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**Coast Central Community Investment Program
Awards \$50,000 in Community Grants!**

Eureka – Four community grants totaling \$50,000 have been awarded by Coast Central Credit Union. This was announced by the credit union's President/CEO Dean G. Christensen.

As part of its new Community Investment Program, the credit union's volunteer Board of Directors approved the following community awards:

- \$10,000 to the Area 1 Agency on Aging to provide funding for services to seniors and those with physical disabilities;
- \$10,000 to the Lowden Aquatic Park Project in Weaverville to complete construction of a community pool.
- \$5,000 to the Community Assistance Network in Del Norte County to provide dental health materials to 3,000 children in the county; and,
- \$25,000 to the Eureka Skate Park to be located in Cooper Gulch Community Park.

According to Dean G. Christensen, "the Coast Central Community Investment Program will commit \$100,000 annually to assist community organizations throughout Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity counties. This \$100,000 will be split into two separate 'rounds' of \$50,000 each. Individual awards will range from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 and will be granted to approximately four to six organizations during each round." Christensen also stated that "on behalf of our membership, our Board, management and staff, I'm very proud that we're able to give back to the communities we serve. This new level of giving by the credit union will provide these organizations the necessary stimulus during trying economic times."

This new program is in addition to the numerous contributions and donations we already make to community organizations throughout the year. Recommendations from a pool of 21 requests were made to the credit union's Board of Directors by a committee comprised of credit union staff. Christensen stated, "Coast Central would also like to recognize and thank the Humboldt Area Foundation and Laura Olson, its Senior Program Officer, for their assistance in our selection process."

The second round of community grants by the credit union begins in August. Applications for grant requests can be obtained by contacting the credit union at (707) 445-8801, ext. 309 or by contacting the Humboldt Area Foundation.