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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards**

**$508,150 to 77 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***……….On Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $508,150 to 77 non-profits in seven counties in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation has been partnering with non-profit organizations from seven counties in southwestern Oregon for almost twenty years. More than $16 million dollars in grants have been awarded in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties. We believe those grants have improved lives and improved community. We appreciate and respect all the non-profits that help bring solutions to community concerns in this seven county area. It’s a lot of work and we’re proud to partner with each of them.”

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 southwestern Oregon. Increasingly, the CCUIF has put emphasis upon funding basic needs so hungry people have food.

Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $16,030,127 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The 77 grantees awarded include: seven grantees in Coos County who will receive $48,000; seven grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $54,500; seventeen grantees in Douglas County who will receive $115,300; thirteen grantees in Jackson County who receive $85,000; five grantees in Josephine who will receive $31,000; four grantees in Klamath County who will receive $30,000; twenty-one grantees from Lane County who will receive $125,350, and three grantees that serve multiple counties who will receive $19,000.

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

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