

TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR YEAR TWO OF FIVE CONTINUATION FOR THE INDIAN EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM (TEACH2REACH)

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the funds and budget from the United States Department of Education for the Year Two of Five Continuation for the Indian Education Discretionary Grants Program – Professional Development Grants Program (Teach2Reach).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the “Nation”) has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Indian Education Discretionary Grants Program-Professional Development Grants Program (Teach2Reach), for budget period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Teach2Reach grant provides training to Native Americans to become teachers and administrators;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Council”) approved the funds and budget for Year One of Teach2Reach in CB-50-19;

WHEREAS, the Nation was awarded \$321,909 for the Year Two of Five Continuation for the Teach2Reach Grant. See Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Nation has \$168,548.00 in remaining funds from Year One of the Teach2Reach Grant;

WHEREAS, the total federal budget is \$321,909 from Year Two of Five and \$168,548 from Year One of Five for a total budget of \$490,367, with no required match; and

WHEREAS, funds for Teach2Reach will assist the Nation in prioritizing pre-service to teachers to achieve their degrees and certifications.

WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the funds for Year Two of Five Continuation, Year One of Five carry-over funds, and the total budget for the Indian Education Discretionary Grants Program-Professional Development Grants Program (Teach2Reach).

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept Three Hundred Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Nine Dollars (\$321,909) from the United States Department of Education, Discretionary Grants Program-Professional Development Grants Program (Teach2Reach), for budget period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020


BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, that this bill be cited as approval of One Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$168,548) of funds from the Year One of Education to be carried over for a total budget of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$490,367.00), and to approve the budget for Year Two of Five Continuation for the Indian Education Discretionary Grants Program – Professional Development Grant Program for budget period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. See 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 March 14, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 52 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

CB-52-20

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Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 3.17.2020

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Exhibit A – Budget

SECTION C - Additional Information (See Instructions. Use as many pages as necessary.)

Indicate the portion of these unexpended funds that you would like to “carryover” as well as how you plan to use these “carryover” funds in the next budget period to complete activities in your approved application.

Choctaw Nation Teach 2 Reach would like to carryover all of the \$168,458.00 remaining funds into Year Two of the project. The following table provides a line item budget and narrative description of the proposed spending amounts and categories:

	Carryover from Year 1	Carryover Justification	Year 2 Awarded	Total Year 2 Requested Funds
PERSONNEL	\$0.00			
FRINGE	\$0.00			
TRAVEL	\$0.00		\$2,064.00	\$2,064.00
EQUIPMENT	\$0.00			
SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	Basic operational and organizational supplies, such as but not limited to folders, paper, binders, notebooks, pens, printer ink, etc. for organizing student records and administrative processes.	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
CONTRACTUAL	\$12,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEM Capstone professional development experience to be contracted with expert teacher educator to provide instructional guidance for the use of culturally-relevant STEM implementation materials. Teach 2 Reach will observe CNO and federal procurement guidelines in order to secure the contract, not to exceed \$10,000 inclusive of preparation and delivery of training and participant materials (\$1,000 X 10 participants maximum = \$10,000). Focused tutoring and assessment preparation resources will be contracted to assist in overcoming barriers to degree completion and employment, such as subject matter certification exams. Assessment prep will be contracted for 100 hours at \$20 per hour with a specialized tutor and/or teacher mentor. 	\$5,400.00	\$17,400.00
OTHER	\$3,000.00	Teach 2 Reach will increase and enhance marketing and advertising efforts in Year Two, utilizing \$3,000 to print brochures and provide imprinted outreach materials at university and community events.	\$1,500.00	\$4,000.00
INDIRECT	\$400.00	Choctaw Nation cost allocation policy allocates indirect cost recovery on expenditures other than client payments and single purchases costing \$5,000 or greater. Carryover request for \$2,000 in supplies and \$3,000 in other = \$5,000 X 8% restricted indirect rate = \$400	\$245.00	\$645.00
Subtotals	\$17,400.00		\$6,645.00	\$24,045.00
TRAINING	\$151,058.00	Training dollars for Year Two of Teach 2 Reach will continue to support participants in the form of tuition books/fees applied to registrar/financial aid outstanding balance (after other forms of aid are applied, for a maximum of \$11,600 in tuition support), in the form of a \$400 one-time technology allowance towards a new computer purchase, and in the form of monthly support stipends not to exceed \$1,200 per month, for a maximum stipend amount of \$13,200 per participant if student is only receiving stipend, and a maximum of \$10,000 if student is receiving stipend as well as tuition support). Continuing participants from Year One will be eligible for the calculated level of support as detailed in the Teach 2 Reach agreement, until their maximum allowance of \$22,000 in combined tuition, technology and stipend support has been exhausted.	\$813,200.00	\$464,258.00
TOTALS	\$168,458.00		\$821,909.00	\$490,267.00

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill approves the funds and budget for Year Two of Five Continuation for the Indian Education Discretionary Grants Program-Professional Development Grants Program (Teach2Reach). Year One was previously approved by Council in CB-50-19. Teach2Reach is a professional development program prioritizing pre-service to Native American teachers to achieve degrees and certifications.

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Agency: Department of Education (ED)

CNO Department: Career Development

Budget: \$321,909

Match Required: N/A

Request by Project Director/SEO: Kelly Brame Project Director; Robin Counce, Director of Career Development; Jim Parrish, Executive Director of Education; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer of Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO