

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 25-96

Title: Authorization to Apply for a U.S. Department of Justice Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act 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, under Article IV 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, public safety is key to the security, health, and stability of our Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program has been effective at promoting and supporting community safety and stability in Southeast Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS, the VPSO program has grown from seven VPSO positions to twelve, stationed in seven Southeast Alaska communities: Angoon, Hydaburg, Kake, Kasaan, Pelican, Saxman, and Thorne Bay; and

WHERAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Police Services has announced a grant under its Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA); and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$200,000 in funds from the DOJ for a two-year project under the LEMHWA Implementation Grant, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will use this funding to support VPSOs and their families by providing mental health resources, sleep and decompression tools, virtual therapy services, and peer support outlets that promote wellness, connection, and retention; 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 Justice for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 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