

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
FY23 NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE  
PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE GRANT

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

**TO APPROVE** the application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the FY23 Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant.

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") recognizes the need to preserve the Choctaw language for future generations of the Choctaw People;

**WHEREAS**, the maximum federal budget is \$900,000 for three years;

**WHEREAS** if the Nation is awarded FY23 Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant funding, the Nation is required to match up to 20% of the total project budget up to a maximum of \$225,000; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds will be used to develop a suite of educational materials for learners of different ages. These materials will encourage and enable more people to learn the Choctaw language and increase the language proficiency of second-language speakers.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the FY23 Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant for a maximum federal award of \$900,000.00 (Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100) for 3 years.

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to commit 20% of the total project budget up to a maximum of \$225,000 (Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100) for a combined total budget of \$1,125,000.00 (One Million One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100).


**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**

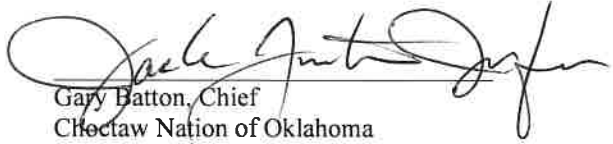
*I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on March 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 55 -23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve ( 12 ) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date 3-15-23

  
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Gary Batton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families FY23 Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant. This grant project directly aligns with the tribal strategy to protect and promote Choctaw culture and exercise sovereignty. Grant funds will support our efforts to preserve the Choctaw language for future generations by developing a suite of new and highly sought-after educational materials for child and adult learners.

**Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY23 NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE GRANT**

**Federal Agency:** United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families

**Choctaw Nation Department:** Historic Preservation

**Maximum Federal Award:** \$900,000

**Choctaw Nation Match:** \$225,000

**Maximum Federal Award for Total Project:** \$1,125,000

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Phillip Lewis, Project Director; Amanda Johnson, Executive Director; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer, Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO