

**TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO REQUEST A BUDGET MODIFICATION AND CARRYOVER OF FUNDS
FROM FY 2015 THROUGH 2018 TO FY 2020 AND FY2021 FOR THE CHOCTAW NATION EARLY HEAD
START PROGRAM**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start, for a budget modification and carry over funds from the FY 2015 through FY 2018 to FY 2020 and FY 2021 for the Choctaw Nation Early Head Start Program.

WHEREAS funds are made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Early Head Start Programs by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start (HHS).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") was awarded \$15,967,339 in funds by HHS since 2015 to use for the Choctaw Nation Early Head Start Program;

WHEREAS, the Nation has \$1,063,216.87 of funds remaining and wishes to use \$548,620.93 of those funds for upcoming projects in FY 2020 and FY 2021;

WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to use funds received in March of 2015 allocated for Start-up, Operations, and Balance of Funds for implementation of the Early Head Start Program;

WHEREAS, HHS requires approval by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to submit a proposal for carryover of funds;

WHEREAS, the carryover request will consist of the unobligated funds from FY 2015 through 2019 that cannot include salary, in an amount of \$548,620.93 available for carry over as confirmed by HHS;

WHEREAS, these funds require a 25% match; however, a waiver for these funds will be requested. See Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Nation to submit an application to HHS to carry over funds from FY 2015 through 2019 for future projects in the Early Head Start Program for FY 2020/2021.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval for the Early Head Start Program to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start, for a budget modification and carry over funds from the FY 2015 through FY 2018 to FY 2020/2020 for the Choctaw Nation Early Head Start Program.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation that this Act be cited as approval for the Nation to apply for a waiver of total non-federal share for the carry-over funds.

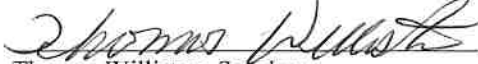
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CERTIFICATION

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 January 9, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 35 -21 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 Batten, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 1-12-21

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The purpose of this bill is to approve an Application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), to carry over unspent grant dollars from previous years to the upcoming fiscal year. HHS requires an application to carry over funds. If allowed, the Early Head Start Program could carry over up to \$1,063,216.87 to be used for Early Head Start projects. We are asking for a budget modification and submitting a budget of \$548,620.93 for carryover application. The Nation is also asking for a waiver of any match as part of the application.

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Agency: Early Head Start Program

Budget: In the amount of \$548,620.93 pending HHS approval.

Match Required: 25% match but the Nation is requesting a waiver of any match.

Request by Project Director: B.J. Robinson-Ellison, Program Director of Early Head Start Program, Teresa Jackson, SEO of Member Services