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Subject: San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council ARPA Options

The San Francisco Tlingit & Haida Community Council requests the T&H ARPA team review our proposed options for the Community Directed ARPA funding to support the community priority of supporting and providing supplemental relief to tribal citizens affected by the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.

According to Treasury guidance provided in its SLFRF Tribal Government Fact Sheet, households served by Tribal governments are presumed to be disproportionately impacted by the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic. Because this presumption applies, cash assistance may be provided to those households without additional analysis. The funding source for these projects would be the San Francisco community Council-Directed Priorities Fund's balance of approximately \$2,422,426.

Below is a brief description of the projects approved by the Community Council by Resolution No. 23-02 and how they meet the Treasury guidance for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

- **Supplemental Household Relief Fund Program.** San Francisco proposes to provide supplemental Household relief in the amount of \$1,000 to T&H citizens of all ages who are enrolled in the San Francisco voting community that the COVID-19 pandemic has economically impacted. The Tlingit & Haida Citizen, Support Services Team, will administer this program under the guidance of the ARPA Manager, Erinn Adkins-Franks.

The amount requested is based on and is reasonably proportional to San Francisco's assessment of the actual impacts that COVID-19 has had on its tribal citizens. Under the *Final Rule*, providing supplemental relief to citizen households that have experienced negative economic effects of COVID-19 is an eligible use of FRF. Because San Francisco recognizes that its tribal citizens have experienced pandemic-related impacts and because tribal citizen households are presumed to have experienced such impacts, this proposed project complies with Treasury guidance. T&H is to operate the project using online applications for San Francisco. Parents or legal guardians of children who

are T&H citizens can apply on behalf of children if they are under the age of 18. If more than one application is filed on the behalf of a particular child who qualifies for assistance provided through this project, only one of those applications will be granted.

- Small Businesses Relief Program. Many small Tribal Citizen businesses are financially distressed by the economic impact of COVID-19. This program would be limited to 30 San Francisco tribal citizens operating small businesses with one-time support in the amount of \$5,000 from the T&H Community-Directed ARPA Priorities fund. The Tlingit & Haida Small Business Grant Department will administer this program under the guidance of Coordinator Myrna Gardner. T&H is to operate the project using online applications for San Francisco.
- SFTHC Community Burial Fund Program. The Community Burial Fund Program is a grant to SFTHC enrolled members who are liable for expenses for burial of a family member. This program would be limited to 10 grants in the amount of \$1,000 for a total available grant pool of \$10,000.

The project budget is below:

Supplemental Household Relief	\$1,077,000
Small Businesses Relief	\$150,000
Burial Relief	\$10,000
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Total ARPA Project Plan	\$1,237,000
<u>San Francisco Community Council-Directed Priorities Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$2,422,426</u>
Remaining San Francisco Community Council-Directed Priorities Fund	\$1,185,426

The SFTH Community Council is considering the use of the remaining balance of the Fund for the Tlingit & Haida acquisition of an office property in California for use by Tlingit & Haida to deliver program services to Community citizens and to be available to Community uses approved by the Community Council after hours, on weekends or holidays, or during business hours when not interfering with regular program services. The Community Council requests Tlingit & Haida determine whether the Tlingit & Haida Self-Governance Compact is available to the application of the 105(l) lease provision to the proposed SFTH Community Office. If allowable, the Community Council would request the proceeds of lease rent received by Tlingit & Haida under the 105(l) provision be allocated to the maintenance, operations, and improvement of the property to the extent allowed under applicable Federal regulations and Tlingit & Haida requirements. The Community Council will make its determination of the use of the balance of funds based on the information received from your analysis of the proposal.

Thank you.

