



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

Resolution EC 23-58

Title: Authorization to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 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, the Indigenous languages of our people carry thousands of years of history, knowledge, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, learning our Indigenous languages connects us to our heritage and is an expression of sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that our children have the opportunity to learn Lingít and Xaad Kíl in order to revitalize the languages, pass on the knowledge they carry, and to connect them more deeply with our heritage; and

WHEREAS, there is one remaining Xaad Kíl birth speaker residing in the state of Alaska, and it is imperative that language learners participate in immersion, if we expect to develop more Xaad Kíl speakers; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be used to provide support and program enhancements to Tlingit & Haida's Language Programs; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$300,000 in funds from the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for a three year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

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 U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 20th day of July 2023, 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