

LARGE GRANT PROGRAM
LETTER OF INTENT

Title of Project: North Klamath County Information Kiosks

Funds Requested: \$50,000.00

Organization Applying: Crescent Community Club - NKC Cohort 1 in conjunction with the Ford Institute for Community Building

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Brief Description of Project including date, time and location:

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Construction of the signs, information boards, and panels will take place at the local level with some outside contract piece work. The on-site construction set-up of signs, site prep, signboards, and interpretive panels will be done by Cohort 1 volunteers and in kind volunteers.

The designs will have a cohesive and uniform appearance to help tie the four communities together but will highlight each individual community's history and attractions.

By providing the traveler with information and interpretation, their experience is enhanced, both for the educational value and, hopefully, to instill a greater appreciation for those intrinsic qualities of the area itself.

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Kiosk Sites:	Gilchrist	North end of the Ernst Family Foundation Mall front lot
	Crescent	Highway 61 (Crescent Cut-off Road) at Crescent Community Club
	Crescent Lake	Crescent Lake Highway at the Junction snow park
	Chemult	In front of the Chemult RFD and next to their community park

Kiosk sites are under the Crescent Community Club non-profit 501(3)(c). The properties identified have all entered into agreements or letters of agreement meeting the Ford Family Foundation requirement for projects and the kiosks to be placed on these sites.

LARGE GRANT PROGRAM
TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

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Organization Applying: Crescent Community Club - NKC Cohort 1 in conjunction with the Ford Institute for Community Building
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The communities have identified key sites for the kiosks to provide interpretation and/or information for visitors and travelers to our area. NKC Cohort 1 designed the information boards and interpretive panels and are working with community members to obtain the necessary historical information to develop the interpretive kiosk panels. We want these boards to tell our story and sell our area for economic growth and development.

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Kiosk Sites:	Gilchrist	North end of the Ernst Family Foundation Mall front lot just off of Highway 97
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	Chemult	In front of the Chemult RFPD and next to their community park just off of Highway 97

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The undersigned, as proposer, declares that he/she has carefully examined the requirements of the Klamath County Tourism Grant Application packet and agrees, if the application is funded, that proposer will enter into an agreement with Klamath County to furnish the services as specified, in accordance with the grant application attached.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

If the applicant is requesting funds on behalf of another organization, the application must be approved by that organization.

Signature of Board Chair _____ Date _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 1. Provide a detailed description of the project and activities, including a timeline. Note: Projects must be completed within 24 months of contract signature.**

Preliminary work (location, design, material cost) is nearing completion now. This includes fundraising for both cash donations and in-kind work (volunteer labor, skills, equipment etc.). There will be an open house in May 2015 to invite our "partners" to see our vision for the communities and how these kiosks will help promote community vitality and economic development. Ground breaking is being planned for early July with a finished project by the end of September 2015. Each RDI (Rural Development Initiative) class selects a project that they work on together. The project helps focus the course content on a real-world situation. The Institute provides up to a \$5,000 match in support of the project. Participants are expected to volunteer outside the class to complete the project within one year.



North Klamath County Kiosk conceptual drawing. Ours will include a roof, seating area and landscaping.

- 2. How will you use the grant funds?**

The grant funds will be used for site prep, construction materials, and construction of the four kiosks. The kiosks need to be designed for our weather and environment so they last longer with less maintenance.

- 3. For an infrastructure project, describe how on-going maintenance will be sustained and paid-for.**

A combination of a small grant funds from the Ford Family Foundation and monies from our fundraising efforts which will be set aside in our working budget for future maintenance of the four kiosks. The design and materials for the kiosks will utilize materials that are heat and cold resistant for our local weather conditions. This will increase initial costs upfront but save in the long term in regards to maintenance costs.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) blue information signs along the highway would also be included in the maintenance funds in case of weathering or damage (ice, snow, traffic accidents, etc.) so that we can replace them as needed.

