



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

Resolution EC 26-96

Title: Authorization to Apply for an Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education Grant

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 is committed to promoting the health, wellness, and resilience of Tribal children, youth, and families by providing culturally responsive services that strengthen protective factors, improve behavioral health outcomes, and support healthy communities throughout Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many Tribal youth and schools in Southeast Alaska experience barriers to timely access to mental health, substance use prevention, and behavioral health services due to geographic isolation, workforce shortages, and limited local behavioral health infrastructure, creating a need for coordinated school- and community-based prevention, early intervention, and referral services; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has announced funding under its Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education (AWARE) program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the program “is to develop a sustainable framework to address mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders and promote the social and emotional well-being for school-aged youth in local or tribal education agency settings;” and



WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$1,500,000 annually for a five-year project, totaling \$7,500,000 in funding from SAMHSA for a five-year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect cost rate; and

WHEREAS, such funding will be used to implement a comprehensive three-tiered public health framework that promotes youth mental wellness, substance use prevention, early identification of behavioral health needs, and timely referral to appropriate services through partnerships with Southeast Alaska schools and behavioral health providers; and

WHEREAS, such funding will further be used to provide youth wellness programming, mental health awareness and suicide prevention training, workforce development, family engagement activities, needs assessment and resource mapping, evaluation, and sustainable partnerships that improve access to culturally responsive behavioral health services for school-aged youth throughout Southeast Alaska;

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 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida; and

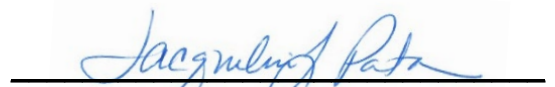
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, if awarded under acceptable terms, Tlingit & Haida will execute and administer the proposed Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education project.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> 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

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata