotes prosperity, which in turn creates thriving communities and improves the quality of life in rural areas.

What if I don't qualify?

USDA also offers a direct 502 purchase program which provides for subsidized payments for those applicants from households with income below 80% of MHI and who cannot qualify for a guaranteed loan. Interested applicants should contact their state USDA Rural Development office.

Tools and Resources:

To determine Property and Income eligibility: <https://eligibility.usc.gov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above, titled "What governs this program?" You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at: rd.usda.gov. Go to the "Programs and Services" tab and then select "Single Family Housing Programs." *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*

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May

2021

Laqilh Haluni' Valued Elders Program

Attention Elders!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Spaghetti, rolls & corn	4 Salmon, Rice pilaf & steamed veggies	5 Cold cut sandwiches Chips & Fruit	6 Baked chicken, pasta salad & veggies	7 Taco Salad & Fruit
10 Pork chops, apple sauce & veggies	11 Veggie stir-fry & rice	12 Soft Tacos & Fruit	13 Soup & Salad	14 Egg Salad Sandwiches & Fruit
17 Shrimp scampi, pasta & veggies	18 Honey Sesame Chicken, rice & veggies	19 Chef's Salad & Fruit	20 Cold cut Sandwiches & fruit	21 Chili Beans & corn Bread
24 Stroganoff & steamed veggies	25 Pulled Pork Sandwiches & cole slaw	26 Parmesan Chicken, pasta & veggies	27 Salisbury steaks, potatoes & veggies	28 Potato soup, crackers & fruit
31 Tuna Sandwiches & Fruit				

Attention Elders!

If you would like to receive lunch and live within a 25 mile radius, please call Betty or Mariah to be put on the list, or for more information at 707-733-5055.

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez



April 26th, 2021 Council Highlights

- **Council Present:** Ted Hernandez, Brian Mead, Marnie Atkins, Linda Lange, Hazel James, Vanessa Rios and Aaron Stephenson
 - **Staff Present:** Michelle Vassel, Fawn Lopez, Ted Hernandez, Robert Pitts Jr. and Brian Allen
 - The agenda was approved
 - The consent calendar was approved
1. Council approved Fiscal Year 21 funding OATA Title VI, Part A, Grant Award #2042CAOATA-01 (CFDA 93.047) and amended budget.
 2. Fiscal Year 21 OATA Title VI, Part C, Grant Award #2042CAOATC-01 (CFDA 93.054) and amended budget.
 3. Council approved CCDF award letters for G-21QQCACCCDD and G-21QQCACCCDX for Fiscal Year 2021 and amend budget (Child Care and Development Fund)
 4. CCDF Coronavirus Aide, Relief, and Economic Security Act 20 QQCACCC3 and adopt budget (Child Care and Development Fund)
 5. Council approved CCDF Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental act 21QQCACCC5 ((Child Care and Development Fund)
 6. Council approved Modification #13 to the Wiyot Tribe Consolidated Tribal Government Program Contract #A20AV00488 (2021 Annual -Year 2 funding) and adopt budget.
 7. Council approved Indian Housing Block Grant funding for 2021 and Adopt Budget
 8. Council approved authorization resolution 21-06, Authorizing submission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Indian Highway Safety Program Grant



Elders and Disabled Tribal Members that live on the Reservation will not be charged for lawn mowing services however **please** check your yard prior to your lawn being mowed, and remove any debris, It's hard to see debris lying in your yard when cutting grass, if unnoticed it can cause damage to our equipment. We appreciate your cooperation, also please call the Tribal Office prior to burning there has been several occasions that Tribal members are burning without the proper burn permit. There are only certain days that are permitted so please call the Tribal Office for more information 707-733-5055.



LeeAnn Moore	Ronald Beauchamp
Vincent DiMarzo	Natalie Kovacovich
Patti Meraz	Brendyn Sheets
Sonia Soto	Shanah James
Eric Johnson	Erla Jadro
Amelia Carpenter	Alexis Anderson
Natisssha Mitchell	Joyce Hernandez
Melissa Jones	Kelly Henry
Sharon Thurman	Hallister Stephenson
Diane Letner	Gia Rodriguez
Judith Owen	Michael Johnson
Brett Woodhurst	Mariah Rodriquez
Hannah Woodhurst	DeEtte Stewart
Joshua Abernathy	Donivan Mead
Jessica Greenberg	Ella DiMarzo
Launnie Bainbridge	Robert Voorhees
Rachelle Sutherland	Brooke Jones
Alzada Duncan	Kit-Tise Allen-Wright

