

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITY SERVICE FOR THE FY23 COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM**

**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 Agriculture Rural Utility Service for the FY23 Community Connect Grant Program.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, "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 of Oklahoma (the "Nation") recognizes the need for broadband access for the Emerging Aviation Technology Center complex being constructed at the Choctaw Daisy Ranch and surrounding areas;

**WHEREAS**, the maximum federal budget is \$5,000,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation will provide a 15% match but with a maximum of \$750,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, funds for the Community Connect grant will meet the Nation's Strategic Goal to achieve digital, data, and communication transformation by the installation of broadband equipment and cable; and

**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 Agriculture Rural Utility Service for the FY23 Community Connect Grant Program in order to improve and expand broadband access for the Emerging Aviation Technology Center complex being constructed at the Choctaw Daisy Ranch and surrounding areas.

**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 Agriculture, Rural Utility Service for the FY23 Community Connect Grant Program for a maximum federal award of Five Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$5,000,000.00) with a fifteen percent (15%) or maximum match of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$750,000.00).

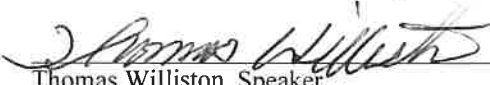
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form 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 June 10, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-81-23 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

  
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Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the application of the FY23 Community Connect Grant Program which will provide broadband access through equipment and cable installation to the Choctaw Daisy Ranch's Emerging Aviation Technology Center and surrounding areas. This grant award will accomplish the Nation's strategic goal to achieve digital, data, and communication transformation by the installation of broadband equipment and cable.

**Title of Council Bill:** **TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITY SERVICE FOR THE FY23 COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM**

**Federal Agency:** United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service

**CNO Department:** Information Technology

**Maximum Federal Award:** \$5,000,000

**CNO Match:** 15% of award or a maximum of \$750,000

**Maximum Federal Award for Total Project:** \$5,750,000

**Request by Project Director/SEO:** Robert Griffin, Project Director; Jimmy D. Williams, Executive Director; Kelly McKaughan, SEO Integrated Services