PROJECT GOALS

- 4. How many out of county visitors do you expect to attract to the project? How will you track the number of out of county visitors versus the number of locals?**

Two main travel arteries in Oregon are located in North Klamath County, Highways 97 and 58. These highways experience a steady increase of travel. ODOT in 2013 conducted a vehicle traffic count and found that on highway 97 at milepost 186 (Crescent) the average number of cars per day for the year was 5100 and highway 58 at milepost 70 (Crescent Lake), the average number of cars per day was 2800.

Using estimates of local and non-local OHV riders in the Two Rivers North area, there are approximately 100 OHV riders during average summertime weekends. On the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day, it is estimated that OHV rider numbers double to approximately 200. The 2004 Oregon Statewide Motorized Trail Use Survey revealed that OHV enthusiasts are willing to travel reasonably long distances to pursue their most frequent activity (Bergerson et al. 2005). The median distance traveled to reach an OHV riding opportunity falls in the range of 41 and 50 miles, and nearly one-fifth of OHV users travel more than 100 miles. Considering only OHV opportunities on National Forest system lands, the median distance traveled is over 200 miles (USDA Forest Service 2006).

Three private lodges also operate near Crescent and Odell Lakes. In 2009 the owners estimate their total use to be 480 visitors per day with about five percent bringing OHVs. We would continue to collaborate with these private lodges as well as The Willamette Pass Inn, Crescent Creek Cottages and the US Forest Service and private campground owners to track visitors.

Central Oregon Off-Highway Vehicle Operations (COHVOPS) is a program where the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have combined forces to manage the Central Oregon off highway vehicle (OHV) trail systems. They do surveys and track usage days and we would assist them with the surveys.

5. How are you planning on extending the out of county visitor's length of stay? How will you encourage early arrival and late departure? How will you track the number of extra days?

The four communities are located in the northern part of Klamath County and represent roughly one-half of Klamath County's square mileage. Though the four communities are small, they are located in key areas along Highway 97, Highway 58 and the Crescent Cut-Off Road (County Road 61), which connects Highways 97 and 58. The communities are also in rather remote areas, necessitating stops for travelers to re-fuel, purchase food, rest and obtain other travel items. With the kiosks in place, the travelers will have a place to gather more information about the local areas and Klamath County in general. This will encourage lengthening their stay and/or planning return visits to the attractions and destinations shown on the community and interpretive panels.

Many events will require a minimum of one night's lodging due to our rural location and weather.

Summer months and holiday weekends typically have higher traffic due to work schedules and family vacations, however the four communities recognize a need for year round interaction for stable economic growth and community vitality.

To that end, each of the communities has also scheduled events in the shoulder months to encourage attendance and travel.

A partial list of North Klamath County events include:

Sled Dog Races, Boating, Hiking, Geo Caching, Swimming, Winter skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, 4-runner events, ATV events, fall touring events by motorcycle clubs, fishing derbies, black powder shooting events, walks and races (such as the 4k/8k Snowshoe run/walk/shuffle on 2-28-15), Easter events, hunting, Halloween events, Christmas events, flea markets, Three Trails Off-Highway vehicle motorized trails, Nordic skiing events, Willamette Pass Ski Lodge, The Gilchrist State Forest and craft fairs.

All visitors would be able to utilize the information on the kiosks to help make informed decisions about lodging, dining etc. and this information will provide a boost to the local economy.

Many people use word of mouth communication as their preferred style of sharing information about places to stay, eat and have fun. Using off-road vehicle clubs as an example; once one person within a club is aware of what is available in this area, word of mouth communication will increase awareness.

North Klamath County and our four communities are also the "northern gateway" to Crater Lake National Park. Visitors and travelers use I-5 to Highway 58 and Highway 97 to travel south to Crater Lake.

The kiosks will all mention the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) with hopes that will encourage users of the PCT to see the communities as stopping places on their journey.

With the recent motion pictures made in Klamath County, there is hope of additional visits to our communities once the kiosks are in place and our beautiful locations and abundant resources are advertised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Businesses will have an opportunity to have small, replica community panels located at their site and can talk with visitors and travelers about events, attractions and places to eat and stay overnight. Some discussion has been held regarding marketing coupons/discounts (like free coffee) if visitors mention the kiosk.

