

TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO REQUEST A CARRYOVER OF FUNDS FROM FY 2015 THROUGH 2018 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 the FY 2015 through FY 2018 to FY 2019/2020 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. See CB-100-14, CB-83-15, CB-13-16, CB-87-16, CB-115-16, CB-118-16, CB-133-16, and CB-92-18;

WHEREAS, the Nation has \$1,360,135 of funds remaining from previous funding awards and wishes to use those funds for upcoming projects in FY 2019 and FY 2020;

WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to use the funds remaining for expanding services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families through the expansion of the Early Head Start Program;

WHEREAS, HHS requires approval to submit a proposal for carryover of funds;

WHEREAS, the carry-over request will consist of the unobligated funds from FY 2015 through 2018 that cannot include salary, in an amount up to \$1,360,135 available for carry over as confirmed by HHS;

WHEREAS, these funds require a 20% match, however a waiver for the match will be requested. See Exhibit A; 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 2018 for future projects in the Early Head Start Program for FY 2019 and 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 Early Head Start Program to use available carryover funds from FY 2015 through FY 2018 for FY 2019 and FY 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation that this Act be cited as approval for the Nation to apply to HHS for a waiver of total non-federal share for the carry-over 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 February 9, 2019. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-74 -19 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

Date 2-12-19

Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council
Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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 \$1,360,135 to be used for Early Head Start projects. 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: Up to \$1,360,135 pending HHS approval.

Match Required: 20% 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



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REQUEST FOR WAIVER

In accordance with the Head Start Act, Section 640 (b) (1-5) related to the non-federal share permits grantees to request a waiver for non-federal share. For the purpose of making the determination, the Secretary shall take into consideration the impact of the cost of the initial year(s) and lack of resources available in the community.

Therefore, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is requesting a waiver of the total non-federal share for the carryover funds. This request is being made because we received a waiver at our initial application on the funds we are carrying over and these funds have the same contingencies.

This request for waiver of the total non-federal share during the start-up period was based on the fact that during the initial period CNEHS had only few children and families involved in the program and very little non-federal share would be generated.

This waiver request is based on the lack of resources available in the community. Persistent, widespread poverty is one of the primary reasons that the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was the first tribe to be named as a Promise Zone. At over 25%, the percentage of people living below the poverty level is more than twice the national average for the American Indian/Alaskan Native (AIAN) population living in the Choctaw Nation. Per capita income is less than half of the national average, and the median home value is only 37% of the national average.

Respectfully,

B.J. Robinson-Ellison

2018 Carry Over Budget

EXHIBIT B

EXPENSES

TOTAL BUDGET	Total Estimated Cost	Actual
	\$1,322,750.95	\$0.00

Equipment	Estimated Cost	Location
Playground Turf	\$ 23,124.00	Expansion
Playground Updates	\$ 17,000.00	Expansion
Kitchen & Classroom Cabinets-	\$ 30,000.00	Expansion
Storage Building	\$ 7,000.00	Expansion
New Security System	\$ 65,000.00	Expansion
Playground	\$ 33,226.95	Coalgate
Tricycle Storage Shed	\$ 6,000.00	Coalgate
Storage Building	\$ 6,300.00	Coalgate
Total	\$187,650.95	

Contractual	Estimated	Location
Training Consultants	\$ 95,000.00	
Total	\$95,000.00	

Supplies	Estimated	Location
Double Wall Oven	\$ 2,100.00	Expansions
Classroom Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	Bennington
Classroom Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	Coalgate
Classroom Supplies	\$ 8,000.00	Durant
Classroom Supplies	\$ 120,000.00	Expansions
Total	\$140,100.00	

Marketing	Estimated	Location
Billboards	\$ 90,000.00	
Commercials	\$ 50,000.00	
Post Cards	\$ 5,000.00	
Digital Marketing	\$ 30,000.00	
Other		
Total	\$175,000.00	

Renovations	Estimated	Location
Cabinets, Sound Proofing, Flooring, Lighting	\$ 250,000.00	Expansion
Safe Room Remodel	\$ 250,000.00	Bennington
Total	\$500,000.00	

Miscellaneous	Estimated	Location
Total	\$0.00	

Training/Travel	Estimated	Location
Conscious Discipline	\$ 115,000.00	
Content Area Training	\$ 60,000.00	
Head Start National Trainings	\$ 50,000.00	
Total	\$225,000.00	

Miscellaneous	Estimated	Location
Total	\$0.00	