

## 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 25-135

Title: Authorization to Apply for an Office on Violence Against Women Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program Grant

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 38,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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 Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has announced its Tribal Sexual Assault Program grant; and

WHEREAS, OVW stipulates that "funds under this program must be used for the operation of sexual assault programs or projects in Indian Tribal lands and Alaska Native villages to support the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to assist those victimized by sexual assault;" and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$600,000 in funds from the Tribal Sexual Assault Program for a three-year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida seeks to build long-term solutions to prevent and respond to sexual assault in Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, the overarching goal of this project is to strengthen Tlingit & Haida's programs to prevent and respond to sexual assault through culturally grounded advocacy, survivor-centered services, and coordinated community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the project is designed to be sustainable, and by year three will have an established advocate and coordinator, systems for data-informed services, and stronger community engagement to support long-term continuation of services; and

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WHEREAS, such funding will be used to support direct advocacy services, program coordination, community needs assessment, survivor-centered activities, culturally based prevention and response initiatives, and coordinated partnerships;

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 Office on Victims for Violence Against Women for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, 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