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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Gives $625,692**

**to Sixty-two Charities in Southwestern Oregon**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***………..The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation CCUIF, in its most recent round of giving, awarded sixty-two charities a total of $625,692. The non-profits receiving awards are located in Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties.

The CCUIF was founded in 1997 and began its philanthropic efforts in 1998. To date, the Foundation has awarded $20,889,216 to non-profits in the seven southwestern Oregon counties from which it accepts grant requests. Grants are awarded semi-annually, in January and June. In June of 2021, the CCUIF awarded $537,100 to 57 non-profits.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich said, “The COVID-19 pandemic has caused communities throughout the world to be brave and live with undeniable changes and uncertainties for two years. But, basic community and human needs are still there. People still need shelter, food and clothing. The elderly still need support. The emotionally ill still need assistance.

Foundations like the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation have continued to meet these ever present challenges. And whether the times are as difficult as they are today or whether they are easier, caring for others; caring for each other is a critical piece that unifies us."

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. The Foundation has put increasing emphasis upon basic needs so more hungry people get fed.

The 62 grantees this round of giving include: seven grantees from Deschutes County who will receive $57,600; ten grantees from Douglas who will receive $95,800; fourteen grantees from Jackson County who will receive $137,945; four grantees from Josephine County who will receive $45,675; three grantees from Klamath County who will receive $37,500; eighteen grantees from Lane County who will receive $198,850, and six grantees that serve multiple counties who will receive $52,322.

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

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