

## Grant Application



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1	Have you ever applied for an OWF grant before?
	no
2	Have you ever been denied for an OWF grant before?
	no
3	Project Title
	Native Youth Internships
4	Name of my Organization
	Elakha Alliance
5	If your organization is not a tax-exempt nonprofit, please list the name of your fiscal sponsor - If this does not apply to you, write N/A
	N/A
6	Project Manager Full Name
	Chanel Hason
7	Project Manager Mailing Address - Please enter full address with city, state & zip
	PO Box 704, Siletz, OR 97380
8	Project Manager Phone Number
	(626) 696-9563
9	Project Manager Email Address
	chanel@elakhaalliance.org
10	Please provide a brief biographical statement about yourself

Chanel has a rich background in marine biology, animal husbandry, environmental education, non-profit management, social media and marketing. She is an otter alum from CSU Monterey Bay, and volunteered with sea and river otters at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She's conducted marine science research on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, and worked for Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program in Puerto Rico. She moved to Oregon in 2016 to obtain her MS in Sustainability Education from Portland State University. She is an avid volunteer with the Surfrider Foundation in Portland.

11	Provide any social media handles you use - Enter social handles or URLs such as instagram, facebook, twitter, youtube, etc. so that we can use to cross promote on our channels - if you do not have any, please place N/A
	Facebook.com/ElakhaAlliance, Twitter.com/ElakhaA, Youtube.com/ElakhaAlliance
12	Please indicate if you are currently following Oregon Wildlife Foundation on our social media channels  - Facebook - Instagram - Twitter
13	Total estimated project cost  13500
14	Funding that you are requesting from OWF - If you're request is for more than \$5,000, please contact Tim Greseth - <a href="mailto:tim@myowf.org">tim@myowf.org</a> before submitting your application.  3000
15	What type of project are your proposing?  Wildlife
16	Will your project address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species?  yes
16.1	What habitat or species is addressed?  In addition to the sea otters, kelp forest and eelgrass bed habitat, in support of the Oregon Conservation Strategy "Nearshore Strategy." 17 species of fish depend on kelp.
17	Start date of project- Day/Month/Year  01-02-2021
18	End date of project  30-09-2021
19	Location of project  Oregon Coast, no specific location
20	Has a local, state or federal biologist reviewed this project?  no
20.1	What is your plan for an external review of the project?  The project is being developed in coordination with Elakha tribal board members and with input from the Native American Student Coordinator at Southwestern Oregon Community College.
21	Have you already or will you obtain necessary permits from all requisite agencies as applicable to proposed project?  yes
22	What will the requested funds be used for?  Funds will be used to pay stipends to native youth who will serve as interns during spring/summer 2022 as an effort to elevate the voice of native tribes in public discussions about potential sea otter restoration.
23	Provide a brief Project Summary  We are looking to establish an annual native youth internship program with 2-4 interns per year who will work to elevate the voices of native tribes in discussions about sea otter restoration, while engaging tribal members and others interested in a discussion of the ecological and cultural benefits of restoring sea otters.

24 Upload pre-project pictures or a video -  
 By submitting these photos or video I warrant that I am the legal owner of this media and grant the Foundation permission to reproduce, exhibit, or publish them for all general purposes in relation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's work. If you have questions about photo or video submissions please refer to myowf.org/grants for guidance.

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25 Fill out the budget

Project Revenue	Cash	In-Kind	Committed / Pending
<b>Oregon Wildlife Foundation Request</b>	3000		Pending
Spirit Mountain Community Fund	5000		Pending
Siletz Tribe Community Fund	5000		Committed
Peter Hatch		500	Committed
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>13000.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	
		<b>TOTAL PROJECT SUPPORT</b>	<b>13500.00</b>
Project Expenses	Cash	In-Kind	Total
Intern Sipends	7000		7000.00
Travel, materials, and software expenses for interns	1000		1000.00
Peter Hatch oversight		500	500.00
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		<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>	<b>8500.00</b>
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26 Upload your Project Narrative -  
 Please make sure your narrative is no more than 7 pages long, single spaced, 12 pt. font (Calibri preferred).

1 Document Uploaded

27 Upload letters of support

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I understand that I am required to submit a Project Completion Report, copies of any publications or social media posts crediting the Foundation's support, and post-project pictures at the completion of my project

yes

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1 Are the eligible?

No Answer Provided

## **Elakha Alliance Proposal to Oregon Wildlife Foundation November 2, 2021**

### Project Need Statement

The Elakha Alliance's mission is to restore a healthy population of sea otters to the Oregon coast and to thereby make Oregon's marine and coastal ecosystem more robust and resilient. As a keystone species, restoration of sea otters is expected to advance Oregon Conservation Strategy's "Nearshore Strategy" by helping to restore Oregon's kelp forests and eelgrass bed, along with up to 17 species of fish that depend on kelp.

