

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)

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 Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant ("ICDBG") for Tribal Member Housing Rehabilitation in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

**WHEREAS**, This bill fulfills an application requirement for funding opportunity number FR-6800-N-23;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article VII, Section I of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Chief shall perform all duties pertaining to the Office of the Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Tribal Council (the "Council") shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition, and management of tribal property;

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") is required to commit, subject to award of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) assistance, sufficient funds to ensure completion of the project in order to be eligible for ICDBG funds;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation will provide a maximum of \$300,000 cash match from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) fund for a maximum project budget of \$2,300,000;

**WHEREAS**, the Council has approved a standing bill, CB-152-22, authorizing the Nation to apply for ICDBG funding;

**WHEREAS**, The ICDBG program furthers the Nation's strategic goal of supporting service delivery and increasing Tribal Member quality of life by providing necessary housing repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for ICDBG funds to rehabilitate privately owned homes for low to moderate income Tribal Members.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6800-N-23, for the rehabilitation of privately owned Tribal Member housing for a maximum grant award up to Two Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$2,000,000.00).

**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.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to commit Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$300,000.00), utilizing funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), for housing rehabilitation activities.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as acknowledgement that the Choctaw Nation, in regard to such application, hereby makes the following assurances:

I. Prior to submission of the application, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has published a notice for public feedback, and followed traditional means of citizen involvement which have included the following assurances:

A. Furnished citizens information concerning amount of funds and range of activities that may be undertaken;

B. Will hold one meeting, at selected sites, on community development needs and furnish information about the grant opportunity, at a time allowing participation by citizens;

C. Developed and posted notices about the grant opportunity, at a time allowing participation by citizens; and

II. Additionally, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has considered all comments and views expressed by tribal citizens, has modified its application as deemed appropriate, and makes the modified application available to citizens as requested.

III. Future ICDBG projects will be directed to low and moderate-income persons as required.

IV. No part of Paragraph II shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma for the development of the application and the execution of its ICDBG Program.

V. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma commit \$300,000.00, utilizing funds from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), for housing rehabilitation activities.

VI. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma adheres to the federal program requirements pertaining to OMB Uniform Guidance.

VII. Administrative Requirements, Audit Requirements and Cost Principles. Procurement and contract policies are in place to meet the requirements of 2 CFR 200.318.

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 Eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on August 10, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 94 -24 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Eleven ( 11 ) members, Zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.

Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-12-24

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate low and moderate income Member housing. This bill will achieve the Nation's strategic goal of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life.

**Title of Council Bill:** **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)**

**Federal Agency:** United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Choctaw Nation Agency:** Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Funding Opportunity Number:** FR-6800-N-23

**Maximum Federal Award Available:** \$2,000,000.00

**CNO Match:** \$300,000

**Maximum Project Budget:** \$2,300,000.00

**Request by/Project Director:** Shelbie Crow, Project Director; Bobby Yandell, Executive Director, HACNO, Teresa Jackson, SEO

**Suggested Legislative Committee Review:** Housing Committee and Finance Committee