



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

Resolution EC 26-89

Title: Authorization to Apply for the 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreement

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, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced funding under the 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreement program; and

WHEREAS, SAMHSA has announced total funding of \$20 million for up to 60 awards; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to experience disproportionately high rates of suicide, behavioral health challenges, and barriers to accessing culturally responsive behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to strengthening a comprehensive continuum of suicide prevention, crisis response, postvention, and behavioral health services for Tribal citizens and communities throughout Alaska and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$4.5 million in funds from SAMHSA for a three-year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

WHEREAS, funding would fully support Tlingit & Haida's suicide prevention program, including a full-time Suicide Prevention Manager position responsible for coordinating suicide prevention activities, building community relationships, and providing outreach and assistance to rural communities throughout the region; and



WHEREAS, funding would also support travel and engagement with rural and remote communities to strengthen local suicide prevention infrastructure and sustain community-based support services; and

WHEREAS, funding will support crisis response and postvention services to assist Tribal citizens, families, and communities impacted by suicide and other behavioral health crises; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida seeks to expand behavioral health services into Washington State through the continued expansion of the Community & Behavioral Services Healing Center; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will continue its partnership with Alaska's Careline and strengthen relationships with Washington State 988 Crisis Line providers to improve coordination of crisis response services and access to care for Tribal citizens;

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, that are required by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreement project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, if awarded, Tlingit & Haida will execute and administer the 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreement project.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2026, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 4 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 2 absences.

CERTIFY


President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST


Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata