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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards**

**$420,800 to 65 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***……….On Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $420,800 to 65 non-profits in seven different counties in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “Strengthening family, furthering education, feeding hungry people are all goals of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.  It's simple language that when implemented, creates improved lives and better community.  For twenty years, that's what the Foundation has done. It improves lives and betters community.”

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. The CCUIF has put increasing emphasis upon funding basic needs so more hungry people have food.

Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $16,450,927 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The 65 grantees awarded include: three grantees in Coos County who will receive $17,500;

twelve grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $73,750; eight grantees in Douglas County who will receive $60,500; sixteen grantees in Jackson County who will receive $100,000;

five grantees in Josephine County who will receive $40,000; three grantees in Klamath County who will receive $23,500; nine grantees in Lane County who will receive $48,500, and nine grantees who serve multiple counties who will receive $57,050.

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

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