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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards $374,500**

**to 64 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***…….On Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $374,500 to 64 charities in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, "Every six months for almost twenty years, this Foundation awards grants to a large number of charities in southwestern Oregon. Every single one of those grants has made a difference in educating youth, in feeding the hungry, and, in general, improving community. The total monies awarded since the Foundation's beginnings total $15,521,977. The problems left unsolved would be staggering in number without the work done by these non-profit organizations. It has been this Tribe's great privilege to be involved in funding assistance for each of these efforts."

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. Increasingly, the CCUIF has also put emphasis upon feeding hungry people.

Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $15,521,977 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The 64 grantees awarded include two grantees in Coos County who will receive $6,000; thirteen grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $77,000; ten grantees in Douglas County who will receive $63,500; fourteen grantees in Jackson County who will receive $77,000; six grantees in Josephine County who will receive $36,000; two grantees in Klamath County who will receive $15,000; ten grantees in Lane County who will receive $60,000; and seven organizations that serve multiple counties will receive $40,000.

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

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