

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY 21 NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES GRANT

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 Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for the FY21 Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes Grant.

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation (the "Council") realizes the need to assess water supply vulnerability and adopt planning measures to increase drought resiliency throughout the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") for tribal members and the entire region;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation is eligible to receive up to \$200,000 for water management, water firm yield studies, and assessing current capacity and intake in the areas of water resources development, management, and protection;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation will provide a Water Resource Manager to oversee the water studies;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation will consult with the U.S. Department of Reclamation (Reclamation) to meet established deadlines for the award;

**WHEREAS**, a voluntary match is accepted but not required; and

**WHEREAS**, funds from Reclamation will allow the Nation to analyze water firm yield data, current capacity, increased intake, and forecast future water supply needs.

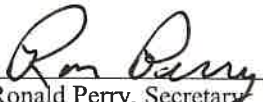
**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for the FY 21 Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes Grant.


**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Council 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 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- 19 -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 Battor, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 11-16-20

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the application for the FY 21 Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes Grant. This grant opportunity will provide \$200,000 which will allow assessment of water supply vulnerability and adopt planning measures to increase drought resiliency throughout Choctaw Nation for tribal members and the entire region.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY21 NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES GRANT

**Agency:** United States Department of Interior (DOI); Bureau of Reclamation

**Department:** Environmental Protection Services

**Budget:** \$200,000

**Match Required:** voluntary in-kind match is allowed but not required

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Ethan Schuth, Water Resource Manager; Tye Baker, Environmental Protection Services Senior Director; Daron Sharp, Risk Management Executive Director; Brad Mallett, SEO Legal & Compliance