

**TO APPROVE THE FUNDS AND BUDGET FOR THE OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR
SOCIALY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS AND VETERAN FARMERS AND
RANCHERS PROGRAM**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the funds and budget for the United States Department of Agriculture for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation has been awarded a grant by the United States Department of Agriculture for performance period September 30, 2016 to September 29, 2017 in the amount of \$165,823 to assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches while increasing their participation in agricultural programs and services provided by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

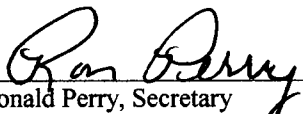
WHEREAS, the total federal budget is \$165,823 with no required match; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program from the United States Department of Agriculture will assist the Choctaw Nation in enhancing coordination of outreach, technical assistance, and education efforts to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and veteran farmers and ranchers.


THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to accept and approve the funds and budget for the United States Department of Agriculture for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program.

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 November 12, 2016. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 24 -17 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



Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Bator, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 11-18-16

Attachment 2: Budget Narrative

Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers			
Category	Description	% of Time	Federal Request
A. Personnel			
Project Coordinator-(1) Ms. Nikki Schuth	Project position for 12 months @ \$45,000	100%	\$45,000
Total Personnel			\$45,000
A full-time Project Coordinator is needed to manage the Choctaw 2501 Project and related activities.			
B. Fringe Benefits			
	FICA @ 6.2%		\$2,790
	Medicare @ 1.45%		\$653
	Workers Compensation @ 2.78%		\$1,251
	Retirement @ 4.10%		\$1,845
	Unemployment @ 1.3%		\$585
	Health & Dental Insurance @ 19.17%		\$8,627
Fringe Benefits are calculated on Choctaw Nation's current benefit rate of 35% of Salaries			
\$644 added for a tribally approved incentive award			\$644
Total Fringe Benefits			\$16,395
C. Travel			
Intertribal Agriculture Symposium Las Vegas, NV Dec 5-10, 2016	Registration: \$500 x 1 staff @ \$500, Airfare: \$400 x 1 staff @ \$400, Park-n-Fly: \$10.50/day x 6 days @ \$63, Bag Fee: \$50 x 1 staff @ \$50, Lodging: \$108/night x 5 nights x 1 staff @ \$540, Per Diem: \$71/day x 6 days x 1 staff @ \$426, Car rental: \$69/day x 6 days @ \$414, Mileage to/from airport: 240 miles x \$.565 @ \$136		\$2,529
USDA Training TBD Stillwater, OK Date TBD	Lodging: \$89/night x 2 nights x 1 staff @ \$178, Per Diem: \$54/day x 3 days x 1 staff @ \$162, Mileage to/from meeting: 436 miles x \$.565 @ \$246		\$586
Growing Growers First Steps in Farm Business Planning Kansas City, MO TBD	Registration: \$100 x 1 staff @ \$100, Airfare: \$400 x 1 staff @ \$400, Park-n-Fly: \$10.50/day x 3 days @ \$31.50, Lodging: \$112/night x 2 nights x 1 staff @ \$224, Per Diem: \$71/day x 3 days x 1 staff @ \$213, Car rental: \$69/days 3 days @ \$207, Mileage to/from airport: 240 miles x \$.565 @ \$136		\$1,312
First Nations-The Business of Indian Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Assessment TBD	Registration: \$200 x 1 staff @ \$200, Airfare: \$400 x 1 staff @ \$400, Park-n-Fly: \$10.50/day x 5 days @ \$52.50, Lodging: \$112/night x 4 nights x 1 staff @ \$448, Per Diem: \$71/day x 5 days x 1 staff @ \$355, Car rental: \$69/days 5 days @ \$345, Mileage to/from airport: 240 miles x \$.565 @ \$136		\$1,937
Choctaw Nation Native American Youth Livestock Show- Wilburton, OK February 3-5, 2016	Mileage to/from Wilburton, OK: 200 miles x \$.565 @ \$113, Lodging: \$89/night x 2 nights @ \$178, Per Diem: \$54/day x 3 days @ \$162		\$453
Total Travel			\$6,817

Travel expenditures are requested to attend training workshops to enhance knowledge of best practices in agriculture, discover new management tools and systems as well as to build and maintain professional agricultural connections. Coordination of a Native American youth ag project is needed to reinforce career opportunities in and exposure to the field of agriculture. All other local travel throughout the 10,613 square mile service area will be paid by the Choctaw Nation Agriculture Department.

D. Equipment \$ 0

E. Supplies

Pens, paper, flip charts, copy paper, printer cartridges: \$100 x 12 months	\$1,200
1 HP ProBook laptop w/software, licensing, docking station, RAM upgrade carrying case: \$1,625 x 1 staff @ \$1,625	\$1,625
2 HP Monitors @ \$160	\$320
1 3M MP410 projector @ \$700	\$700
3 QClick QRF300 Classroom Response System @ \$2,000	\$6,000
1 Version Jetpack @ \$100	\$100
1 Portable Projector Screen	\$200
1 HP Tablet	\$700
2 Supply Caddy @ \$50	\$100
1 Portable PA System	\$3,000
Program Outreach: 1,200 x \$4.00/each	\$4,800

Total Supplies \$18,745

Supplies: General office supplies are needed to support daily project work. **Technological and training equipment** is needed for portability when traveling and to implement project activities, develop project materials, conduct training and efficiently communicate with staff and USDA officials, complete job functions, project evaluation, to document project activities and reporting. **Program Outreach** items are requested to promote and sustain project awareness, staff contact information and is directly related to creating project awareness and further enhance outreach activities to a wide and varied population group.

F. Contractual

Printing: Agriculture-related brochures, posters & materials @ \$12,500;	\$12,500
Website: 12 months @ \$4,500; Advertising: Newspaper ads in 11 counties, billboards, informative commercials television/radio for 12 month project period	\$4,500 \$22,800

Total Contractual \$39,800

Printing of culturally-appropriate outreach and training materials is needed to implement project activities and to accomplish project goals. A **website** presence will further outreach services, promote project activities, notice of project events, staff contact information and advance the project on a broad scale. **Direct advertising** in local media, (tv, billboard, radio) will promote and link rural communities/isolated producers with the Choctaw 2501 project and services. Printing and advertising will be performed by several vendors and no single purchase will be over \$5,000 to meet the exclusion threshold for pass-through funds.

G. Construction \$ 0

H. Other

Other: Cell phone service: \$60 x 1 staff x 12 months @ 720	\$720
Internet service: \$60 x 12 months @ \$720	\$720

Cell phone service is needed to for communication and personal safety while in travel status. **Internet services** are necessary for efficient communication and networking, to access ag information/education/best practices and for required reporting.

Total Other \$1,440

I. Total Direct Charges \$128,197

J. Indirect Charges (\$128,197 direct costs x 29.35% approved Indirect Cost Rate) \$37,626

K. Total Budget \$165,823