

Organized Village of Saxman
Resolution # 2021.07.248

Authorize Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority to Apply for Indian Community Development Block Grant – American Rescue Plan Funding

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman is duly constituted federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the authority of the United States Congress by the Indian Reorganization Act, and such legislation of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Saxman I.R.A. Council is authorized to be the governing body of the Organized Village of Saxman pursuant to its' Constitution and Bylaws approved on October 18, 1940 by the Secretary of the Interior, and ratified on January 14, 1941; and

WHEREAS, the Organized Village of Saxman is a federally recognized Tribe governed by the Saxman I.R.A. Council, who has authority to represent and act in all matters that concern the health, education, and welfare of the Native people who reside in the Village of Saxman; and it's empowered under its' Constitution to execute agreements and contracts with the United States and other entities to benefit tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, OVS has designated Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) as the Tribally Designated Housing Entity for OVS; and

WHEREAS, Saxman is a small community connected by road to the fishing and tourism hub of Ketchikan, which continues to have elevated COVID 19 cases and impacts created by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that sick household members be provided a separate bedroom and bathroom from other members of the household; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that older adults (over 65) and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; and

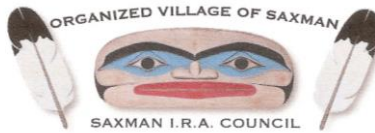
WHEREAS, the results of THRHA's 2019 Housing Assessment for the community of Saxman found that 29% of tribal households reported their homes are overcrowded and 43% of tribal households contain a person over the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, the results of THRHA's 2019 Assessment found 46% respondents stated that their homes have mold, 10% said they home condition is poor and 89% are considered low income; and

WHEREAS, without the availability of housing stock to relieve overcrowding, there is a crisis need to update and repair existing housing stock to address the mold, air quality, lack of water and heating source, overcrowding, and other health related issues; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and repairs to existing housing stock will assist the community of Saxman to prevent, prepare, and respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic and future pandemics; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Organized Village of Saxman (OVS) hereby authorizes Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) the sole authority to apply for an Indian Community Development Block Grant – American Rescue Plan grant for a total amount of \$1,035,000 on behalf of OVS for the repair and renovation of existing housing stock to address the health and safety issues reducing the



impacts of COVID 19. The OVS does not intend to submit an application on its own behalf for the current ICDBG-ARP funding opportunity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OVS designates THRHA to implement the project in accordance with HUD and ARP standards and regulations, and the subrecipient agreement between OVS and THRHA.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly adopted at an Organized Village of Saxman meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2021 by a quorum of _____ with _____ yes votes, _____ no votes, and _____ abstaining.

President

Attested by