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**Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards $857,975 to**

**Eighty-two Charities in Southwestern Oregon**

***Canyonville, Oregon*……….**The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

(CCUIF), is awarding eighty-two charities a total of $857,975 for its Spring round of giving. The CCUIF Awards presentation will occur Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 1 pm, at the Seven Feathers Convention Center in Canyonville, Oregon. 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 activity in 1998. The total giving the CCUIF

will have awarded since its beginnings, at the conclusion of Tuesday’s presentation, will amount to $24,929,248. Grant requests to the CCUIF are accepted from qualified charities from Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, and Lane Counties. Grants are awarded semi-annually in June and January.

Foundation Director Carma Mornarich said, “The longer I serve as Executive Director of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, the more convinced I am there are solutions to problems. I’ve come to know the hope and strength I see from the incredibly dedicated non-profits the Cow Creek Foundation has funded in seeking solution results, plus the process can create more confident and helpful people in the process. There’s great joy and a variety of benefits that come from the process of seeking solutions.”

The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in education, strengthen youth and family, provide for positive youth development, and add to the quality of life for people in southwestern Oregon. Additionally, the Foundation has put increasing emphasis upon basic needs so

more hungry people are fed.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation giving is separate from other Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe giving.

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