

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 24-135

Title: Authorization to Apply for USDA Farm to School Turnkey 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 and child nutrition remains a priority and is critical to the health of our tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service Farm to School Grant Program aims to connect schools with local or regional farmers, food processors, and manufacturers to bring more fresh fruits and vegetables to school children; and

WHEREAS, the Farm to School Turnkey Grant Program aims to increase the availability of local foods in school and connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$50,000 from the USDA Food and Nutrition Service for a 2-year project, and such funding does include the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, such funding would be used to develop a written Farm to School Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's final action plan would incorporate both local food sourcing and agricultural education components, as well as farm to school goals, activities, funding, timelines, evaluation strategies, and partners;

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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 Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 11th day of December 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

<u>ATTEST</u>

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata