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December 1, 2022 -- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Three Rivers Foundation to Award Over \$1 Million to Oregon Organizations

Florence, Ore. -- The Three Rivers Foundation, established by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians as the charitable arm of its Three Rivers Casino Resort, is set to award **more than one million dollars** to non-profits yet again.

“It is important to us that we make an impact within our community and help organizations that work hard to get the extra funding they need to be successful,” says Doug Barrett, Tribal Council Member and Three Rivers Foundation Board of Trustees Chair. “Our board values the community and helping organizations that help so many families and individuals.”

Due to long-term effects of the pandemic, it has been very tough for nonprofits. The Three Rivers Foundation has been a beacon of support for nonprofits providing much-needed funding to programs all over Oregon.

The Tribe started the Foundation in October 2011 with profits from the Three Rivers Casino Resort, which the tribe manages. The Foundation supports areas such as education, health, the environment, and more. Earlier this year, they awarded grants totaling more than \$1.4 million to over 100 nonprofits who were helped by their generosity.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley received \$25K. “Three Rivers Foundation understands the urgent need to help ignite the imagination and interest of kids, especially traditionally underrepresented groups like girls and young people of color, to the possibility that STEAM learning can provide for enhancing their fundamental skills at school. With this grant money, our organization can expand these programs and serve even more kids,” said Matt Sorensen, Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Emerald Valley.



The Three Rivers Foundation also awarded grants to healthcare organizations that found themselves on the front lines during this pandemic.

“We are extremely grateful to the Three Rivers Foundation for their generous support,” said Doreen Kelly, South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care Services, Inc. “When we informed them of the ongoing need to test our staff for exposure to COVID-19 to best protect the terminally ill in our care and our staff, they came to our aid.”

The next grant cycle will begin on December 1, 2022, and nonprofits located in Lane, Curry, Douglas, Lincoln, and Coos counties are encouraged to apply. Interested parties can review grant criteria and apply [here!](#)

Applications from other non-profit organizations with projects located in Oregon with projects specifically important to Native American populations, projects that have “statewide impact” in Oregon, or other federally recognized tribes are also welcomed.

Three Rivers Casino Resort

Owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Three Rivers Casino Resort has strong ties to the surrounding community along the Central Oregon Coast. As one of the largest employers in the area, Three Rivers provides resources and opportunities for both tribal and non-tribal members of the region. In addition to providing local jobs, Three Rivers sponsors local arts programs for both professional and children’s theater and donates to dozens of local and regional nonprofit organizations. It has become a pillar of community support; the philanthropic spirit of Three Rivers Casino is felt deeply on the Central Oregon Coast and statewide. For more information, visit threeriverscasino.com.

About the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians are made up of 3 tribes (4 Bands): 2 bands of Coos Tribes: Hanis Coos (Coos Proper), Miluk Coos; Lower Umpqua Tribe; and Siuslaw Tribe. The tribes trace their ancestry back to the aboriginal inhabitants of the South-Central coast of Oregon. For more information, visit ctclusi.org.