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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards $393,703**

**to 66 Non-Profits**

 ***Canyonville, Oregon***…….On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at

10 a.m., at Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) will award $393,703 to 66 non-profits in seven counties in southwestern Oregon.

Foundation Executive Director Carma Mornarich says, “It is gratifying to play a part in the work done by these 66 non-profit organizations. Providing a hand-up to families, children, and community is a goal for the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. The tireless efforts of volunteers and non-profit staff provide a positive impact on so many lives in Cow Creek homeland territory.”

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. Increasingly, the CCUIF has also put emphasis upon feeding hungry people.

Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded $14,648,047 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The 66 grantees awarded include two grantees in Coos County who will receive $15,000; twelve grantees in Deschutes County who will receive $61,700; fourteen grantees in Douglas County who will receive $71,000; twenty-seven grantees in Jackson County who will receive $168,258; three grantees in Josephine County who will receive $20,000; one grantee in Klamath County who will receive $10,000; five grantees in Lane County who will receive $35,745; and two organizations that serve multiple counties will receive $12,000.

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

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