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

Resolution EC 24-91

Title: Authorization to Apply for a U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant

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 is dedicated to empowering its youth through education, job training, and leadership development opportunities, and by supporting youth in performing meaningful work and service in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Wayfinders initiative, under the YouthBuild program aims to empower at-risk youth by mapping out their futures, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to secure meaningful employment, achieve educational goals, and become active, contributing members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, American Indian/Alaska Native people rank at, or near the bottom of, nearly every social, health, and economic indicator, and experience lower life expectancy and disproportionate disease burden that are a result of inadequate education, disproportionate poverty, discrimination in the delivery of health services, and cultural differences; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is committed to supporting tribal youth who experience high disparity rates in the western education system and providing them with educational and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida is seeking funding dedicated to the advancement of educational support and career readiness programs; and

WHEREAS the YouthBuild program seeks to break the cycle of poverty and promote self-sufficiency among at-risk youth through a combination of academic instruction, career and technical training, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has announced the availability of approximately \$99,000,000 in grant funds authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) for YouthBuild, a federal benefit program that ensures that students who left the public school system, or are basic skills deficient may develop marketable skills in specialty trades to earn a livable wage and obtain self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$1.5 million over three years in funds from the U.S. Department of Labor to support vocational education for tribal youth, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds would be used to augment existing WIOA funds that are dedicated to the Youth Employment Services program while building a pre-apprenticeship model that encompasses education, occupational skills training, leadership development, and high-quality post-program placement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, these funds will also be used to help prepare tribal citizens with career readiness skills, for in-demand jobs;

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 Labor for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.


ADOPTED this 16th day of August 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