The TRT statistics will show increases in number of days at local motels/hotels, RV parks and campgrounds.

Three private lodges also operate near Crescent and Odell Lakes. In 2009 the owners estimate their total use to be 480 visitors per day with about five percent bringing OHVs. We would continue to visit with these private lodges as well as the Forest Service and private campground owners to track visitors. At least half of the local activities occur during the shoulder months for tourism.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

6. Describe your organization/project management team. How are these individuals qualified to lead this project?

The North Klamath County Cohort 1 team consists of 27 people with various local, state and federal professional and volunteer backgrounds. Our Leadership Development training consists of 48 class hours per person and is held over four Friday–Saturday sessions. The classes focus on developing the community leadership capacity of individuals. The training emphasizes an interactive and facilitative style rather than lectures. It draws on the knowledge and skills of those in the room, augmented by the lessons in the curriculum. A typical class consists of leadership experience ranging from emerging to seasoned. North Klamath County Cohort 1 members have each received 48+ hours of training over the past five months (for a combined total of 1,296 hours). Approximately 15 members also went to the Conference of Communities in Eugene, Oregon in November 2014 where each received an additional 16 hours of training on such topics as working with difficult people, thinking outside the box, and working in large groups. These community leaders go on to use their training to implement community vitality and increased tourism in their towns. Website is www.tfff.org

All of the Ford Family Foundation projects have been extremely successful and have brought added visitors and travelers to Oregon.

The Ford Foundation partners with RDI, Rural Development Initiatives to develop leaders, strengthen organizations and enhance economic vitality. Website is www.rdiinc.org

The training received has been invaluable to the participants, bringing the four communities closer, sharing goals and looking to the future. Building the kiosks will enhance the northern half of Klamath County and improve tourism.

Our team is currently divided into five project management teams (action teams). They are:

Team 1- Permits, easements, liaison, liability, grants and budget

Team 2- Design and location

Team 3- Fundraising, marketing and public relations

Team 4- Volunteers, materials and implementation

Team 5- Coordinating and internal communication

Members have a very broad range of skills and qualifications necessary to design, build and complete the kiosks. Members assigned to each team have some background and skills in their specific team responsibilities.

7. Describe your team's experience in operating past or similar projects.

Cohort 1 of North Klamath County has been working together since September 2014 to determine a need and common goal for the four communities. Each member of the Cohort has worked on various other community and/or work related projects through previous endeavors.

The Ford Institute for Community Building has accomplished many projects throughout Oregon and Northern California. They have taught leadership and Community Building to over 8600 students. They have provided this training to our Cohort and will be guiding us through the successful completion of our project.

The most basic and simple description of the project life cycle is:

- 1-Define the project
- 2-Create processes
- 3-Plan project
- 4-Implement project
- 5-Monitor and manage project
- 6-Close out project

With our training and continued interaction with our advisors, we expect our kiosk project to be successful and completed on time.

PROJECT PLAN

8. How will you give credit to Klamath County for its support in our event or project?

Each kiosk will have a permanent statement embedded into one of the panels listing Klamath County as a primary supporter of the project. We will use wording you prefer on documentation and marketing efforts to show our appreciation of receiving the tourism grant and we will showcase Klamath County as a leading supporter of community vitality and growth.

9. Who is the target market? What is your strategy for reaching the target market? If yours is an infrastructure project, you still need a marketing component.

A kiosk provides the right community images and messages to the right audiences at the right time. Target audience is primarily tourists, recreationists, visitors, new community businesses and new residents reached through a variety of communications efforts. These efforts would include the kiosks, community newsletters, publications (such as the Eagle newspaper from LaPine, OR), Discover Klamath, websites, local businesses, Community Action Teams, Central Oregon Off-Highway Vehicle Operations (COHVOPS), Klamath County Museum and Historical Society, Willamette Pass Ski Resort, and other outdoor recreational clubs.(Question #5)

10. Describe specifically how you will market the project to your target audience?

We have been in contact with ODOT about installing large "INFO" signs on the major highways pointing to our kiosks.



