

## An Overview of the Kenaitze/Salamatof TDHE

The Kenaitze/Salamatof Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) is a joint venture between two federally recognized Tribes, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and the Salamatof Tribal Council. The main purpose of the TDHE was to provide safe and affordable housing for low and moderate income Native Alaskan and American Indian families. These families are required to meet income guidelines set by NAHASDA, they must provide proof they are of Alaskan Native or of American Indian descent, and have to undergo a criminal background check.

The program is primarily funded through an Indian Housing Block Grant and the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act. Like all government programs, funding has been being cut annually even though the cost of services has been rising steadily. The money the program will save through this Cooperation Agreement will be reinvested back into the TDHE's Housing program to continue to provide the much needed services.

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