

## Press Release- Siuslaw Outreach Services

### Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation grant

Siuslaw Outreach Services has received a grant for \$10,000. from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. The check was awarded January 10<sup>th</sup> at a grant awards ceremony at the Seven Feathers casino in Canyonville. The grant will be used in the SOS “At Risk” and emergency voucher funds to assist families and individuals achieve self-sufficiency. A major goal this past year was to increase the amount of money available in these funds, because there has been a significant increase in the number of people seeking assistance in very difficult financial circumstances. Unfortunately, during the last several years existing sources of funding have either been static or diminishing. Private foundation funds provide the flexibility needed in extreme or unusual circumstances.

In 1997, when the Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort was built, six percent of the earnings were dedicated for philanthropic purposes. The Tribe formalized this tradition of philanthropy by establishing a grant-making foundation, now known as the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. Since that time, the Foundation has given nearly \$1 million each year to nonprofit organizations located within the Cow Creek home lands and serving children and families in need.

Siuslaw Outreach Services is very appreciative of this support.