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## **Tribe Awarded Department of Justice Grant**

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska has received a grant award of \$724,764 from the United States Department of Justice under their Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS). The three-year grant will fund the Second Chance program administered by the Tribe's Public Safety Department which also oversees the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program.

The Second Chance program will provide individuals, while still incarcerated and/or released on probation, with distance training and employment assistance in an effort to reduce the high rate of prison reentry in Southeast Alaska.

Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson will work with the Juneau Reentry Coalition to develop a strategic plan during the first year of the grant. The Second Chance grant will staff two part-time tutors, a full-time training and employment coordinator, and a full-time caseworker. The grant will also cover tuition, fees, and books for 75 students over the three year period. Students will be provided with a structured environment to complete a vocational and/or accredited certification program that will result in an apprenticeship, internship and/or employment.

"I'm extremely excited for this opportunity for our tribal citizens," said Public Safety Manager Wilson. "This new program will provide a crucial safety net of services and support to ensure these individuals have the tools necessary to successfully reenter their communities."

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