



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 26-65

Title: Authorization to Apply for funds Under the Bureau of Justice Assistance Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida Public Safety serves 18 remote and rural communities across Southeast Alaska where geographic isolation, limited infrastructure, and delayed emergency response significantly impact public safety; and

WHEREAS, Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) are often the primary or sole first responders in rural communities, responding to violent crime incidents including domestic violence, assaults, and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to strengthen rural public safety infrastructure, including reliable radio communication systems, expanded coverage, and coordinated dispatch capabilities to improve response times, officer safety, and outcomes for victims; and

WHEREAS, current communication limitations, including gaps in radio coverage, lack of centralized dispatch coordination, and inconsistent connectivity, hinder effective response and coordination with Alaska State Troopers and other emergency services; and

WHEREAS, enhanced communication systems, including radio infrastructure, satellite communications, and dispatch coordination, are essential to improving response to violent crime and supporting data-driven public safety strategies; and



WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will enhance training, equipment, and data systems to strengthen VPSO response to violent crime, improve coordination with state and tribal partners, and support data-informed public safety strategies; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will continue to coordinate with local, state, and tribal law enforcement, emergency services, and community partners to improve communication, response efficiency, and public safety outcomes across Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, that this project will support long-term improvements in rural public safety infrastructure, reduce violent crime, enhance officer and community safety, and improve the wellbeing of Tribal citizens and the communities served by Tlingit & Haida;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes the Tlingit & Haida President, or designee, to submit, negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, including any subsequent amendments, required by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the Rural Public Safety Communications and Violent Crime Reduction Initiative; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, if awarded under acceptable terms, Tlingit & Haida will execute and administer the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance Rural Law Enforcement Violent Crime Reduction program to implement improvements to the VPSO program's rural communication infrastructure.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2026, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata