



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Office of the President • Edward K. Thomas Building
9097 Glacier Highway • Juneau, Alaska 99801

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

Resolution EC 24-112

Title: Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants 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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau has released annual glacial outburst floods, known as jökulhlaups, since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Mendenhall Glacier jökulhlaups inundated 290 homes in the Mendenhall Valley, destroying homes and releasing pollutants; and

WHEREAS, up to 500 tribal citizens live in the Mendenhall Glacier flood zone; and

WHEREAS, Mendenhall Glacier jökulhlaups are expected to continue occurring annually and flood intensity and extent may increase with climate change; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced funding through the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant program to fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for funding from the Community Change grant program to protect homes in the Mendenhall Glacier flood zone and assist impacted families in recovering from future flood events caused by jökulhlaups; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will partner with the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority and will collaborate with the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition and City and Borough of Juneau to successfully implement this project; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$20,000,000 in funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant program for a three year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to protect homes in the Mendenhall Glacier flood zone and assist impacted families in recovering from future flood events caused by jökulhlaups;

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. Environmental Protection Agency for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.


ADOPTED this 25th day of October 2024, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata