



CENTRAL COUNCIL

Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC/ 15-23

Title: Authorizing Alaska Legal Services Corporation and DNA- People's Legal Services Inc. to pursue Americorps Funds on behalf of Central Council to develop medical-legal partnerships within the Central Council service area.

WHEREAS, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with nearly 30,000 tribal citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. ("DNA") is a legal aid organization with offices located within the Navajo Nation, and it provides qualifying individuals with free legal services.

WHEREAS, Alaska Legal Services Corporation ("ALSC") is a legal aid organization with offices in Juneau and Ketchikan that provides qualifying individuals with free legal services.

WHEREAS, DNA operates medical-legal partnerships with the Navajo Area Indian Health Service and the Tuba City Regional Health Corporation that serve hundreds of low-income patients per year, including vulnerable children, adults with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and elders. ALSC is in the process of developing medical-legal partnerships in Juneau and Southcentral Alaska.

WHEREAS, Central Council recognizes that collaborative partnerships between legal services programs and healthcare institutions proved low-income patients with means to address critical health-impacting legal needs.

WHEREAS, DNA and ALSC seek to submit an application on behalf of the Central Council to the Corporation for National and Community Services for an AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Planning Grant in an effort to expand its medical-legal partnership efforts and implement new partnerships with Central Council.

WHEREAS, In order to submit an application for a grant, DNA and ALSC must be identified as "tribal organizations" and must be authorized to act on behalf of and include the tribe in a CNCS grant application for the purpose of conducting the activities and providing the services described in the application.

WHEREAS, ALSC and DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. will assume full responsibility for the fiscal integrity as well as program development and implementation of this application, including full responsibility for any required matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Central Council hereby sanctions ALSC and DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc. as tribal organizations for purposes of applying for this grant and authorizes them to serve as the legal applicant for federal funding through the Corporation for national and Community Service, on behalf of and including Central Council in the proposed grant activities.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2015, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of ___ yeas, ___ nays, ___ abstentions and ___ absence(s).

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST


for: Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw