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## THRHA AWARDED \$750K GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL HOUSING LOAN BANK



*From Left: Desiree Jackson (Director of Tribal Services, THRHA), Joyce Niven (Interim President & CEO, THRHA), Michael Medford (Vice President & Chief Mortgage Officer, First Bank), and Jennifer Lewis (Grant Administrator, First Bank).*

Juneau, Alaska—The Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Federal Housing Loan Bank (FHLB). The funds from this grant will be leveraged with matching funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to support housing rehabilitation for home owners.

“This grant award will provide the Housing Authority with funding to help us renovate up to thirty owner-occupied homes in our partner communities,” said Interim President & CEO Joyce Niven. “We estimate the total cost of these projects to be up to \$1.5 million so this grant helps us greatly in meeting our home renovation project goals.”

Rehabilitation projects and activities may include increasing energy efficiency, eliminating environmental hazards, accessibility improvements, or safety upgrades. The funding will be available to all twelve partner communities that THRHA serves which include Angoon, Craig, Douglas, Juneau, Kaka, Kasaan, Klawock, Petersburg, Saxman, Skagway, Wrangell, and Yakutat.

“Another element of the grant will enable us to directly provide empowerment services to project beneficiaries through financial literacy and sustainability training,” said Niven.

THRHA applied for the grant with the assistance of First Bank. The program will be managed through THRHA’s Department of Construction Management. For those interested in applying, applications and eligibility guidelines will be available at the THRHA office in Juneau or on the website at [www.regionalhousingauthority.org](http://www.regionalhousingauthority.org).

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Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority was established in 1973 under the State of Alaska Statute 18.55.995. THRHA is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation whose mission is to connect Southeast Alaskans with sustainable housing opportunities and innovative financial solutions. THRHA’s headquarters are in Juneau, Alaska, though it serves partner communities throughout Southeast Alaska.