



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

Resolution EC 22-08

Title: Authorization to Apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs Living Languages
Grant Program Funding

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 33,000 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, the indigenous languages of our people carry thousands of years of history, knowledge, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, learning our indigenous languages connects us to our heritage and is an expression of sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the Tlingit language is endangered and it is crucial that our children have the resources and opportunity to learn Tlingit in order to preserve the language, pass on the knowledge it carries, and to connect them more deeply with their heritage; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's seeks to increase the fluency and proficiency of Tlingit language instructors who currently teach the Tlingit language to tribal youth and communities;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced FY 2022 funding for the Living Languages Grant Program to provide financial assistance to community-driven projects designed to preserve Native American languages; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$200,000 in funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a one-year project to increase programmatic and language sustainability through Tlingit language immersion intensives and providing teacher training and development activities, but such funding does not include the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate, causing an indirect shortfall of up to \$53,560;

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 Bureau of Indian Affairs for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Living Languages Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida will accept the indirect shortfall of up to \$53,560.

ADOPTED this 25th day of February 2022, 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 Ralph Wolfe