

**TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO REQUEST A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS
FROM FY 2015 THROUGH 2019 TO FY 2019/2020 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 carry over funds from FY 2015 through FY 2019 to FY 2020 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") has been awarded funds by HHS since 2015 to use for the Choctaw Nation Early Head Start Program (CB-100-14, CB-83-15, CB-13-16, CB-87-16, CB-115-16, CB-118-16, CB-133-16, CB-92-18, CB-74-19);

WHEREAS, the Nation has \$1,600,824 of funds remaining and wishes to use those funds for any outstanding projects in FY 2020;

WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to use the funds remaining for expanding services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families by completing tasks and projects that have not been achieved for the Early Head Start Program;

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 to submit a proposal for carryover of funds;

WHEREAS, the carryover request will consist of the unobligated funds from FY 2015 through FY 2019 that cannot include salary, in an amount up to \$1,600,824 available for carry over as approved by HHS;

WHEREAS, these funds do require a twenty-five percent (25%) match, however the Nation is requesting a waiver of the match for these funds from HHS; and

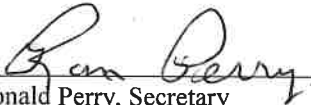
WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve an application to HHS to carry over funds from FY 2015 through FY 2019 for continuation of projects in the Early Head Start Program for FY 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval for the Nation to apply to the 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 to carryover funds previously made available to the Choctaw Nation Early Head Start Program for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 in the amount of One Million Six hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,600,824) for Fiscal Year 2020.

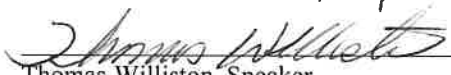
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approved for the Nation to apply to HHS for a waiver of total non-federal share for the carryover funds.

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 11, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 42 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (-) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 1-15-2020

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 \$1,600,824 to be used for Early Head Start projects. The Nation is also asking for a waiver of any match as part of the application.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO REQUEST A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS FROM FY 2015 THROUGH FY 2019 TO FY 2019/2020 FOR THE CHOCTAW NATION EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

Agency: Early Head Start Program

Budget: Up to \$1,600,824 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