



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

Resolution EC 26-91

Title: Authorization to Apply for the Office on Violence Against Women Justice for Families 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 provides culturally grounded services and programs that support the safety, well-being, and self-determination of Tribal citizens and families, including services addressing family stability, child welfare, protection orders, child support, guardianship, and related matters; and

WHEREAS, families experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse often face significant barriers to accessing safe and effective court services, particularly in geographically isolated Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), administers the Justice for Families Program to improve the response of courts and communities to families impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse through court-based programs, supervised visitation and safe exchange services, court personnel training, and civil legal assistance; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$800,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Justice for Families Program for a 3 year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect; and



WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida seeks to strengthen its response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking by improving Tribal court infrastructure, helping self-represented litigants petition for protective orders through an automated DVPO filing process, addressing culturally responsive supervised visitation and safe exchange services, training court personnel and community partners, ensuring meaningful access for individuals with disabilities, and advancing a coordinated response that supports victim safety and offender accountability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Justice for Families Project; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, if awarded, Tlingit & Haida shall accept and manage the grant funds to build on the strong foundation established through the Justice for Families Program 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