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Press Release

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SOHS Awarded Grant from Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation

Medford, OR, June 25, 2015 Southern Oregon Historical Society (SOHS) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,500 from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation. The grant was awarded in support of the development of a Native American Encampment at Historic Hanley Farm.

Significant archeological evidence provides evidence of people living on the land at least 2,100 years ago. With the support of the local Native American community SOHS will be constructing a ceremonial house, dwelling, sweat lodge, and drying house and racks. One of the structures will be large enough to hold special history programs. The site and structures will be used for interpretive programs that represent the traditional materials, social, and spiritual culture of the Native peoples of the Southern Oregon region.

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. Increasingly, the CCUIF has also put emphasis upon feeding hungry people. Since 1997, the CCUIF has awarded \$14,648,047 in grants to non-profit organizations. Awards are made semi-annually, in January and June.

The Southern Oregon Historical Society is greatly appreciative of the support of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation in the establishment of this Native American Encampment.

About The Southern Oregon Historical Society: Since its inception in 1946, the Southern Oregon Historical Society has collected, preserved, and shared photographs and documents that reflect the lives of Rogue Valley residents. The Archives include many pioneer stories, but also those of later settlers, and of people born and raised in the Valley. *The mission of SOHS is to make history come alive by collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories and artifacts of our common heritage. For more information call, 541-773-6536 or visit www.sohs.org.*

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