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The Museum at Warm Springs Receives \$10,000 Award for 2023 Short-Term Operations Support from The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums

(WARM SPRINGS, Ore., March 31, 2023) — The Museum at Warm Springs received a \$10,000 short-term grant through the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums (ATALM) American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Native Institutions. This grant opportunity is intended to help Native cultural institutions recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and provide humanities programming to their communities. Funds were provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by the U.S. Congress.

Funds support The Museum at Warm Springs Pandemic Recovery project that will help it recover from loss of operating revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Museum showcases Native American art exhibitions and arts/humanities educational public and community programs to Native American and non-Native American audiences throughout Oregon, the United States, and to scholars and travelers from around the world.

“The COVID-19 pandemic is not only responsible for the loss of culture keepers, Native language speakers, elders and government leaders but also the closure of cultural institutions, furloughed staff, and reduced programming,” said ATALM Board Chair Walter Echo-Hawk. “We are grateful to the NEH for recognizing the unique ways Native communities are experiencing this pandemic and we are pleased to have this additional opportunity to provide ongoing support.”

The Museum at Warm Springs was selected by an independent Peer Review Panel and is one out of 34 awardees to receive funding. Other Round Two awardees representing 17 states include tribal governments and Native nonprofit organizations, as well as higher education institutions and non-Native nonprofit organizations working in partnership with state or federally recognized tribal entities. A list of grantees is available at www.atalm.org

“The National Endowment for the Humanities is grateful to the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums for the association’s important work in administering American Rescue Plan funding to help Native American cultural institutions recover from the pandemic,” said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). “These grants provide valuable humanities resources to tribal communities and represent a lifeline to the many Native heritage sites and cultural centers that are helping preserve and educate about Indigenous history, traditions and languages.”

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About The Museum at Warm Springs

The Museum at Warm Springs opened its doors to the public on March 14, 1993 and is celebrating its 30th anniversary throughout 2023 with special exhibits, public programs and events. Built to Smithsonian Institution professional standards, The Museum’s mission is to preserve, advance and share the traditions, cultural and artistic heritage of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Admission: Museum Members (free), Adults (\$7), Senior Citizens over 60 (\$6), Students 13-18 with student body card (\$4.50), Children 5-12 (\$3.50) and Children 4 and younger (free). The Museum is located at 2189 Highway 26 in Warm Springs. Phone: (541) 553-3331. For more information, visit <https://www.museumatwarmsprings.com/>.



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The Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) is an international association dedicated to preserving and advancing the language, history, culture, and lifeways of Indigenous peoples. Founded in 2010, ATALM maintains a network of support for Indigenous cultural programs, provides professional development training, enables collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions, and advocates for programs and funding to sustain the cultural sovereignty of Native Nations. To learn more, visit www.atalm.org