The Elakha Alliance was conceived by the late Dave Hatch, of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. Tribal perspectives have shaped the organization from its inception, including from tribal board members Peter Hatch and Robert Kentta of the Siletz Tribe, Doc Slyter of Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and the late Don Ivy of the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Peter Hatch, on behalf of the Elakha Alliance, has developed a presentation that it has delivered regarding the cultural connection Oregon's native coastal people had with sea otters and the potential for their restoration. Indigenous perspectives are at the heart of what the Alliance is attempting to achieve. You can read more at:

<https://www.elakhaalliance.org/learn/indigenous-perspectives/>

The Alliance has lacked capacity, however, to fully engage Oregon's coastal native tribes. In particular, we believe the next generation of tribal leaders needs to become involved so that the voices of Oregon's tribes can be prominent in public discussions about the wisdom of restoring sea otters to their historic Oregon range.

### Project Description

The Elakha Alliance is working to establish a Native Youth Internship program that will provide paid internships for 2-4 native youth leaders each year. We hope an initial round of interns can be recruited for spring 2022. The Interns would be paid a stipend and would work under the direction of our Outreach and Community Relations Director, Chanel Hason, who has a Masters in Sustainability Education from Portland State University. She will be assisted by board member Peter Hatch, who works as a Cultural Resources Technician for the Siletz Tribe.

Each Intern would be expected to engage for a 3-4 month period, during which they would complete one significant project (a slide show presentation, a photography exhibit, a video, a series of social media posts, etc.) that could be delivered in a focused way to audiences from Oregon's coastal tribes and beyond, with the aim of educating them about the ecological consequences of restoring sea otters and their potential role as a keystone species in restoring Oregon's coastal kelp forests and eelgrass beds.

How the end result gets shared will depend, in part, on whether COVID protocols in 2022 allow for in-person versus virtual outreach. The core projects should be focused on elevating the voices of tribal members in any public discussion of sea otter restoration in Oregon, with a focus on both the ecological and cultural benefits of sea otter restoration. .

Beyond the core projects that they develop, we would invite Interns to participate in other ongoing Alliance activities where they would benefit. These would be selected to provide them practical skills and/or networking to help them as they pursue (or consider pursuing) work in nonprofit management, communications, and/or natural resource management.



# SOUTHWESTERN

AN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

November 2, 2021

To whom it may concern,

The staff and students at Southwestern Oregon Community College are extremely excited about the possibility of having internships through the Elakha Alliance as we all work to bring back Sea Otters to the Oregon Coast.

Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) is located in Coos Bay, Oregon, with our satellite Curry campus located in Brookings, Oregon. SWOCC serves 2320 credit students and has over 70 programs including the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute. We are also one of the few community colleges to offer dorms.

Some of the Tribes that lived in the college's service area before colonization included the Nestucca, Siletz, Yaquina/Yakona, Alsea, Shayuushtl'a/Siuslaw, Quuiich, Kalawatset, Hanis, Miluk, Mishickhwutmetunne/Coquille, Shista-Kwusta, Tutuni, Naltunnetunne, Kwatami, Cheti, Deeni'/Hush/Tolowa, and Olekwo'l/Yurik. ([www.tribalnationsmaps.com](http://www.tribalnationsmaps.com)) Today the descendants of these Tribes are members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI), the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), the Coquille Tribe, and the Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation. Some of our students also come from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, and the Klamath Tribes.

For the Fall 2021 term there are 118 students at SWOCC who self-identify as "American Indian, Alaska Native" or "Asian or Pacific Islander" on their college registration form. These students identify with over 27 different Tribes from around the United States and each student has a different level of exposure to their Native heritage.

Many of these students have a passion for conservation and are hungry for hands-on experience, especially if it intertwines with Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The Elakha Alliance has the added benefit of having a very professional staff and volunteers who can teach our students, not only ocean ecology, but also positive advocacy and networking skills.

SWOCC has a system for internships and many of our degrees require a set amount of hours towards internship work. During the pandemic, we lost many of our Natural Sciences internships, so we look forward to working with the Elakha Alliance.

Thank you so much for considering to support the Elakha Alliance and our students.

Diana Kaljumagi,  
Native Student Coordinator & Internships  
Southwestern Oregon Community College  
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The Elakha Alliance has asked the Project committee to view the video “Cultural Significance of Oregon’s Sea Otters”



Click the picture above or cut/paste the following address into your browser window:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyYH4KBHKU4>