



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
AND  
TLINGIT-HAIDA REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY



## JOINT NEWS RELEASE

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### **Tribe Receives United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant Award**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced it has awarded \$246,000 to the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) under their Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant program. Central Council was one of 110 organizations (housing authorities, tribal organizations and non-profits) nationwide to receive funding under the ROSS grant program designed to coordinate resources that provide supportive services to public housing residents.

The awarded funds partner Central Council with Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) to promote the economic independence and housing self-sufficiency of up to 1,000 tribal citizens residing in THRHA's assisted housing. The project will connect tribal citizens with available education, job training and placement programs, and/or computer and financial literacy services currently provided by THRHA and Central Council. For an elderly or disabled resident, supportive services will be coordinated to allow them to maintain their independence.

*"The grant award is a great accomplishment that highlights our ability to collaborate and build mutually beneficial opportunities to better serve our tribal citizens and coordinate our services."*

*-President Richard Peterson  
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

*"Financial literacy and understanding that using a home as an asset to get ahead is the starting point for moving our young families out of poverty. The programs under the ROSS grant have had great success in our Tribal communities and in our schools."*

*-President/CEO Ricardo Worl  
Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority*

*"Central Council is committed to working with our tribal citizens to increase their earned income and assisting households to move toward economic self-sufficiency. The ROSS grant will provide the support necessary to achieve these goals and it's vital to embark upon this effort with our strategic partners."*

*-Gail Dabaluz, Director of Business and Economic Development  
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

*"I'm so excited to be able to expand the Financial Cent\$ program since we've been faced with limited funding. I'm also excited about the continued partnership with Central Council's Business and Economic Development Department which has contributed to the growth of our program."*

*-Dawn Wesley, Financial Skills Specialist  
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