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Three groups received grants of \$10,000: Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center; Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children of Klamath County; and North Curry Families' & Children's Center. The others received smaller amounts.

SOASTC will use the grant to support the expansion of an innovative mental health wellness and prevention model of service in 13 rural schools in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The Klamath County CASA grant will enable the organization to continue to provide court-appointed advocates for 67 currently served foster children and increase service to 18 additional foster children.

North Curry Families' & Children's Center will use the grant to facilitate a strategic visioning and planning process for other north Curry County nonprofit groups.

The Elwood Foundation was created from the estate of Gordon Elwood, who died in 1999 and left \$9 million to benefit Southern Oregon.

Other grants include \$9,349 to the Oregon Building Congress to support the Southern Oregon Construction Academy's efforts to increase the quality and diversity of applications in the construction trades; \$8,000 to Mac Field Boosters — Youth Enterprises at Willow Lake to provide inspiration education and job-training for at-risk youths working to renovate Willow Lake Park; \$7,500 to Southern Oregon Child & Family Council to promote literacy for Spanish-speaking families; and \$7,500 to Phoenix-Talent School District to improve English skills of 120 to 160 parents of students in the district.

The foundation also awarded \$5,522 to WinterSpring Center; \$5,000 to netCorps; \$5,000 to the Job Council; \$5,000 to the Medford School District; \$5,000 to Disability Advocacy for Social & Independent Living; \$5,000 to Chiloquin Visions in Progress; and \$5,000 to Integral Youth Services.

Smaller grants include: \$4,129 to Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County; \$3,000 to the Union Drop-In Center in Josephine County; and \$3,000 to United Community Action Network in Josephine County.