

**Statement of Residency:**

KMRE-LP was originally licensed in 2005 as a part of the Museum of Radio and Electricity in Bellingham, Washington. Its primary function at that time was as a living artifact.

In 2017 a small group of dedicated people formed a separate organization, Kulshan Community Media (“KCM”), to provide support and funding for the station. KCM formally incorporated with the Washington Secretary of State in 2018, and since that year we have been headquartered at the 103 Holly Street address. Our board has grown to ten members, and four of the original five members are still active on the board and 90% of our board members live within 10 miles of our transmitter and studio.

**Educational Purpose:**

KCM is already authorized by the Commission as the licensee of LPFM station KMRE-LP (which is pledged to be divested should this application for a new NCE FM station be granted). Since it is not absolutely clear whether that assignment is sufficient to give an affirmative answer to the question of whether “the Commission has previously granted a broadcast application...that found this applicant qualified as a noncommercial educational entity with a qualifying educational program”, we provide the following exhibit to describe Kulshan’s educational objective and how the proposed station will be used to advance an educational program that will further that objective.

Since becoming our own non-profit and licensee of KMRE-LP, we have shifted our mission to a broader interpretation of education in our community and accomplish this purpose in a number of ways.

Our on-air programming includes educational programs (science, humanities), local arts & culture and events, locally produced human interest stories, news & public affairs, and community related Public Service Announcements and spotlights on local non-profit organizations.

Additionally, we advance our educational mission through one-on-one training of community members in audio storytelling, on-air presentation, news writing, audio production techniques, the use of digital editing software and audio production equipment. We provide community members with the knowledge, platform, and empowerment to make their voices heard by our community. Our free training is offered to all members of our community.

We have expanded our facility to increase capacity to provide training and opportunities to our local community. We now maintain a dedicated Production Room and in addition to a Main Studio supporting the live broadcast and a space for local musical artists to perform on-air.

Ninety percent of the members of our Board of Directors live within 10 miles of our transmitter.

We are primarily supported by listener donations, the support of local business sponsors, grants, and fundraising events.

### **Kulshan Community Media (KCM) Mission, Vision, and Values:**

#### **KCM MISSION**

KCM cultivates and strengthens community in Bellingham and Whatcom County and provides access, training and radio broadcast opportunities people throughout our region. KCM produces local, diverse audio programs to inform, educate and entertain our community.

#### **KCM VISION**

KCM is a strongly supported, deeply valued, and crucial community resource, promoting underserved voices, inspiring creative discussion, education and ideas, and enhancing social, cultural, and environmental awareness through quality arts, music, humanities, and public affairs programming to our communities within our broadcast area and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

#### **KCM Values**

- We value providing opportunities and support of wide range of voices, peoples, and perspectives
- We value providing opportunities for those whose voices are not heard or served by mainstream or commercial media
- We value strong community identities and community health
- We value community connections (via broadcast local news, information, humanities, education, entertainment, and a diversity of voices and stories)
- We value education through teaching and training volunteers and enriching programs for our listening community
- We value access for our communities to create content and broadcast on public airwaves
- We value and support unique music and local music programming in our region

### **Some examples of our on-air programming supporting our educational mission, which would continue on the new station:**

#### **All programs below air weekly**

**The Children's Hour:** a weekly radio show created for and with kids. We cover topics that are incredibly diverse using interviews, storytelling, poetry, music, and discussion.

**Washington State Indivisible:** The show features interviews and discussions with thought leaders, political figures, activists, and journalists, with the aim of informing and inspiring people across the state.

**First Voices Radio:** Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse explores global topics and issues of critical importance to the preservation and protection of Mother Earth presented in the voices and from the perspective of the original peoples of the world.

**Big Picture Science:** features interviews with top scientists and technology innovators. Themed episodes connect those latest research ideas to identify emerging trends – and why they

matter. Monthly “Skeptic Check” \_episodes are devoted to critical thinking, separating science from pseudoscience.

**Food Sleuth Radio:** provides interviews with researchers, authors and others about our food and food system. Host, Melinda Hemmelgarn, MS, RD, explores many aspects of our food system: from what nutrients hold the greatest promise for good health, to the environmental and public health implications of policy decision at every level of government.

**Climate One:** This program is changing the conversation on energy, economy, and the environment by offering candid discussion from climate scientists, policy makers, activists, and concerned citizens.

**With Good Reason:** features interviews covering a wide range of topics with leading scholars.

**The Write Question:** a literary program featuring interviews with authors from the western United States.

**Between The Lines:** news program that brings a diversity of voices to the airwaves, providing a platform for individuals and organizations generally ignored or marginalized in corporate media.

**Sprouts – Radio From the Grassroots:** celebrates community stories by showcasing audio production at community radio stations and independent production groups from around the world. It brings diverse local voices to a global media platform.

**Special programming developed and produced by KMRE and community members:**

**Crina & Kirsten Get To Work:** features two women prominent in the Whatcom County business community. They bring insight and humor to discussions of the workplace, for everyone, but especially for women. Topics include horrible bosses, friends at work, authenticity, being engaged, networking, unconscious incompetence, negotiation, and other great insights.

**Real Food Real People:** hosted by Dillon Honcoop, who grew up on a family farm in Whatcom County. He has set out on a personal mission to share farmers’ stories and tackle important issues around how our food is produced. We learn about the struggles & triumphs of farmers in Washington State.

**Garden Guru:** Hosted by Bellingham based horticulturist Derek Duffy. Each week Derek offers knowledge and tips for gardening in Whatcom County. He answers listener questions on gardening and landscaping.

**Bellingham Podcast:** Two local professionals and fathers share their views and interests in technology, travel, gear, photography, books, and life in Whatcom County.

**Retirement Talk:** Host Del Lowery is a former philosophy teacher and is living the retired life in Bellingham. He shares philosophical discussions that get community members thinking, whether they are retirement age or not.

**Community Voz:** Hosted by members of the local organization Community 2 Community. This program presents reflections and reports from C2C organizers and allies on the front lines of the struggle for farmworker justice.

**Art & Entertainment Spotlight:** hosted by a local veteran entertainment reporter, and features interviews with community members immersed in the theater, dance, visual, literary, and musical arts. To date, 56 episodes have been produced and shared with the public.

**Candidate Forums:** in a partnership with the League of Women Voters in Whatcom County, we broadcast candidate forums prior to local elections to educate and inform local voters.

**Coronavirus Stories:** began in April 2020, with community members interviewing others to dig deeper into life in Whatcom County during the coronavirus pandemic. To date, 32 episodes have been produced and shared with the public.

**The Backyard Reporters™:** answers the local demand for community members to share the stories of life in Whatcom County. Community members use narrative storytelling and interviews to tell human interest stories to deepen a listener's understanding of their community.

**League of Women Voters Election Forums:** Non-partisan opportunity for people running for office to answer questions in a public forum.