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Executive Council of the Central Council  
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 23-107

Title: Request for a Waiver of Income Limits and Raise Costs Caps for the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 37,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of 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 Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) for Tlingit & Haida and is a Community Based Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida recognizes that many Alaska Native/American Indian(AN/AI) community members living in the TDHE service area would benefit from the support offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Emergency Repair (Category A), Major Repair/Renovation (Category B), and Down Payment Assistance (Category D) programs, but program limitations make it almost impossible to serve our most needy tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, costs caps have not been increased since 2017 and are unrealistic in the post pandemic construction climate, Tlingit & Haida asserts that increasing the costs caps for each household served for Emergency Repair from \$7,500 to \$20,000 and for Major Repair from \$60,000 to \$120,000 would address the needs of tribal citizens and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida also asserts that substituting the current HIP income limit with the choice of the maximum of area median income or national median income, would increase the number of AN/AI households who may qualify for assistance under this program and lead toward a greater number of beneficiaries who can afford to become homeowners;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby requests costs caps be increased for the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program Emergency Repair (Category A) and Major Repairs/Renovations (Category B) programs to better reflect the current costs of materials and labor; and

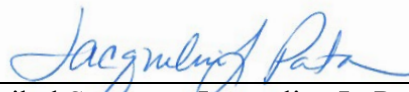
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida hereby requests a waiver of income limits for Down Payment Assistance (Category D) program to better support low-income households in their pursuit of maintaining and acquiring homeownership.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention and 0 absences.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata