

TO APPROVE THE FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELING PROGRAM BUDGET FY 2021

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

**TO APPROVE** the acceptance of funds in the amount of Three Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$301,538.00) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau, for Fiscal Year 2021 funds to provide a Family Violence Counseling Program for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

**TO APPROVE** the budget for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Family Violence Counseling Program.

**WHEREAS**, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") experiences high rates of domestic violence, dating violence, and family violence;

**WHEREAS**, many victims of domestic violence lack meaningful access to counseling services that can provide solutions and assistance to those who have experienced trauma from instances of domestic and family violence within the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, as documented in the National Violence Against Women Survey, American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN) women experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence, assaults, completed or attempted rapes, and stalking. American Indian women are stalked over twice as much as women in other ethnic groups;

**WHEREAS**, there is a clear need to provide collaborative family violence victim services within the Nation.

**WHEREAS**, a Family Violence Prevention Program is needed to aid women, men and children who are victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau (the "HHS") has awarded the Nation Three Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$301,538.00) to provide a Family Violence Counseling Program for the Nation;

**WHEREAS**, the Family Violence Prevention Counseling Program (the "Counseling Program") will provide holistic and culturally informed counseling services to victims and families affected by domestic and family violence as well as establishing a tailored referral system to connect survivors and program participants to supportive services to heal and break the cycle of violence in Native generations to come;

**WHEREAS**, the Counseling Program will provide individualized counseling services to 40 survivors over the course of the grant and provide 60 referrals to support programs within the CNO's tribal service area to better connect victims and survivors to programs that will provide complementary services to promote healing and strength to break the cycle of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the acceptance of funds from the HHS and approve the budget for the Counseling Program pursuant to Exhibit A.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval funds in the amount of Three Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$301,538.00) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families,

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Family and Youth Services Bureau, for Fiscal Year 2021 funds to provide a Family Violence Counseling Program for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

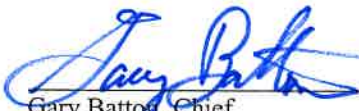
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the budget for the Family Violence Counseling Program, pursuant to Exhibit A.

**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 November 14, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 15 -21 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven ( 11) 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 11-16-20

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the budget for the Family Violence Counseling Program Grant FY21. The funds from the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide the Family Violence Counseling Program for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma families. This is a new grant award for the Choctaw Nation. The funds from this grant will help provide counseling for tribal children and the non-offending parent who have been exposed and traumatized by Intimate Partner Violence. Grant award was received on 9/30/2020.

**Title of Council Bill:** Council Bill to Approve the Budget of the Family Violence Counseling Program Grant for FY2021.

**Agency:** Children and Family Services Family Violence Prevention Program

**Budget:** \$301,538.00

**Match Required:** None

**Request by/Project Director:** Anna Marcy/ Teresa Jackson, SEO