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**Tillamook People's Utility District receives national award for community service**

**New Orleans, Louisiana, June 10, 2025** — Tillamook People's Utility District received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The award recognizes “good neighbor” activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Oregon’s Tillamook People's Utility District is dedicated to ensuring the community it serves thrives with many programs to aid its community. In 1965, TPUD created the College Work Program to help support local students financially as they continue their educational goals by providing a work opportunity at the utility, many of whom have gone on to work at the utility full-time. In 2002, the Community Support Grant Program was established to support economic growth and improve community livability and has distributed over $1.2 million in funds to 149 local not-for-profit organizations. Tillamook also offers an Electric Lineworker Program Scholarship, supporting local youth and post-graduates interested in pursuing linework. Funded through customer contributions that are matched by the utility, Tillamook also created a Customer Assistance Program in the early 1990s to help customers in need pay their electric bills.

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