La Pine Oregon sign along Highway 97

We plan to use local and statewide publications to advertise our kiosk purpose and locations. Examples would be the Eagle Highway magazine and the Frontier Advertiser in LaPine, OR. The Eagle has an outreach through Deschutes, Klamath, Lake, Crook and Lane Counties in Oregon.

Midstate Electric Cooperative has stated they will do a 2-page article about the kiosks and North Klamath County in their Ruralite publication after they are built. This publication reaches approximately 13,000 people a month all over the United States and some out of country addresses as well.

We are researching the addition of a QR code (quick response code) to our kiosk panels. When, scanned with a smartphone or tablet, the code would take visitors to websites for further information. We would use key websites for each town, such as the local CAT team.

We have been in touch with OTE, Oregon Travel Experience and are investigating ways to partner with them in larger, statewide marketing efforts.

We are working with Discover Klamath, which has agreed to support our project with marketing exposure. Their efforts reach 20,000 to 30,000 potential visitors/tourists per issue.

We also have the support of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce and they have agreed to assist us with marketing efforts throughout the county.

Locally, we are very fortunate to have the KITC radio station in Gilchrist as a supporter. This station reaches an average 100-150 air listeners and 300-550 of Internet listeners per day. They have a sister station located in La Pine, Oregon also.

11. How will you measure the success of the project? (Be specific.)

Our kiosks are located in visible, targeted, public areas just off the major highways (Highways 97, 58 and the Crescent Cut-Off Road). These locations provide us with an unlimited number of a wide variety of travelers and kiosk users.

A kiosk is an effective host of "un-paid personnel" - doing the job of marketing, sales and public relations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. A kiosk is the perfect interface for these tasks since it is entirely designed on the notion of self-service.

We expect our kiosks to have a huge impact on the image and goodwill of our communities. The kiosk itself will become a statement of community member's commitment, involvement and reliability. It will be there with open arms to welcome visitors/travelers and potential new business/homeowners and provide the information they need for North Klamath County.

We believe the increase in the TRC revenue will be the most visible means to measure our success. Increased usage of local motels/hotels, RV parks, campgrounds and facilities will be the first and easiest method of measuring success.

Community growth, both new business and land/home ownership will be another key indicator that we are reaching our targeted audience. County records can be used to gather statistics.

Tracking the number of students at the Gilchrist School is another way to measure successful community growth.

From a marketing and promotional standpoint, kiosks provide a perfect outlet for branding and advertising. The exteriors of the kiosks themselves can be designed to display a specific community image, to contain logos, taglines, etc.

There has been some discussion about placing an email address or a separate QRC on each kiosk asking for comments and suggestions about information provided on the kiosks.

Possibly establish a QRC – Quick Response Code, on the board specifically for maps for snow mobile, OHV, hiking, trails, travel management etc.

12. Describe any in-kind, barter, volunteer labor or discounted services you expect to receive in support of this project. Volunteer labor hours will be valued at \$10.00 per hour for purposes of completing the budget form.

We have 27 Cohort 1 members. If each Cohort member volunteers 30 hours on this project we will have Approximately 810 hours of volunteer Cohort time for a value of \$ 8,100.00.

We have a large number of community residents and businesses who will be donating time and equipment during site prep, construction, donation of materials and plans. Community Action Teams, Walker Range, Interfor Mill, USDA Forest Service, Waste Management, Vic Russell Construction, ODOT, Lions Club, Crescent Community Club, Ace Hardware to just name a few. It is hard to place a number on hours until actual work is completed.

13. List your potential sponsors and partners and how they contribute to the event or project.

Our list of immediate sponsors includes the owners of the property where the kiosks will be located. They are:
Chemult – Chemult Rural Fire Protection District
Crescent Lake – United States Forest Service
Crescent – Crescent Community Club
Gilchrist – Ernst Family Foundation

A partial list of partners, supporters, donators and partners are listed below. They have committed to providing a wide variety of goods and services, in limited amounts, for things such as training, marketing, lumber, construction materials and in kind labor.

