

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE VISION 21 TRIBAL COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTERS – SERVING CRIME VICTIMS’ NEEDS GRANT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

THOMAS WILLISTON INTRODUCED A COUNCIL BILL

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TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of Justice for the Vision 21 Tribal Community Wellness Centers – Serving Crime Victims’ Needs.


WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation realizes the need to meet the holistic needs of crime victims and survivors through the development of a victim-centered Community Wellness framework that extends beyond crisis victim assistance to meet the longer-term, complex needs of victims, survivors, and their families, and

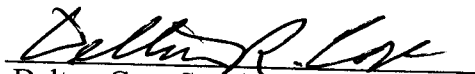
WHEREAS, funds from the United States Department of Justice will include strategies that support recovery from victimization, break cycles of abuse, and support healing for victims and their communities.


THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Act be cited as approval to make application to the United States Department of Justice for the Vision 21 Tribal Community Wellness Centers – Serving Crime Victims’ Needs.

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, July 12, 2014. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 89 -14 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Delton Cox, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Baton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

7-14-14
Date

Vision 21 Tribal Community Wellness Centers – Serving Crime Victims' Needs

***PLEASE NOTE: This is a draft summary and exact numbers will change as the budgets are finalized with program staff.**

Though the Choctaw Nation directly provides a wide range of services to assist victims of crime, and can refer victims to additional services, the Nation lacks a central location where victims can go to learn about these services and a coordinating force to bring continuity to the continuum of resources. Crime victims may have any number of immediate and long-term needs ranging from a safe place to stay to counseling and education so they may pursue a better life for themselves and their families. The attached grant allows for funding for a needs assessment and strategic planning period to determine how to best serve crime victims in the Choctaw Nation as well as the startup of a Community Wellness Center which will serve as a central organizing force to coordinate and foster access to resources and services.

The budget will consist of personnel to conduct the needs assessment and strategic planning and to staff the Community Wellness Center, travel expenses for staff to attend trainings and conferences, equipment to set up the Community Wellness Center, supplies, and other costs associated with the needs assessment and implementation of the Community Wellness Center.

Total Project Funding: up to \$660,000