



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 24-101

Title: Authorization to Apply for Arbor Day Foundation Community Roots Grant 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, promoting tribal stewardship and advancing food security remains a priority and is critical to the health of our tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation was awarded \$8,000,000 under the Inflation Reduction Act from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program, and will serve as a national pass-through partner of the Forest Service to provide funding for Federally Recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations under the Community Roots Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Community Roots Grant Program aims to support investment in tree planting and maintenance, planning, and capacity building, led by the unique needs, knowledge, and ambitions of individual Tribal subawardees; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida, in partnership with the Alaska Conservation Foundation, Alaska Pacific University, Seeds of Change, Eklutna Tribe, and Calypso Farm, proposes to develop three Sacred Grove locations in Juneau, Palmer, and Anchorage that will be healing and learning spaces to educate about Indigenous values of land stewardship, traditional uses of native plants, and contemporary practices of agroforestry in cold climates; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for the Community Roots Grant Program to design and implement the Juneau Sacred Grove location, which will be an interpretive forest trail on the Tribe's Juneau Education Campus, and this funding would also support workforce development programs for urban/community horticulture; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$1,000,000 from the Arbor Day Foundation for a 3-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 the Arbor Day Foundation for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

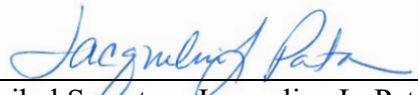
ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2024, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata