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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards**

**$526,748 to Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***………. On Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, Oregon, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $526,748 to 67 non-profits in seven different counties in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “For me, the ongoing strength of giving with the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is assuring, comforting, and amazing. No matter what, the Foundation semi-annually awards monies to non-profits so they may meet basic needs, support families, and educate people. These goals are vital for our society. The dedication of community volunteers paired with support from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Board achieve results that benefit our region immensely.”

The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, strengthen youth and family, provide for 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 hungry people get fed. Since its founding in 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $17,451,974 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The 67 grantees awarded include: four grantees in Coos County who will receive $29,500; ten grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $71,500; thirteen grantees in Douglas County who will receive $110,122; seven grantees in Jackson County who will receive $53,500; eight grantees in Josephine County who will receive $64,000; five grantees in Klamath County who will receive $47,000; thirteen grantees in Lane County who will receive $97,968, and seven grantees that serve multiple counties will receive $53,158.

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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