

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the American Rescue Plan Act, Emergency Grants for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") realizes that our Choctaw language and culture is at a critical point due to the number of Elders and language speakers that have died as a result of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, the Nation will utilize this grant opportunity in an emergency response approach to conduct community assessments, interviews with Elders, document and transcribe these interviews toward preserving the language and culture;

WHEREAS, the Nation intends to conduct this emergency language protection project through our Choctaw Language Department, Research Department, Information Technology Department, and contractual services; and

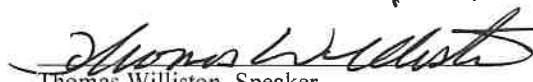
WHEREAS, the Nation intends to apply for up to \$82,609.00 with no required match.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for application to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Emergency Grants for Native American Language Preservation.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve, and to take such other action as he, she or they may deem proper or appropriate, to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing enactments.

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 October 9, 2021. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 17 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batto, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-15-21

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve application to the Emergency Grants for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance. These funds will be used to document and preserve the language and living histories of tribal elders.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE

Agency: Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS); Administration for Children and Families (ACF); Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

CNO Dept: Choctaw Language

Budget: \$82,609

Match Required: NONE

Total Budget: \$82,609

Request by Project Director/SEO: Teresa Billy, Assistant Director Education Services, Language; Phillip Lewis, Director School of Choctaw Language; Amanda Johnson, Executive Director of Education; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer; Teresa Jackson, SEO