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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards**

**$499,430 to 67 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon……….***On Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $499,430 to 67 non-profits in seven different counties in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation knows that good people are the driving force behind good things that happen in a community. Many good things happen in southwestern Oregon and a good example is the recent energy and solution everyone brought forward in the aftermath of the Umpqua Community College shootings. The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is pleased to partner with each of our grantees -- people who respond to crisis and community needs with positive determination.”

The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, strengthen youth and family, provide positive youth development, and add to the quality of life for people in southwestern Oregon. Additionally, the CCUIF has put increasing emphasis upon funding basic needs so more hungry people are able to have food. Since its founding in 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $15,147,477 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semiannually, in January and June.

The 67 grantees awarded include: six grantees in Coos County who will receive $44,500;

ten grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $82,300; seven grantees in Douglas County who will receive $70,000; fourteen grantees in Jackson County who will receive $87,000; two grantees in Josephine County who will receive $10,980; four grantees in Klamath County who will receive $37,000; fourteen grantees in Lane County who will receive $105,650, and ten multiple county grantees who will receive $62,000.

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards are separate from and in addition to regular philanthropic decisions made by the Cow Creek Tribal Board.

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