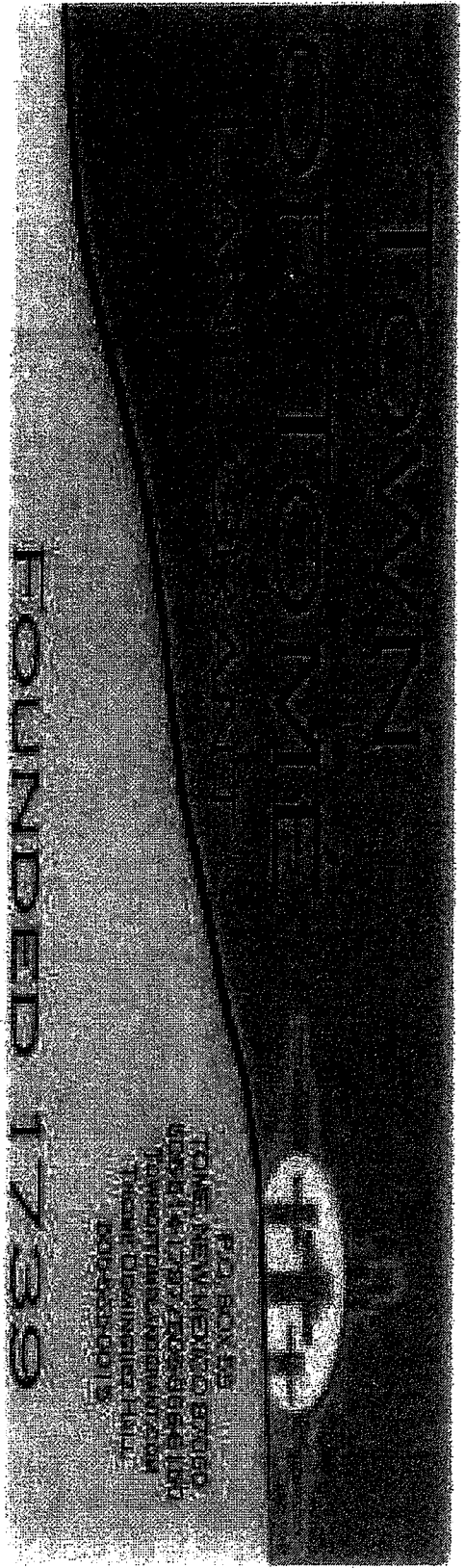
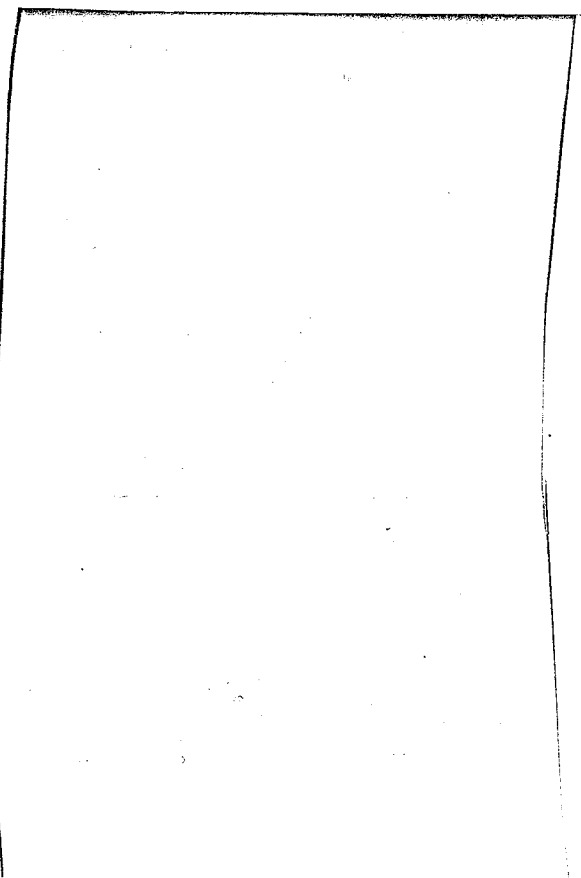


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2022 - Junior Money Request

New Mexico Land Grant Council Youth Wood Collection Project ~ Insurance Costs	\$75,000.00
Total	\$75,000.00
2022 - Capital Outlay Request	\$300,000.00
Acquire property within the historic boundaries of the Tome Land Grant.	\$300,000.00
Total	\$300,000.00



Chairman Garcia and Committee members,

My name is Andrea Padilla and I am the President of the Town of Tomé Land Grant. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to come before you to present our requests and priorities.

We are requesting \$300,000 of Capital Outlay for the purchase of property that lies within our historical boundaries. We are centering our sights on properties closer to our Plaza area, in an attempt to preserve its historical and rural nature. The property in question is a 6 acre piece currently owned by the Immaculate Conception Church. They are being forced to sell through the negligence of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. As the land grant was the original owner of this property and is the oldest institution in Tomé, we feel we would be the appropriate holder of the land. We are also very concerned about the rapid growth and development in Tomé and Valencia County that is threatening our history of agriculture and our rural lifestyle. We hope to purchase the land to farm, thus creating a revenue stream for our grant and a local young farmer.

We would also like to request Junior money in the amount of \$75,000. We ask that this money be given to the New Mexico Land Grant Council to assist land grants in two ways. The first with Youth Programs centered on wood collection. We have recently entered into a partnership with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Valencia County and Isleta Pueblo to remove dead and downed wood from the Bosque in Valencia County. This money will allow us to pay an YCC group and or the Inmate Program to cut, stack and remove the wood. The wood would be distributed to land grant heirs, Isleta Pueblo members and community members.

The second use for the money would be to help lands grant pay their Insurance costs for one year. This would be a tremendous help to land grants that have little or no revenue. It would allow them to save their money and use it on other priorities for one year.

We also ask that we continue the conversation on a guaranteed revenue stream for land grants. As Political Sub-divisions we are forced to incur costs that are becoming burdensome such as insurance, audits, and general operating costs. We need the help to provide our communities with much needed services.

Thank you again, for the opportunity to present our needs to you today.