

**TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE FY23 NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (GRANTS 1-5)**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the funds and budget from the Department of Interior, National Park Services for the FY23 National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

**WHEREAS**, awards from the National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) are appropriated to allow the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") as well as various museums and universities to participate in the coordination of repatriation and reburial of recognized ancestral members and ancestral artifacts from private collections to the Moundville archaeological site of Hale and Tuscaloosa counties in Alabama;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation has been awarded five separate but unified grants to perform activities related to the relocation of these ancestors and artifacts for a total amount of Seventy Thousand Ninety Eight Dollars (\$70,098.00) in federal funding;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation was awarded Grant 1 in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One and 00/100 Dollars (\$13,561) to support the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department staff to fly to Beverly, Massachusetts to transport staff, ancestors, and funerary objects to the reburial site for budget period October 1, 2023 through September 1, 2024; *see Budget Exhibit A*;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation was awarded Grant 2 in the amount of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,426) to support the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Historic Preservation Department staff to fly to Wisconsin, California, Michigan, and Alabama to transport staff, ancestors, and funerary objects to the reburial site for budget period October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; *see Budget Exhibit B*;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation was awarded Grant 3 in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars (\$14,860) for the coordination of tribal dignitaries from the participating tribes (i.e. Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and cultural advisors of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town) to attend the repatriation ceremony for budget period October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; *see Budget Exhibit C*;

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**WHEREAS**, the Nation was awarded Grant 4 in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$14,643.00) for the coordination of tribal dignitaries from the participating tribes (i.e. Muskogee Nation and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians) to attend the repatriation ceremony for budget period October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; *see Budget Exhibit D*;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation was awarded Grant 5 in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars (\$14,608) for the coordination of tribal dignitaries from the participating tribes (i.e. Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma) to attend the repatriation ceremony for budget period October 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024; *see Budget Exhibit E*; and

**WHEREAS**, this council bill furthers the Nation's strategic goal to protect and promote Choctaw culture and exercise sovereignty.

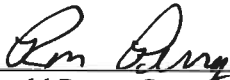
**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept Seventy Thousand Ninety Eight Dollars (\$70,098.00), with no matching funds, from the Department of Interior, National Park Services for the FY23 National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Grant.


**CERTIFICATION**

*I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that ten (10) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on June 8, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 71 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of ten (10) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 6-13-24

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**EXHIBIT A- BUDGET (1 of 5)**

Travel Details	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Resultant Dollar Amount
Airfare (Tribally Owned Jet)	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lodging for DB	Night	3	\$113	\$339
Lodging for GM	Night	3	\$113	\$339
Per Diem for DB	Day	3.5	\$69	\$242 (\$241.50 rounded)
Per Diem for GM	Day	3.5	\$69	\$242 (\$241.50 rounded)
Ground Transportation (Van Rental)	Day	1	\$400	\$400
<b>Total Travel</b>				<b>\$1561</b>

Item Description	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Resultant Dollar Amount
Jet Fuel – Oklahoma to Massachusetts	1	\$4000	\$4000
Jet Fuel – Massachusetts to Alabama	1	\$4000	\$4000
Jet Fuel – Alabama to Oklahoma	1	\$4000	\$4000
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$12000.00</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Direct Charges		\$13561
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>		<b>\$13561</b>

Budget Category	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Amount
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$1561	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$12000	\$0
F. Consultants/Contracts	\$0	\$0
G. Other	\$0	\$0
H. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Total Requested Federal Amount	Total Non-Federal Amount
\$13,561	\$0
<b>Combined Total Project Costs</b>	
\$13,561	

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**EXHIBIT B (2 of 5) BUDGET**

Travel Details	Unit of Measure	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Resultant Dollar Amount
Commercial Flight(s) for DB & MM	Flight (Round Trip)	2	\$388	\$776
Baggage Fees for DB & MM	Each	2	\$80	\$160
Rental Car for DB	Each	1	\$206	\$206
Per Diem – DB & MM	Day	3.5	\$69 X 2 persons	\$483
Lodging – DB & MM	Night	3	\$113 x 2 persons	\$678
Commercial Flight for TA	Flight	2	\$500	\$1000
Commercial First Class Flight for TA	Flight	1	\$1000	\$1000
Baggage Fees for TA	Each	3	\$120	\$120
Per Diem – TA	Day	2.5	\$52 – First Day \$69 – Second Day \$52 – Third Day	\$173
Lodging – TA	Night	3	\$134 – First Night \$113 – Second Night \$113 – Third Night	\$360
Uber for RS	Each	1	\$100	\$100
Per Diem – RS	Day	3.5	\$56 – First Day \$69 – Second Day \$69 – Third Day \$52 – Fourth Day	\$245
Lodging – RS	Night	3	\$186 – First Night \$113 – Second Night \$113 – Third Night	\$412
Per Diem – IT	Day	3.5	\$242	\$242
Lodging – IT	Night	3	\$339	\$339
Per Diem – 4 Choctaw Staff	Day	4.5	\$69 x 4 persons	\$1242
Lodging – 4 Choctaw Staff	Night	4	\$113 x 4 Persons	\$1808
<b>Total Travel</b>				<b>\$9343</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Stipend for MH		\$3,083
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>\$3,083</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Direct Charges		\$12,426
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>		<b>\$12,426</b>

