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## News Release

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As the Wildhorse Foundation nears \$2 million in giving since its beginning four years ago, history and culture got a boost from the latest round of funding, including grants to the Umatilla County Economic Development Department for informational kiosks in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, as well as to the Umatilla County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Steering Committee to enable the publication of a book, "A Tradition of Hospitality".

The \$7,200 grant to the Lewis & Clark program followed a \$10,000 grant in 2003 to the same organization. The nation's four-year commemoration of the expedition's bicentennial will wrap up this year in September, with a major event marking the 200th anniversary of the explorers return to St. Louis.

Other grants for the 4th quarter, 2005, ranged from \$4,500 to the Joseph Volunteer Fire Department to a \$2,400 grant to the Umatilla County Reduce Adolescent Pregnancy Partnership. Total giving for the quarter was \$131, 510.

Because the Wildhorse Foundation's 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 grant total. In 2003 grants amounted to \$469,994 in 59 grants. In 2004 total grants amounted to \$502,990 in 77 grants while grants for 2005 totaled \$507,188.42 to 85 organizations.

Many of the funded non-profits have a facility in only one county but serve people from throughout the region. The Foundation encourages applications from Morrow, Union, Umatilla 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).

A complete list of the grants:

4th Quarter 2005

Wildhorse Foundation Grants

Chief Joseph Days Encampment and Celebration Committee \$2,500 Upgrade facilities

Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon \$7,100 Support acquisition of OMSI exhibit

City of Milton-Freewater \$10,000 Stage salmon celebration with CTUIR

City of Pendleton \$11,500 Improve door system for ADA requirements at gymnasium  
Columbia-Blue Mt Resource Conservation & Development Area \$4,000 Publish Umatilla/Morrow Natural Resource Manual  
Hermiston Public Library \$5,475 Install carpet and purchase computer desks  
Meadowood \$14,000 Underwrite salary for camp manager  
Joseph Volunteer Fire Department \$4,500 Upgrade door opening systems  
Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center \$2,995 Install new flooring  
North Morrow Community Foundation \$2,000 Honoraria for Arts Impact Youth program  
Pilot Rock Parks & Recreation District \$10,000 Renovate community center  
RSVP of Eastern Oregon \$10,000 Purchase new bus to transport clients  
Umatilla County Economic Development Dept. \$16,000 Install informational kiosks in Umatilla and Morrow counties  
Umatilla County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Steering Committee \$7,200 Publish book, A Tradition of Hospitality  
Umatilla County Reduce Adolescent Pregnancy Partnership \$2,400 Underwrite staging of Teen Summit  
Wallowa Lake Rural Fire Protection District \$18,000 Partial support for construction of fire station and community center  
Western Trails Therapeutic Riding Center \$3,840 Sponsorship of a therapy horse

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