

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS

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 FY23 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant Program (TMIECHV).

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Article IX, Section 4: “The Tribal Council shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation.”;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the “Nation”) recognizes the need to sustain and expand early childhood development services to families pregnant with or parenting a Native American child with an age range from birth to three (3) years old within the sovereign territory. The goal of the program is to improve coordination of services for at-risk pregnant women, expectant fathers, young children and families;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is \$7,500,000.00 over 5 years;

WHEREAS, the Nation will not provide a match;

WHEREAS, funds for the TMIECHV grant will be used to improve coordination of services for at-risk pregnant women, expectant fathers, young children and families;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families for the FY23 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant Program in order to expand and improve early childhood development services for at-risk pregnant women, expectant fathers, young children and families within the Nation’s sovereign territory; and

WHEREAS, this Council Bill furthers the Nation’s strategic goal of supporting service delivery to tribal members by allowing for expanded and improved early childhood development services to at-risk pregnant women, expectant fathers, young children and families within the Nation’s sovereign territory.

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 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant Program for a maximum federal award of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$7,500,000.00) with no match.

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.

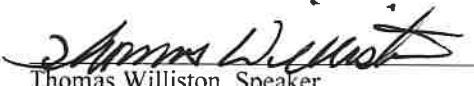
TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS

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 13, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-74-23 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 Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5-16-23

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the FY23 Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Implementation and Expansion Grant Program (TMIECHV) to sustain and expand early childhood development services to families pregnant with or parenting a Native American child with an age range from birth to three (3) years old within the sovereign territory. This grant program will meet the strategic plan objective of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE FY23 TRIBAL MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPANSION GRANTS**

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

CNO Department: Outreach Services

Maximum Federal Award: \$7,500,000

CNO Match: N/A

Maximum Federal Award for Total Project: \$7,500,000

Request by Project Director/SEO: Brandi Smallwood, Program Director; Angie Dancer, Senior Director of Outreach Services; Randy Hammons, Executive Director of Outreach Services; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer, Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO Tribal Services