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# Economic Development

## Mission of Department

Provide the Tribe with revenue to assist members.

## How does the department accomplish its mission?

Operating profitable businesses.

## How does the department's mission support the overall mission of the Tribe? How does it advance the sovereignty or self-governance of your nation?

It provides the revenue the Tribe needs to operate the government and tribal programs.

## Major accomplishments of the past 5–10 years

Continual increase in revenue to the Tribe in the past five years.

## About Cow Creek Tribal Government

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians is one of nine federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments in Oregon, and one of more than 550 federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments in the country. The Cow Creek Tribal Nation, located in Southwestern Oregon, is governed by an elected 11-member council known as the Tribal Board of Directors. The Tribe maintains contracts with the federal government to operate programs for the benefit of the membership of the Tribe. As a sovereign entity, the tribal government has governing power similar to that of the state level of government, as well as a governing constitution.

The Cow Creek Constitution states that it was adopted "... to form effective Tribal government, to secure and protect the powers inherent in our sovereign status and guaranteed to us by treaty and Federal law, to preserve our culture and Tribal identity, to promote the social and economic welfare of our people, to secure, protect, and develop our common resources, to maintain peace and order and safeguard individual rights, and to advance our mutual welfare."

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## **Economic Development** *(Continued)*

### **About Cow Creek Tribal Departments**

The most important concern for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians is the well-being of its members, as affirmed in two of the Tribe's central documents.

The Cow Creek Constitution states that the Tribe seeks "to promote the social and economic welfare of our people, to secure, protect, and develop our common resources ...and to advance our common welfare."

The Mission Statement also agrees on this, as it asserts that it "upholds ... the general welfare of the tribal membership, and serves to provide for the long-term economic needs of the Tribe and its members ..."

To this end, the Tribe has developed a variety of departments to further the cause of maintaining tribal member well-being, continuing the Tribe's economic and social development, and preserving cultural and natural resources.