



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Frequently Asked Questions for Community Need Assessment RFP

Q: Item B in the SOW refers to “generation of a survey tool” – is the expectation that the tool is developed within the 3–6-month timeline and is then implemented at a future timepoint, or is the expectation that the survey is developed AND collected within the 3–6-month timeline and budget?

A: The expectation is that the survey tool is to be developed and utilized within the 3-6-month timeline and budget.

Q: We understand that this project will inform the VOC Community Advocacy Initiative. Is there any specific program or focus that you are thinking of moving forward? We have found that assessing “readiness for what” is very helpful in getting useful readiness assessment results, so any specific information on initiatives would be helpful.

A: Please see our goals as stated in section III of the RFP:

“The Tlingit & Haida VOC CAI seeks to meet federal funding objectives and to address the needs of our citizens that have experienced harm. We seek to complete community assessments to determine community readiness around addressing violence that is present in the communities that we serve, resource needs, gaps in service provision with a focus on resource and service accessibility for rural citizens, public safety, Elder aids, and other threats to personal safety. This information will help us determine how we can support communities through various means as suggested by tribal citizens and the input of evidence-based practice.

We also seek to examine information that may already be available through the State of Alaska (SOA) Department of Public Safety, other Federal Partners such as the Department of Justice (DOJ), non-profit agencies, and Tribal Partners that are key in offering further understanding of the types and rates of violence in rural communities and of resource provision for Tribal Citizens who have been victimized while residing in them.”

Q: We understand and respect the sovereignty of tribal data and operations and will prioritize this practice in any project with Tlingit & Haida. Does Tlingit & Haida have any formal data sharing agreements with the tribes in Southeast Alaska, or is there a formal function by which Tlingit & Haida operates as a centralized source of data? Understanding this will help us better understand how to scope our staffing for secondary data collection (i.e., using existing data).

A: Tlingit & Haida does not have any formal data sharing agreements with other federally recognized tribes in Southeast Alaska regarding violence against women data. Nor does Tlingit & Haida operate as a centralized source of tribal data. Individual federally recognized tribes throughout Southeast Alaska maintain their own data and access to such data.

Q: My question is in regards to section X. 2. of the RFP that covers proposal evaluation. The item states that the following will be a part of the evaluation for proposals: "MOAs with Tribal Governments, Associations, or Organizations that have agreed on behalf of their citizens to participate in the project." Does this mean the proposal will be evaluated on establishing MOAs with said organizations prior to being awarded the project for the Multi-Community Needs Assessment? It seems it would be difficult to secure MOAs as part of the proposal rather than after a proposer has been awarded the project.

A: The “MOAs with Tribal Governments, Associations, or Organizations that have agreed on behalf of their citizens to participate in the project” have already been established between Tlingit and Haida and the parties mentioned. The proposer will not need to establish these relationships on behalf of Tlingit and Haida. The inclusion of the MOAs as part of the evaluation standards is an acknowledgement that the proposed project will be reviewed to ensure that the project, as proposed, will not violate any of those MOAs.

Q: Will the award be made prior to the start date of May 21?

A: Yes.