
Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF)

Mission of Department

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. Additionally, the CCUIF has put increasing emphasis upon basic needs so more hungry people get fed.

How does the department accomplish its mission?

By providing nearly \$1 million in grants each year to community nonprofit organizations in the seven-county tribal service area.

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?

Grant dollars are allocated to organizations who support and promote areas of interest for the Tribe ... basic needs, abuse prevention, education, health and wellness and community support.

Major accomplishments of the past 5–10 years

Since its founding in 1997, the CCUIF has awarded \$17,948,524 in grants to nonprofits.

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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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.