

## 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 23-108

Title: Designation to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority for U.S. Department of Energy Tribal Electrification Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block 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

WHEREAS, the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for Tlingit & Haida and is a Community Based Development Organization; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has released the following funding opportunities, the Tribal Electrification Program (TEP) and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and these initiatives would provide benefits to tribal communities to support clean energy solutions and lower costs of energy; and

WHEREAS, 75% of existing homes in Southeast Alaska are heated with oil and the rising costs of oil has made homes unaffordable especially to our low-income disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska is in the Tongass rainforest, and t Tlingit & Haida is concerned about our natural environment and our carbon footprint, the TEP and EECBG would benefit our communities by providing affordable cleaner technology; and

WHEREAS, THRHA has led the industry in our tribal communities in the retrofitting of electrical upgrades, including heat pumps, electric vehicle chargers, and innovations with solar;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby authorizes Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Tribal Electrification Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and implement any grant awards for these programs in behalf of Tlingit & Haida; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Tlingit & Haida does not intend to apply on their own behalf for the U.S. Department of Energy Tribal Electrification Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention and 0 absences.

**CERTIFY** 

President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST

Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata