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

Resolution EC 25-158

Title: Authorization to Request Supplemental Funding from the National Telecommunications Information Administration

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, Tlingit & Haida received a \$49,899,104 award, in 2022, under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) to implement the Regional Infrastructure Deployment Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, this Project aims to install fixed wireless systems and deploy Low-Earth Orbit satellite-enabled service to connect more than 14,000 unserved Alaska Native households and businesses across Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, in its Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, encouraged NTIA to review cost escalation challenges and "report to the Committee on the need for supplemental project funding for construction projects in rural and remote areas, in specific circumstances in which cost increases are beyond the control of the award recipient;" and

WHEREAS, consistent with this directive, the NTIA has invited Tlingit & Haida to apply for supplemental funding to address inflationary and tariff-related construction cost increases impacting broadband infrastructure delivery; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to request \$20 million in supplemental funding from the NTIA to support the completion of the Project; and

WHEREAS, while the TBCP imposes an indirect cost limitation, this supplemental request will not incur an indirect shortfall because the planned expenditures are capital outlays necessary to complete construction; and

WHEREAS, such funding will cover increased costs for tower materials, transport, land acquisition, permitting, and construction labor, which have risen significantly since 2020 due to market inflation, supply chain disruptions, and federal tariff adjustments;


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 National Telecommunications and Information Administration for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Regional Infrastructure Deployment Project.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 abstention and 0 absence.

**CERTIFY**

  
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President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**

  
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Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata