

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY25 FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services (“HHS”) for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) for FY25.

WHEREAS, HHS is accepting applications for funding of the LIHEAP. LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs by providing federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) seeks funding for the LIHEAP to assist low-income households with home heating or cooling bills;

WHEREAS, the Nation will use the funds to conduct activities designed to assist low-income participants with costs related to home energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma find it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program FY25 funds from the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

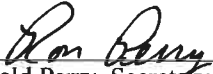
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the application for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program FY25 funds from the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

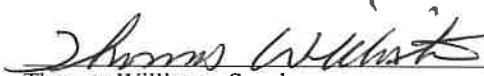
CERTIFICATION

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 Twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 13, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-81-24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Twelve (12) members, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstaining.


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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 7/19/24

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill approves application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for FY25 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding. LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs by providing federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. LIHEAP funds will meet the Nation's Strategic Goal to support service delivery to improve quality of life through providing programs and services that will provide home energy cost assistance for Tribal Members.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY25 FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Choctaw Nation Agency: Emergency Services, Tribal Services Division

Budget: TBD-contingent upon funding awarded.

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Trista Winnett, LIHEAP Program Manager; Teresa Jackson, SEO Member Services

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Housing Committee and Health Services Committee