



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 23-40

Title: Authorization to Apply for a Bureau of Land Management Wildland Firefighting Grant

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 35,000 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, protecting our wildland and creating job opportunities are priorities of Tlingit & Haida; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management is funding opportunities to create wildland firefighting strategies and Tlingit & Haida seeks to train and sustain a competent wildland fire workforce by conducting National Wildfire Coordinating Group training courses and field training to implement the knowledge gained through classroom learning; and

WHEREAS, the funds will pay for facilitating the training, travel to and from training locations as well as any supplies and equipment needed for the training; and

WHEREAS, this grant will also build stronger government to government relationships through training Tlingit & Haida employees to support state and federal agencies in fire response efforts; and

WHEREAS, such training is not currently available in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this funding will provide a new avenue for employment in a field that will give Tlingit & Haida tribal citizens the ability to financially support themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, this project will meet the needs of the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Department of Interior by emphasizing the need to protect our natural resources through training and education in the field of wildland fire and forestry work; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida's commitment to being good stewards of the land, water, and air is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the expected outcomes of this project are to create a well trained and experienced workforce, to protect public, private, tribal, and federal lands when threatened by forest fires, and to provide training and on the job experience to tribal citizens who seek jobs in wildland fire and forestry; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$150,000 in funds from the Bureau of Land Management for a 5 year project, and such funding does not include the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate, creating a \$14,550 shortfall;

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 Bureau of Land Management for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed Wildland Firefighting Training Grant.

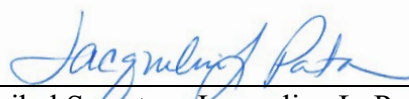
ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2023, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 6 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 absences.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Jacqueline L. Pata