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**Exhibit B-Budget (2 of 5)**

**Summary:**

Budget Category	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Amount
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$9,343	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$0	\$0
F. Consultants/Contracts	\$0	\$0
G. Other	\$3,083	\$0
H. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Total Requested Federal Amount	Total Non-Federal Amount
\$12,426	\$0
<b>Combined Total Project Costs</b>	
\$12,426	

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**EXHIBIT C – BUDGET (3 of 5)**

Description	Computation	Cost
Stipend for Travel Costs for Jena Band of Choctaw Indians Staff	See estimates below	\$3312
Stipend for Travel Costs for Thlopthlocco Tribe	See estimates below	2724
Stipend for Travel Costs for Chickasaw Nation staff	See estimates below	\$8825
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>\$14,860</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Direct Charges		\$14,860
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>		<b>\$14,860</b>

**Summary:**

Budget Category	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Amount
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$0	\$0
F. Consultants/Contracts	\$0	\$0
G. Other	\$14,860	\$0
H. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Total Requested Federal Amount	Total Non-Federal Amount
\$14,860	\$0
<b>Combined Total Project Costs</b>	
<b>\$14,860</b>	

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**EXHIBIT D – BUDGET (4 of 5)**

Supply Item Description	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Resultant Dollar Amount
4X8 Sheets of Plywood	36	\$46.48	\$1692
<b>Total Supplies</b>			\$1692

Description	Computation	Cost
Stipend for Muscogee (Creek) Nation Staff	See estimates below	\$11,303
Stipend for Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Staff	See estimates below	\$1,647
<b>Total Other</b>		\$12,951

Description	Computation	Cost
Direct Charges		\$14,643
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>		\$14,643

**Summary:**

Budget Category	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Amount
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$1692	\$0
F. Consultants/Contracts	\$0	\$0
G. Other	\$12951	\$0
H. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Total Requested Federal Amount	Total Non-Federal Amount
\$14,643	\$0
<b>Combined Total Project Costs</b>	
\$14,643	



**EXHIBIT E – BUDGET (5 of 5)**

Supply Item Description	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Resultant Dollar Amount
Fencing Rolls	3	\$840	\$2520
Ceremonial Firewood Bundles	6	\$5	\$30
Concrete (60 lb bag)	297	\$5	\$1485
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$4035</b>

Contractual Service	Service Provided	Computation	Cost
UHAUL	Rental Truck	\$235 x 2 trucks	\$470
<b>Total Contractual</b>			<b>\$470</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Stipend for Seminole Tribe of Florida Staff Travel	See estimates below	\$2683
Stipend for Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Staff Travel	See estimates below	\$7220
Fuel for UHAUL Trucks	\$100 each	\$200
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>\$10,103</b>

Description	Computation	Cost
Direct Charges		\$13516
<b>Total Direct Charges</b>		<b>\$13516</b>

**Summary:**

Budget Category	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Amount
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$4035	\$0
F. Consultants/Contracts	\$470	\$0
G. Other	\$10103	\$0
H. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Total Requested Federal Amount	Total Non-Federal Amount
\$14,608	\$0
<b>Combined Total Project Costs</b>	
\$14,608	

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the funds and budget for the FY23 National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants 1-5. Funds from these grants are appropriated to allow the Nation and various museums and universities to participate in the coordination of repatriation ceremony and reburial of recognized ancestral members and ancestral artifacts from private collections to the Moundville archaeological site of Hale and Tuscaloosa counties in Alabama.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR FY23 NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (GRANTS 1-5)

**Agency:** Department of Interior, National Park Services

**CNO Department:** Tribal Services, Historic Preservation Office

**Grant 1 Budget:** \$13,561

**Grant 2 Budget:** \$12,426

**Grant 3 Budget:** \$14,860

**Grant 4 Budget:** \$14,643

**Grant 5 Budget:** \$14,608

**CNO Match:** \$0

**Total Budget:** \$70,098

**Strategic Goal:** To protect and promote Choctaw culture and exercise sovereignty. The Choctaw Nation will assert, defend, protect, promote and exercise our rights as a sovereign nation to improve the economic, environmental, social, and cultural prosperity.

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Dr. Ian Thompson, Project Director; Seth Fairchild, Executive Director; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer of Member Services; Teresa Jackson, Senior Executive Officer

**Suggested Legislative Committee Review:** Membership Services, Finance.