

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 25-01

Title: Authorization to Apply for U.S. National Science Foundation Regional Resilience Innovation Incubator Phase-1 Award

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 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, many of our coastal communities are on the frontlines of climate-related geohazards such as landslides, tsunamis, storm surges, avalanches, and flooding, which are expected to increase in frequency with climate change; and

WHEREAS, these geo-hazards pose serious risks to the lives and wellbeing of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop regional monitoring and coordination tools for addressing the risks posed by increasing geo-hazards, and Tlingit & Haida is well-positioned to serve as a regional coordinator for a natural hazard observing network; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Science Foundation has announced funding for the Regional Resilience Innovation Incubator (R2I2) program to support community-engaged team science to co-design high-impact solutions to climate-related societal challenges; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for a Phase-1 award from the R2I2 program to support the initial planning and development of a community-based natural hazard observing network for tribal and rural Alaska coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, receiving a Phase-1 award would make the Tribe eligible to apply for up to \$15,000,000 in future funding under Phase-2, which is anticipated to release in 2026; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida will partner with the University of Oregon, University of California San Diego, RAND Corporation and the Sitka Sound Science Center to successfully implement this project; and

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WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida intends to apply for up to \$500,000 in funds from the R2I2 program for a 2 year project, and such funding includes the full amount of Tlingit & Haida's federally approved indirect rate;

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 Science Foundation for granting funds to Tlingit & Haida for the proposed project.

ADOPTED this 16th day of January 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