

# ***Ford Foundation Grants \$100,000 To Tlingit-Haida***

The Ford Foundation has made a one hundred thousand dollar grant to the Central Council of Tlingit-Haida Indians of Alaska for a project involving video tape communications throughout the Central Council constituency.

The project calls for placing video recorder/camera combinations in 15 Southeast Alaska communities as well as Anchorage, Alaska; Seattle, Washington; and Oakland, California so that Tlingit-Haida residents can be informed by the Central Council on such matters as land claims, health, education, employment, etc.

Tapes will be produced at the Central Council main office and distributed among the 18 communities.

Central Council President

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John Borbridge, Jr. is presently recruiting for a full time public information officer to operate the project. The member of the local Tlingit-Haida community who will be trained in the use of video units will serve as a part-time salaried operator.

Borbridge stated that the Central Council equipment in each community will be available for certain additional educational and public affairs services.

Understandably elated in receiving the grant, Council President Borbridge said, "The Ford Foundation is to be commended for its support of our efforts to be innovative in improving communications throughout the Tlingit and Haida constituency.

"We anticipate our continued participation in future technological communications developments that affect our constituency in the future."

The Alaska Educational Broadcasting Commission executive director Charles Northrip, who assisted the Central Council in writing the proposal for the project said, "This project, like the AEBC-supported Bethel radio station, places control of the communications process where it belongs—in the hands of the people who will utilize the communications service."

Borbridge and Northrip indicated their desire to use the Central Council project as a model for future video communications projects in Alaska.