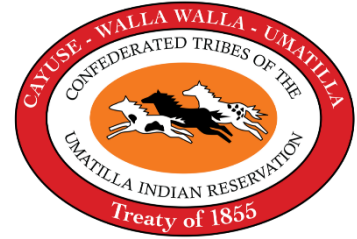


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Board of Trustees Approves Inflation Relief for Tribal Membership

MISSION – The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) approved an inflation relief distribution for all eligible enrolled Tribal members during its July 28 work session and finalized the action through a poll resolution July 30.

According to the resolution, the BOT recognizes that rising costs for food, fuel, utilities and other necessities, combined with wildfires, hazardous air quality, workplace closures and upcoming back-to-school expenses, have placed additional strain on Tribal households.

All CTUIR members enrolled and living as of July 30, 2026, will receive a payment exempt from federal income tax as a general welfare benefit.

The distribution will not be applied toward individual debts, including child support, Tribal loans or debts owed to Tribal programs. **No application is required. Payments will be available by Aug. 7, with direct deposits potentially arriving sooner.**

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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