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Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades (VIM) Receives Grant From Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation for \$8,000

Bend, OR (6/19/19) – Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades is pleased to announce it has received an \$8,000 grant from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. These funds will support one year of comprehensive medical care for nine low-income, uninsured patients in Central Oregon.

These patients will join 1,000 Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson County residents in receiving free-of-charge medical services through Volunteers in Medicine. All care will be provided by volunteer doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who donate their time. Volunteers in Medicine serves community members who are low-income or living in poverty and not covered by The Affordable Care Act.

Volunteers in Medicine Executive Director Kat Mastrangelo says, “We are proud to work with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians to serve those who have nowhere else to turn and to bring health equity to our region.”

About Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades (VIM) is a nonprofit clinic in Bend that provides free medical care to low-income, uninsured adults from working families in Central Oregon. Our mission is “to improve the health and wellness of the medically uninsured or critically underserved through the engagement of professionals, community partners, and dedicated volunteers.” VIM is the only clinic in Central Oregon that cares for the uninsured without charge. Patients receive primary and specialty medical care, medications, mental health care, surgery, physical therapy, lab work, medical tests, and education programs. All care is provided through medical and support volunteers.

About the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

The Cow Creek Foundation has awarded over \$14 million in grant funds to help nonprofits address health, hunger, education, and youth development. Funds are awarded through a competitive application process.

About the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

The Cow Creek tribal government was formed in 1918 and recognized by the U.S. government in 1982. The Tribal Government provides 1,331 payroll jobs in Douglas County, paying \$72.8 million in total payroll in the county, and creating an overall economic impact of \$188 million (ECO Northwest, 2016). The Cow Creek Health and Wellness Centers are a major project of the Cow Creek Tribe.