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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, I would like to begin by thank you for your time and consideration of me as a candidate for receiving your support. Your support would help me work towards finishing my capstone project for the Master of Public Administration – Tribal Governance concentration. My name is Paul Cline. I am the father of a wonder and charming 11-year-old boy who has been in my custody all his life. I am a member of Lummi Nation and an employ of Lummi Natural Resources.

**Background**

Lummi Nation has a unique history of Nation-building impart to their relationship to the land and sea. Lummi are Lhaq’temish people (people of the sea) we are fishing people that have been fishing since time immemorial. The natural resources provide the foundation for Lummi identity and culture. The traditional social structure was centered on the complex relationship between salmon, people, and culture. The Lummi people continue to practice traditional culture, which has persevered through the hardships imposed by the U.S. government. Currently, these traditional principles continue to be threatened by depleting resources.

**Purpose**

I am researching the history that went into Nation-building and strengthening the integrity of Lummi Nation sovereignty. My capstone project would be focused on the revitalizing traditional methods of resource management. The traditional framework is evident in modern tribal fisheries. However, the outside communities and governments do not understand the relationship between a healthy salmon population and a healthy Lummi culture.

**Goal**

I would like to tell the story that could bridge the gap between Lummi Nation and non-tribal governments. I would like to interview Lummi people that could help express the importance of the natural world. As a researcher with a respectful heart, mind, and spirit; I would be collecting data from participants; participants are described as the creators of expressions and culture.  My goal would be to identify Traditional Ecological Knowledge within the interviews, which could evolve into effective fishery management frameworks.

**Ask**

I would like to obtain the equipment needed to develop a series of short films from the interviews. This would require a computer with the processing power and the memory space large enough to complete this task. I am familiar with the iMovie software. This software is exclusively for Apple computers. I am requesting $1,000 to purchase an Apple, iMac.

**Budget**

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| **Item** | **Description** | **Quantity** | **Total Cost** |
| iMac, Apple | Desktop computer | 1 | $1,300 |

Link: <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/apple-21-5-imac-intel-core-i5-3-0ghz-8gb-memory-1tb-hard-drive-silver/4881100.p?skuId=4881100>

**Giveback**

The final product of my research would be a visual tool that can help educate the future leaders of tribal communities and non-tribal communities.

Thank you,

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