Ford Family Foundation
Rural Development Initiatives
Discover Klamath
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Travel Experience
Oregon Department of Transportation
Walker Range Forest Protective Association
Crescent Rural Fire Protection District
Central Cascades Fire & EMS District
Interfor, Gilchrist
Midstate Electric Cooperative, La Pine, OR
Wilderness Garbage and Recycling, La Pine, OR
CAT teams in Chemult, Crescent Lake Junction and Crescent/Gilchrist
KITC Radio, Gilchrist
Gilchrist Homeowners Association
Gilchrist School
Many local businesses, churches and individual residents

14. If this is a regular recurring event or ongoing project, identify your marketing network and how it contributes to or enhances your success.

Once the kiosks are in place, they are permanent structures in the county. As mentioned above, they will work full time delivering our message and information year around.

Over the next 5 years, our cohort and future cohorts will continue to utilize our community development, growth and leadership skills to improve this and future projects in North Klamath County.

The bridges we are building today between Chemult, Crescent Lake, Crescent, Gilchrist and you, our supporter's in Klamath Falls, will ensure a successful future and promote the economic growth needed in our county.

Working together on community projects contributes to the success of our mutual goal – to reach people from all over Oregon, other states and the world!

**Klamath County Tourism Grant Application
Project Budget**

INCOME	Committed	Pending	Total	Actual	Comments/Explanations
Tourism Grant Request		50000	50000		Informational Visitors Kiosk in four Communities
Cash Revenues -					
Source: FFF Grant & Event	5400		5400		Ford Family Foundation Grant
Source: Buzz Sign Sales		2000	2000		Partial Funding Underway
Source: Midstate Op Roundup		2000	2000		Midstate Electric Grant Application Pending
Source: Sponsors		6000	6000		Community Donations
Total Cash Revenues	5400	60000	65400	-	
In-Kind Revenues					
Labor: Cohort 1 Volunteers		8100	8100		27 Cohort Vol @ 30 hrs each x \$10/hr = \$ 8100.00
Source: Community Personnel		10000	10000		Community supporters, donators in kind labor
Source: Community Equipment		7000	7000		Supporters equip for site prep and construction
Marketing costs		800	800		Cohort Vol @ 80hrs x \$10/hr = \$ 800
Total In-Kind Revenues		25900	25900	-	
Total Revenue	5400	85900	91300	-	
EXPENSES					
Cash Expenses -					
Personnel costs					
Marketing costs	400	7300	7700		Events, Reception, Marketing, Internet, Postage, Printing, etc.
Rentals					
Supplies					
Other: Reserve maintenance		5000	5000		Fund Future Maintenance Expenses
Other: 16 kiosk panels (4 kiosks)		22000	22000	-	high pressure resin laminate panels
Other: Materials/supplies for kiosks		20000	20000		Lumber, rocks, cement, roofing, moisture barrier, nuts & bolts
Other: LED & solar panels (4)		10000	10000		LED, solar panel and battery x 4
Total Cash Expenses	400	64300	64700	-	
In-Kind Expenses					
Labor: Cohort 1 Volunteers		8100	8100		27 Cohort Vol @ 30 hrs each x \$10/hr = \$ 8100.00
Source: Com Personnel		10000	10000		Community supporters, donators in kind labor
Source: Com Equip		7000	7000		Supporters equip for site prep and construction
Marketing costs		800	800		Cohort Vol @ 80hrs x \$10/hr = \$ 800
Other:					
Other:					
Other:					
Other:					
Total In-Kind Expenses	0	25900	25900	-	
Total Expenses	400	90200	90600	-	
Net Income<Expense>	5000	<4300>	700	-	

NOTES

- Be as specific as possible; provide explanation to help clarify budget items**
- Use the "Actual" column when preparing your final report; submit this form with the final report**
- Use additional space or lines if necessary to provide complete information**
- Value all volunteer labor at \$10.00 per hour for in-kind revenues and expenses.**

