

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT &
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR FY 2022 FOR CHOCTAW NATION HEAD
START PROGRAM**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the Department of Health & Human Services for the Cost-of-Living Adjustment Funding for the 2022 fiscal year for the Choctaw Nation Head Start Program.

WHEREAS certain funds are made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start Programs by the Department of Health & Human Services-Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start (“HHS”);

WHEREAS upon application by the Choctaw Nation (the “Nation”), HHS is providing a 2.28% increase for the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of \$58,914.00 for FY2022;

WHEREAS the Choctaw Nation Head Start Program (the “Head Start”) will use any funds awarded for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to adjust salaries;

WHEREAS HHS is also providing Quality Improvement Funding to improve the overall quality of services by, among other things: improve compensation, support staff training, ensure a quality physical environment for Head Start programs, employ additional classroom staff, and ensure Head Start Programs have qualified classroom staff;

WHEREAS the Head Start is requesting \$16,133 for Quality Funding to improve the quality of services and to provide professional development to staff in Conscious Discipline with a focus on the Parent Curriculum;

WHEREAS the 25% non-federal share match has been waived by HHS;

WHEREAS HHS requires Tribal Council approval to apply for COLA and Quality Funding; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve application to HHS for \$58,914.00 of COLA funds and \$16,133.00 of Quality Improvement Funds for a total of \$75,047.00 for the Head Start Program for FY 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to apply to Department of Health & Human Services for Cost

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of Living Funds for the amount of \$58,914.00 and Quality Improvement Funds for the amount of \$16,133.00 for a total of \$75,047.00 for the Head Start Program for Fiscal Year 2022.

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 May 14, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-122 -22 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of Twelve (12) members, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstaining.



Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5-17-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill approves an application to the Dept. of Health and Human Services for the Cost-of-Living-Adjustment and Quality Improvement funds for the Head Start Program. The Choctaw Nation Head Start will use the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to give staff a cost-of-living-adjustment pay increase. The Cost-Of-Living-Adjustment amount is 2.28% or \$58,914. The Nation will use the Quality Improvement funding (\$16,133) to provide professional development to staff in Conscious Discipline with a focus on the Parent Curriculum.

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Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services

Budget: \$75,047

Match Required: \$0. The Non-Federal Share match has been waived by the Office of Head Start.

Request by/Project Director: Rachel Pittman, Teresa Jackson, SEO