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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 FY2011 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Consultation/Documentation Grant in the amount of \$90,000 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 outstanding claims at the Oakland Art Museum and the Southwest Museum Autry Center. 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 requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify American Indian human remains and cultural items in their collections. This repatriation process helps to ensure the return of 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, assisting tribes and individuals in identifying cultural objects, researching family trees, maintaining the memorial calendar, and clan identification.

For more information regarding this award or Central Council's NAGPRA program, please contact Native Lands & Resources Manager Desiree Duncan at 907.463.7183 or toll free at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7183.

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