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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation**

**Awards $440,130 to 56 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***……………On Thursday,

June 21, 2012, at 10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $440,130 to 56 non-profits in seven different counties in southwestern Oregon. Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation has made a difference as it has given where there is need with consistency and diligence for fifteen years.”

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 Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties in Oregon. Since its beginning in 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $12,115,294 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semiannually, in January and June

The 56 grants awarded include: two grantees in Coos County will receive $13,000, nine grantees in Deschutes County will receive $76,680, seven grantees in Douglas County will receive $56,925, thirteen grantees in Jackson County will receive $89,000, five grantees in Josephine County will receive $39,680, four grantees in Klamath County will receive $32,845, ten grantees in Lane County will receive $82,500, and $49,500 will be awarded in six grants that serve multiple counties.

Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation award decisions are in addition to the philanthropic decisions made by the Cow Creek Tribal board.

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