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Central Council Secures NAGPRA Funding

The Native Lands & Resources Department of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to report that it has secured a FY2009 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Consultation/Documentation Grant in the amount of \$89,993 from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The grant will be used to conduct research and documentation, and to prepare claims to repatriate and/or work on unresolved claims at the Seattle Art Museum, University of Washington–Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, and the Portland Art Museum. In addition, it will allow Central Council's NAGPRA program to monitor the completion of pending claims on more than 200 objects in nine museums.

NAGPRA was enacted in 1990 and provides a process for museums and federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items (human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony) to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Central Council's NAGPRA program provides for the protection and repatriation of Native American graves and artifacts. Services include submitting claims to museums for the return of cultural objects and assisting tribes and individuals in identifying cultural objects, researching family trees, planning memorial parties, and clan identification.

For more information regarding this award or Central Council's NAGPRA Program, please contact Native Lands & Resources Manager Desiree Duncan at 907.463.7186 or toll free at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7186.

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