Did you move and forget to change your address? You can fax 707-733-5601 or email addresschange@wiyot.us This will help in getting your mail to you in a timely manner, if your address isn't up to date then this will slow your RSTF, newsletter and other important Tribal mail in getting to you. Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment for RSTF checks, our policy has always been Tribal members need to wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another RSTF check. It is very important to keep an updated address on file, you can call the Tribal Office to check your address 707-733-5055 or 800-388-7633



Gock Wuck "Knowledge"

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Wood for sale

Tan oak seasoned
\$300.00 Tribal members
\$400.00 non-Tribal mem-



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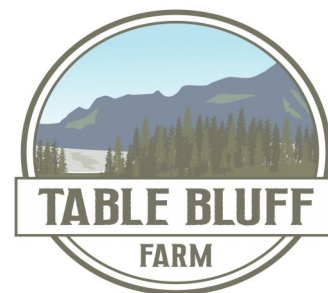
Tribal Elders receive One cord free for the year!

For more information please contact Aaron at the Tribal Office 707-733-5055.

Wiyot Tribal Members are you interested

about barrier-free farm share system.

When you sign up for the season, it's \$20/week for a box of veggies, \$6 more for a dozen eggs, and we have other goods available for purchase, including pastured chicken & pork, nuts, fresh herbs, and seasonal flowers. For More information please contact Hannah Eisloeffel, Table Bluff Farm LLC 707-890-6699



Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Enrollment Committee: Upcoming meetings June 7th , 2021

MAY 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 <i>Happy Cinco De Mayo</i>	6	7	8
9 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	10 <i>Public Comments & Link request due</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Tribal Office Closed Memorial Day Observance</i>					

*Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 5/10/2021 will be held by Tele/video conference or both. To submit public comments for this meeting prior to meeting, please email comments to councilsupport@wiyot.us by 12pm Monday 05/10/2021. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record during the regular meeting, also to receive a link for the meeting please request the link before 12pm 05/10/2021. Public comments received after 12pm will not be read into the record but will be included in the official minutes.

Wiyot Tribal Council

Ted HernandezTribal Chairman (2020-2024)
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2018-2022)
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)
Linda Lange.....Treasurer (2019-2023)
Vanessa Rios.....Council Member (2021-2025)
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2019-2023)
Aaron StephensonCouncil Member (2020-2024)

Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Da Rou Gawok “Everyone working Together”

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant to TA/Council Clerk
Lisa Stephenson.....Enrollment Clerk
Vanessa Rios.....Receptionist
Heather Blevins.....Emergency Operator
Aaron Stephenson...Maintenance Technician
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Maintenance Assistant



Gou’will da lalouluwuk “Taking care of People”

Robert Pitts Jr.....Health & Human Service Director
Betty Owen-Mead.....Laqilh Haluni Coordinator
Mariah Buckley.....Laqilh Haluni Assistant
Gary Markussen Sr.....ICWA Advocate
Tammie Haney.....Social Work Advocate
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT



Hiwechk “Money”

Brian Allen.....Fiscal Manager
VacantAccounts Receivables
Annette Pastori.....Accounts Payables

Lhatsik Houmoulul’l “House of Tradition”

Ted Hernandez.....Cultural Director
Hazel James.....Cultural Assistant
Dr. Lynnika ButlerLinguist
Pilar James.....Language Specialist
Marnie Atkins.....Cultural Museum Manager

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Tsek Houdagh “Where the Children are”

Hazel GarciaYouth Program Manager
Margaret Card.....Johnson O’Malley Coordinator
Vacant.....Youth Program Assistant
Vacant.....Youth Program Assistant
Vacant.....Youth Program Assistant

Shawir Darrudaluduk “We belong to the Wilderness”

Eddie Koch.....Natural Resources Director
Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Specialist
Bri Philips.....Natural Resources Technician
Hilanea Wilkinson...Natural Resources Technician in training
George Buckley.....Water Operator
Corrine Alton.....Water Operator Assistant in training



Change of Address Request Form

This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: () _____

Previous Names Used: _____

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth:

Signature: _____

Wiyot Tribe
1000 Wiyot Dr
Loleta, CA 95551

