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The Oregon State Tribal Grant has increased the number of enrolled Tribal members / adult learners wanting to attend an institution of higher education by 50%. The funding allows the tribes to extend support across the state and not confined to one service area. During the previous academic year tribal students that could not find higher education affordable have had an opportunity to gain knowledge which will increase the likely hood of positive community impact, and that in turn can stimulate the future economies and communities across the state. The grant funding also supports critical recovery initiatives, in a meaningful manner that supports an equitable solution to atrocities suffered by Native American tribes, and the disparages and trauma related to institutional learning / engagement.

This grant has made a substantial difference in what I have been able to afford when it comes to textbooks, supplies, supplemental tuition, housing payments, and food. Most years the feasibility of bills makes it difficult to focus completely on school, so it is very helpful if not life changing to recieve the Tribal Grant.