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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation**

**Awards $366,045 to 48 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***……………On Thursday,

June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $366,045 to 48 non-profits from seven counties in southwestern Oregon. Once again, in its 29th round of giving, the CCUIF continues the Cow Creek Tribal tradition of giving to community.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation continues to work very hard at fulfilling its mission of supporting education and families. Our Board tries to help as many people as possible, especially in the areas of food and feeding those in need, after school programs, and access to medical services for low income individuals and families.”

The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, to strengthen youth and family, to provide positive youth development, and to add to the quality of life for people in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties in Oregon. Since its beginning in 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $11,212,673 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semiannually, in January and June. In January of 2011, the CCUIF awarded $444,587 to 53 different non-profits in the seven county area.

The 48 grants awarded include: four grants in Coos County will receive $27,500, eight grants in Deschutes County will receive $63,500, thirteen grants in Douglas County will receive $99,050, eight grants in Jackson County will receive $59,545, three grants in Josephine County will receive $27,300, three grants in Klamath County will receive $17,650, five grants in Lane County will receive $38,500, and $33,000 will be awarded to four grants that serve multiple counties.

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation award decisions are made in addition to the philanthropic decisions made by the Cow Creek Tribal board.

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