

TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (THPO) GRANT

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 the Interior for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") has been awarded a recurring annual grant by the United States Department of the Interior for budget period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 to continue to support the Tribe's Preservation Plan under the National Historic Preservation Act.

WHEREAS, the total project budget is \$61,866 with no required match;

WHEREAS, ensuring compliance with applicable cultural resources law by the Nation and federal agencies within our state are of historic interest; these funds for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant (the "THPO") will aid the Nation's Historic Preservation Department in fulfilling the Preservation Plan's duties to Choctaw people and the broader historic preservation community which include: traditional art classes; educational presentations; research on Choctaw history & culture; cleaning and restoration of abandoned Choctaw cemeteries; documentation and protection of archaeological sites, historic sites, and sacred sites; and repatriation of our ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to accept the award for the THPO and approve the budget for the THPO Grant.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept sixty one thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars (\$61,866) from the United States Department of the Interior for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) for the budget period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval of the proposed budget attached and labeled as Exhibit 1.

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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on April 11, 2020. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 63 -20 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 4-14-2020

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THPO Budget Justification

FY2019

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department

A. Personnel **New Total \$15,600**

The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department requests funds to hire one-part time employee to assist the Department with one of the following: work with the Department to create artistic renditions of Choctaw culture, assist with digital documentation of Choctaw cultural collections, locating, researching, and documenting site locations of Choctaw history and culture, or assisting with Department archaeological fieldwork and documentation.

B. Fringe Benefits **New Total \$1,707**

Fringe benefits were calculated at 10.94% of the salary, the Choctaw Nation's rate for temporary employees.

C. Travel **New Total \$0**

Funding is not requested for this budget line item.

D. Equipment **New Total \$0**

Funding is not requested for this budget line item.

E. Supplies **New Total \$0**

Funding is not requested for this budget line item.

F. Contractual **New Total \$3,000**

Funding will be used to contract a Choctaw artist to create renditions of Choctaw traditional culture and history to enhance community outreach.

G. Other **New Total \$29,186**

Funds will be used to cover the annual subscription for the GPR Slice (\$2,430) and to continue the vehicle lease approved in the 2016 THPO budget (\$6,769). The Department will pay for research on Choctaw culture and history to enhance community outreach and education materials. Funds will also be used to pay Tribal members for archaeological field and education work.

Indirect costs **New Total \$12,373**

Indirect costs will be applied at the rate of 25%, which is below the Tribe's approved indirect cost rate agreement.

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| Total Expenses Charged to Grant Award | \$61,866 |
| Grant Award Total | \$61,866 |

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GRANT**

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: THPO funds assist the Nation in executing historic preservation programs and activities.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND OPERATIONS (THPO) GRANT

Agency: Department of the Interior

CNO Dept: Cultural Services

Budget: \$61,866

Match Required: N/A

Request by Project Director/SEO: Dr. Ian Thompson, Project Director; Sue Folsom, Executive Director of Cultural Services; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer Member Services; Teresa Jackson, Senior Executive Officer Tribal Services