



**PRESIDENT’S REPORT
SFTHC COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2023**

1. U.S. Bank Account Proceeds. In response to a demand letter from the general counsel of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) to U.S. Bank in preparation for litigation, a meeting occurred on November 27, 2023 between the Tlingit & Haida general counsel and a U.S. Bank attorney. After discussion, U.S. Bank preliminarily agreed to re-issue the checks that distributed the proceeds of the now closed SFTHCC bank accounts (deposit and CDs) and convey these proceeds to the SFTHC Council via the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska for deposit in the SFTHCC account. This account is for the sole benefit of SFTHC with Tlingit & Haida as the trustee. The US Bank subsequently requested Tlingit & Haida indemnify US Bank in the event the prior checks, which are “cashier checks” or “cash on demand” instruments, are redeemed. This discussion is ongoing. Tlingit & Haida continues its efforts to recover these prior checks from the prior SFTHC Council officers who received the prior checks and are responsible for withholding the funds from the SFTHC Council and Tlingit & Haida. US Bank provided account statements for the now closed accounts for the past two years. These statements evidence unauthorized withdrawals from these accounts of approximately \$8,000 that are the subject of ongoing investigations.

2. T&H ARPA Allocation to SFTHC. The SFTHC allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds intended to benefit our Community as San Francisco Community Council-Directed Priorities Fund opening balance was \$2,422,426.

Here is the update for San Francisco’s Supplemental Programs.

**PROGRAM STATUS AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023
SFTHC Supplemental
Program**

SFTH COMMUNITY DIRECTED TOTAL 2422426

Type	Approved	Pending	Total
\$500	338	20	\$ 338,000.00
Total Funds Budgeted			\$ 1,077,000.00
Total Funds Awarded or Obligated			\$ 358,000.00
Remaining Funds			\$ 719,000.00
Percentage Awarded or Obligated			33.24%

SFTHC Burial Program

Type	Approved	Pending	Total
\$500	2	0	\$ 1,000.00
Total Funds Budgeted			\$ 10,000.00
Total Funds Awarded or Obligated			\$ 2,000.00
Remaining Funds			\$ 8,000.00
Percentage Awarded or Obligated			20.00%

SFTHC Small Business Program

Type	Approved	Pending	Total
\$5,000	8	4	\$ 40,000.00
Total Funds Budgeted			\$ 150,000.00
Total Funds Awarded or Obligated			\$ 60,000.00
Remaining Funds			\$ 90,000.00
Percentage Awarded or Obligated			40.00%

SFTH COMMUNITY DIRECTED

SUBTOTAL \$ 420,000.00

SFTH COMMUNITY DIRECTED BALANCE \$ 2,002,426.00

TLINGIT & HAIDA CALIFORNIA OFFICE

SFTHC proposed the use of remaining funds, after Program awards, for acquisition of an office property for operation of Tlingit & Haida programs and services serving SFTH Community members, and for use by the SFTH Community for its Community activities.

- Acquisition of Tlingit & Haida California Office. The Tlingit & Haida purchase of a property would establish an office for delivery of Tlingit & Haida programs and services to SFTH Community members either in-person or virtually, would establish space for SFTH Community events, and would enable the application of lease rent funded by the Federal government towards the continued maintenance and improvements or the facility.

The SFTHC Council proposes the evaluation criteria for a property include, at a minimum: location within the 100 mile radius of San Francisco wherein enrollment with the SFTHC Community is mandatory. The Tlingit & Haida programs and services to be operated in this facility, either in person or virtually, would be the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Vocational Training, Compliance (enrollment), Tribal Court peacemaking, and others. The SFTHC Council recommends this facility be provide the following property features:

- High speed broadband services – broadband services to conduct business online.
- Road access – reliable and safe road access from major streets and highways.
- Parking – parking at the facility and public parking nearby is a key consideration.
- Security – external locks and area lighting.

- Meeting area – a large area within the facility for a large gathering.
- Kitchen facilities – kitchen facilities for food preparation and storage.
- International airport access.

The proposed budget for the SFTHC Office is the greater of the residual from Program awards or \$1,364,676.

3. 2024 Election of SFTHC Council Members and Delegates. Tlingit & Haida requires SFTHC Council obligate all remaining Community Directed funds by March 30, 2024.

Date	Election Item	Rule of Order Reference
11/3/23	Notice of Enrollment	Rule 8, Section 1
1/5/24	Notice of Election	Rule 8, Section 2
1/5/24	Post Official Voting List	Rule 7, Section 1
1/19/24	Apportionment of Delegates	Rule 3, Section 2
1/26/24	Intent to Serve Form Available	Rule 9, Section 1A
1/26/24	Nominations Open	Rule 9, Section 2A
2/9/24	Nominations Close	Rule 9, Section 2A
2/12/24	Official Candidate List	Rule 8, Section 2E
2/23/24	Ballot Information Mailed	Rule 8, Section 2F
2/23/24	Voting Opens	Rule 8, Section 2B
3/21/24	Election Day	Constitution
3/22/24	Unofficial Results	Rule 11, Section 1
3/25/24	Election Challenge Deadline	Rule 13, Section 1A1
3/26/24	President Appoints Challenge Committee	Rule 13, Section 2
4/4/24	"Write In" Candidate DOJS Form Submission	Rule 9, Section 3A

Rule of Order	Election Item	Date
Constitution	Election Day	3/21/24