**Klamath County Tourism Grant Application
Marketing Budget Form**

	Committed	Pending	Total	Actual	Comments/Explanations
CASH INCOME					
Tourism Grant Request		50000	50000		Informational Visitors Kiosk in four Communities
Other Sources: Buzz Signs Sales		2000	2000		Partial Funding Underway
Other Sources:Midstate Op Roundup		2000	2000		Midstate Electric Grant - Application Pending
Other Sources Ford Foundation	5400		5400		Ford Family Foundation Grant
Other Sources: Sponsors		6000	6000		Community Donations
Total Revenue	5400	60000	65400	-	
CASH EXPENSES					
Advertising					
Print					
Web					
Other					
Other Internet		1500	1500		QRC, website enhancements
Total Advertising	-	-	-	-	
Printing		500	500		
Postage		800	800		
Misc/Other (Explanation Req'd):					
Other:	400	3500	3900		Social Capital Event to Present the Project
Other:		1000	1000		History and Ribbon Cutting Reception
Other: Maintenance		5000	5000		Fund Future Maintenance Expenses
Other: 16 kiosk panels (4 kiosks)		22000	22000		High pressure resin laminate panels
Other: Materials/supplies for kiosks		20000	20000		Lumber, rocks,cement,roofing, moisture barrier, nuts & bolts
Other: LED & solar panels (4)		10000	10000		LED, solar panel and battery x 4
Total Miscellaneous/Other	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenses	400	64300	64700	-	
Net Income<Expense>	5000	<4300>	700	-	

NOTES

Do not include any non-cash items as they are not eligible in determining the matching contribution requirement.

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Use the "Actual" column when preparing your final report; submit this form with the final report

Use additional space or lines if necessary to provide complete information

Value all volunteer labor at \$10.00 per hour for in-kind revenues and expenses.

Proposed kiosk locations:



Chemult
T27S R8E S20
Tax Lot 102



Crescent Lake
T24S R6E S1
Tax Lot 100

Proposed kiosk locations:



Crescent
T24S R9E S30
Tax Lot 200



Gilchrist
T24S R9E S19
Tax Lot 700

Central Cascades

Phone: 541-433-2800

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Fire & EMS

P.O. Box 1065

20400 Crescent Lake Hwy.

Crescent Lake, OR 97733

Greetings,

Central Cascades Fire & EMS, and our staff, strongly supports the concept of an informational kiosk located at the Crescent Lake Snow Park. Any opportunity to provide vital emergency and safety information to the public can only have a positive effect.

This region is a remote rural resort and recreation area with fewer than 100 full-time residents but is the destination of over 130,000 annual daily / part-time recreational visitors (USFS data). The addition of an informational kiosk in the Crescent Lake Snow Park area will greatly improve opportunities to inform and educate the visiting public on recreational venues as well as safety and wildfire awareness, both of which are of great concern for a small volunteer emergency response agency such as ours.

Your support of this informational kiosk project is appreciated.

Sincerely;

Tim Cramblit, Chief

Central Cascades Fire & EMS

"Volunteers in Service to the Community"

February 25, 2015

The Chemult Rural Fire Protection district fully supports the kiosk project.

We have met several times and given the space needed for it.

Highway 97 is a high traffic highway, mostly tourist, they are always looking for information about the area, this would be a "good thing" for them.

Nancy Mort

Chemult RFPD

EMS Coordinator

Gil Ernst <gernst72@gmail.com>

February 26, 2015 12:37 PM

To: Hatcher Norm & Beth

Re: KIOSK letter of support for Beth Hatcher

The Ernst Family Foundation, dba Gilchrist Mall, is in full support of the Kiosk program. We do believe that the Kiosks will encourage visitors to stop more often in our area.

Sincerely,

Gil Ernst
Manager

On Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 10:41 AM, Hatcher <gghatcher@yahoo.com> wrote:
2-23-15

Gil~

The members of the North Klamath Cohort 1 are applying for a Klamath County tourism grant to assist with construction of informational and interpretive kiosks in the four communities. The kiosks will encourage additional visitors/tourists to our area and improve our economic vitality.

