

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM
COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Tourism Grant: Competitive Grant Application in the amount of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") realizes the need to create a reservation-wide business plan (destination management plan) to increase regional tourism, modify and/or rehabilitate existing recreational sites, and encourage the continued growth of the Choctaw culture in southeastern Oklahoma and beyond;

WHEREAS, tourism helps to support local jobs and adds diversity, vibrancy, and prosperity to communities, and tourism is integral to economic development and is a key driver and tool to achieve wider economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, grant funds received will be used to procure the services of a reputable and experienced third party contractor to create said business plan.

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 United States Department of the Interior for the Tribal Tourism Grant: Competitive Grant to create a tourism-based business plan.

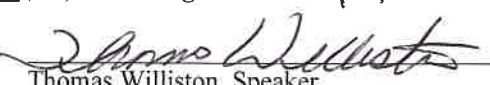
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver, and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form 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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 8, 2022. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 06 -23 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 10-12-22

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This bill will authorize the Choctaw Nation Tourism Department to apply to the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Tourism Grant Program for funding to create a tourism-based business plan. Creation of this plan will assist the Nation in further developing its economic goals.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

Agency: United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Choctaw Nation Department: Choctaw Nation Tourism

Federal Award: Up to \$125,000.00

Match Required: No

Total Budget: Up to \$125,000.00

Request by: Jo McDaniel, Tourism Manager; Michael Southard, Economic Development Director; Tammye Gwin, SEO Strategy