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Proposal Name

Tlingit & Haida Early Education Services

Which schools are you proposing to use?

- Floyd Dryden Middle School

If you chose more than one school, which is your first choice and which is second?

N/A, Marie Drake Middle School does not suit our program needs.

Are you proposing to rent or buy the building(s)?

Rent

Proposed Use

The Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (T&H) is interested in renting space at Floyd Dryden Middle School to operate three of our early education programs: Head Start, Little Eagles & Ravens Nest (LEARN), and Haa Yoo X'atángi Kúdi.

As shared during the CBJ Assembly Meeting on April 15th, we serve approximately 140 early education students and our numbers are only expected to grow due to recent changes in Head Start eligibility requirements, which will allow categorical eligibility for all Alaska Native and American Indian students ages 3-5, regardless of income. Head Start currently operates 4 centers in the Juneau community, two of which are stationed in Juneau School District buildings. Additionally, we are working to establish an Early Head Start program that will also allow us to provide services to toddlers.

LEARN is a for-profit licensed childcare facility, providing services to families for youth ages birth to age 6. Currently, we operate 3 classrooms, providing infant, toddler, and preschool services to children and families. Haa Yoo X'atángi Kúdi is a Tlingit Language Immersion program providing immersion instruction to children ages 3-6 years old. While we only operate one immersion classroom, we are simultaneously growing our instructors' skillsets so we may expand immersion services and we have been asked to provide Xaad Kíl (Haida) immersion instruction as well.

Please state which Assembly priority/goal this proposal fills -OR- what benefit your proposed use would bring to the community

Tlingit & Haida's proposal meets CBJ goals 3, 4, and 5, as we would be meeting an immediate community need for quality childcare services while helping stabilize the CBJ budget with sustainable funding for a period of 5 years.

What impact would your proposal have on the CBJ budget?

Tlingit & Haida's proposal would have a positive impact and would help stabilize the budget, as we would be providing consistent rental income to CBJ for at least 5 years.

Would you be willing to pay fair market value for rent/lease?

Yes

How much space are you proposing to use?

We propose utilizing 1/2 to 2/3 of the building to implement Early Education programs, the right side of Floyd Dryden is our preferred section as that side has more restroom stalls and we would be hosting approximately 140 students.

What level of retrofit would be needed for your proposal? Who would pay for that work?

We would remodel the bathroom stalls to add smaller toilets for young students (ages 2-5), T&H would be willing to pay for those modifications.

How long do you anticipate you would occupy the building(s)?

T&H proposes renting the building for a period of 5 years, with the possibility of extending the lease in 1-year increments afterwards.

Describe parking needs associated with your proposed use.

We would need onsite parking for staff, bus drop-offs, parents, and volunteers. We anticipate large gatherings for graduations, and family engagement events, but parking ratios could mirror building usage percentages.

Will you be requesting CBJ operating funds for your use?

Yes

If your organization already receives CBJ operating funds, will you be requesting an increase to support this proposal? If so, by how much?

It is unknown to this submitter whether or not T&H receives CBJ operating funds, but regular building maintenance and snow removal would be requested, in alignment with other existing agreements the tribe has.

What other uses would be compatible with your proposed use?

Early education services, training services, or education supports, such as Southeast Alaska Regional Resource Center would complement our proposal.

What other uses would not be compatible with your proposed use?

Sharing space with an animal shelter would not be compatible with our proposed use, as it could send an

unintended negative message to Indigenous families stating that our children are like animals.