Thank you for agreeing to send us a letter of support on such notice. The deadline to turn in the grant paperwork is this Friday, February 27, 2015.

Thank you also for taking our request to your board, providing a kiosk location and supporting our efforts in the four communities. Strong leaders and support of team efforts strengthens the four communities and paves the way to a better future for all of us.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Beth Hatcher

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Klamath County Museum

Est. 1954

Anthropology, History, Geology and Wildlife of the Klamath Basin

Feb. 24, 2015

Klamath County Board of Commissioners
305 Main Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

Dear Commissioners,

The Klamath County Museum is pleased to state its support for a tourism grant application being submitted by the North Klamath County Cohort 1 group. The group's plan to develop a set of informational kiosks for four communities in the north county will help visitors to the area become aware of the region's many attractions.

The north county's diverse landscapes include volcanic formations, glacier-carved valleys and deep mountain lakes. The area has been a recreational destination for more than a century. The wilderness and roadless areas, including the Oregon Cascades Recreation Area, offer many undiscovered treasures for hikers.

A set of kiosks will help persuade many visitors to the area to stay an extra day or two, or plan a return trip to see more of what the area has to offer.

Sincerely,

Todd Kepple
Manager
Klamath County Museum
www.klamathmuseum.org



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Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Transportation

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February 26, 2015

Klamath County Board of Commissioners
Tourism Grant Committee
305 Main Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

North Klamath County Kiosk Project

Dear Committee,

I would like to thank the North Klamath County Cohort 1 group for including us in the planning process for their kiosk project. These informational kiosks will assist visitors become aware of this areas treasurers and attractions.

The energy and focus of this group is impressive and we are all excited about their project. I am ready to help them in whatever capacity that I can as implementation on this project continues.

Sincerely,

Tipy McGinnis
Transportation Maintenance Manager
D-10 South

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President

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Tourism Grant Committee

Walker Range is happy to write this letter of support for the NKC Cohort 1 community project. I would like to encourage the committee to fund this grant as a show of support to the residents of North County. We are a small rural area but have huge hearts and in this effort the four communities are pulling together and supporting one another. Increased tourism will help bring some economic relief to the businesses in the area.

Walker Range will be glad to assist them in this effort when the times comes. We ask you to also.

Sincerely,



R.D. Buell

District Manager



Agreement #1 between North Klamath County Cohort 1, operating under the Crescent Community Club's 501(c)(3) non-profit status and Chemult Rural Fire Protection District

Dear Community Leader:

Thank you for partnering with the North Klamath County Cohort 1 in conjunction with the Ford Institute for Community Building to enhance your community and provide a vision for our future.

We would like to express our deep appreciation for your cooperation and support in providing us with a permanent location to build a Kiosk in your community.

The legal description of the land is:

T27S R8E S20 Tax Lot 102 Chemult Klamath County Oregon

We agree that you are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the legal property owner. You agree to allow the Cohort to build a permanent structure (Kiosk) on the property listed above.

After construction, the Kiosk will become part of your property and ownership belongs to you. This agreement is a lifetime binding document between you and your organization's future generations and/or stakeholders and the North Klamath County Cohort 1, operating under the Crescent Community Club's 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

Maintenance and liability remains with you, the property owner, now and in the future. We agree and understand this Kiosk can't be sold or removed and public access will not be restricted, now or in the future.

Our Cohort may be able to provide a nominal amount of funds for future maintenance, depending on our fund raising efforts. If any future Cohorts are working in our area they may contact you to discuss improvements or additions to the Kiosk and surrounding area.

We are very excited to be working with you on the Kiosk project in your community.

Chemult Rural Fire Protection District
PO Box 97
Chemult OR 97731

Signed By, Representing Chemult RFPD

Date

Crescent Community Club & North Klamath Cohort 1
PO Box 64
Crescent OR 97733

Signed By, Representing Crescent Community Club
& North Klamath County Cohort 1

Date

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The Crescent

PO Box 64 / 420 Crescent Cutoff Road
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Community Club

We invite all of North Klamath County to take part in events provided by this long standing organization.

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