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Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation Awards \$7,500 to Support SMART in Coos and Douglas Counties

North Bend, Ore. – The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation (CCUIF) has announced its 2017-18 grantees. Among them is SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), a statewide literacy nonprofit, which received a \$7,500 grant to support its 23 programs in Coos and Douglas counties, as well as one program in Florence.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation for their support,” said Cheryl Brown, SMART Area Manager in Coos County. “This funding will help us provide one-on-one reading time and access to books for PreK through third-grade students in our communities, including volunteer recruitment, training and the purchase of hundreds of new giveaway books.”

Next year, SMART plans to serve over 10,700 students statewide, including 957 in Coos and Douglas counties.

About Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded \$15,521,977 in grants to nonprofit organizations. The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, strengthen youth and family, provide positive youth development, and add to the quality of life for people in southwestern Oregon.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe of Indians has a history, a long tradition of giving back to communities where the Tribe lives and works. In 1997, the Tribe formalized this philanthropic tradition by establishing the CCUIF. Grant awards are made semi-annually.

About SMART® (Start Making A Reader Today)

SMART is a statewide nonprofit organization that envisions an Oregon where every child can read and is empowered to succeed. We engage community volunteers to read one-on-one with PreK through third-grade children, helping strengthen literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. Children in the program receive 14 new books throughout the school year to keep and read with their families. Visit www.getSMARToregon.org or call 541-266-7476 to learn more.

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