

Press Release

SOS Receives \$10,000 Grant

On Thursday, January 9th, 2014, Siuslaw Outreach Services was presented with a check for \$10,000 from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation in Canyonville. The grant will be used for the SOS Emergency Voucher Fund. This fund is used in a wide variety of difficult situations for individuals or families who are low-income, homeless, at risk of homelessness, or experiencing some sort of emergency. Vouchers can be issued for rent, move-in expense, fuel, energy, transportation, prescriptions, showers, laundry, or food. An SOS advocate provides an individualized assessment of the circumstances and often gives information on other resources in the community as well. All assistance is focused toward helping people achieve self-sufficiency.

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 southwestern Oregon. The CCUIF has put increasing emphasis upon funding basic needs. Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded \$13,422,159 in grants to non-profit organizations.

“These funds are tremendously important for SOS because we continue to see increased needs in the community” said Executive Director David Wiegan. “In just November and December alone we had 1,592 visits to our office, and many of these situations were very desperate. Private funds allow for the flexibility that is often needed to help find solutions for some very complicated problems. We have been very fortunate in recent months to receive some foundation grants as well as a wonderful level of donations from our community.”