

LETTER OF INTEREST

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Committee Members of
The Sue Crystal
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Dear Members,

We write to you today seeking financial consideration in furthering our Tribal Employment Rights project that we are expanding into a capstone project.

Our project begins in the form of a report entitled *The Tale of TERO*, currently in the final stages of completion. We would love to further this exploration into how we become instrumental in assisting in relationship building with the Quinault/Puyallup Nations, Unions, community employment outreach programs such as Work Source and educational institutions like trade schools. Our hope is to gain the knowledge and expertise necessary to form/finish/elevate Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances and Offices (TERO) within our own communities of Chehalis and Mason County.

Our belief is that economic stability is an integral part of the overall health of our communities. One way we have found in our research to achieve this is educational and training opportunities. We found that at the Quinault Nation the TERO team has a focus on youth within the program. One of the activities used by Quinault to showcase this is an annual event; A Hands-on Career Fair. A partnership that brings together school aged children from all over Grays Harbor County, integral members of the Tribal Community, Trade Unions, contractors, and other employers to bring the tools of their represented artisan labor to give the children a hands-on training with instruments fundamental to a specific career path.

Our inspiration to apply for this gift was the passage talking about, Sue's "ability to bring people together on hard issues regardless of differences in background, culture, interest or opinions" this enactment touched us because TERO embodies those same principle and so much more with the exertion of Indian Preference within the dominant society. Yet, realizing and striving towards mutual understanding of the interconnectedness we all fall under in this universe to build relationships for the betterment of us all.

We leave you with the same call to action we received on the flyer sent by Quinault's TERO staff; "the health and well-being of our children is in your hands" and it is, in all our hands. Heather and I would like to answer that call by going in April to above mentioned event; **The 3rd Annual Hands-on Career Fair**. We hope to immerse ourselves in the application of the process by volunteering, organizing, supporting, and observing the bureaucratic works in action.

We look forward to hearing from your board. If there are further questions, comments, clarifications please feel free to reach out; we would be delighted to entertain your concerns and/or input.

With much gratitude,

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