

TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START CONTINUATION FUNDS FOR FY 2023-2024

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application for the FY 2023-2024 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program funding 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.

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, approval by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Council”) is required by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start (HHS), in order to submit a proposal for continuation of the program;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program (the “Program”) serves children ages 3 and 4 from low-income families by providing comprehensive services to children and families in education, disabilities, mental health, nutrition, health, social and family services;

WHEREAS, the approved budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be set by HHS is in the amount of \$2,926,001. The Nation is required to make a 20% match to be a recipient of these funds;

WHEREAS, the Nation commits to a 20% match in the amount of \$731,500; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the FY 2023-2024 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program funding 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.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the application for the FY 2023-2024 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program funding 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.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program Budget in the amount of \$2,926,001.00, including a required 20% match for a total of \$3,657,501.00.

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.

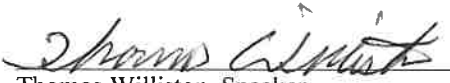
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CERTIFICATION

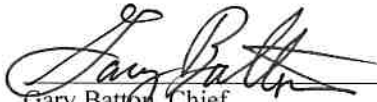
I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on July 8, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-87-23 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 7.12.2023

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program serves children ages 3 and 4 from low-income families. It provides comprehensive services to children and families in education, disabilities, mental health, nutrition, health, social, and family services to help prepare them for public school. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program proposes to utilize the Continuation funding to pay for Head Start staff salaries and training. This council bill will allow the Nation to achieve its strategic goal to support service delivery to improve tribal members' quality of life by providing education and services to tribal members' children and families that help to improve the quality of life and tribal member self-sufficiency and independence.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START CONTINUATION FUNDS FOR FY 2023-2024

Federal Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services

Budget: \$2,926,001 (See Exhibit A).

Match Required: \$731,500 (The total match will be met by 14 Interlocal teacher salaries we already pay). We are not asking for additional funds from the tribe.

Request by/Project Director: Rachel Pittman, Head Start Director; Teresa Jackson, SEO Member Services



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Head Start Program

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Gary Batton
Chief

Jack Austin, Jr.
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Exhibit A

2024 Budget Justification/ Narrative

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize the full refunding in the amount of \$2,689,361 as listed below:

3 Program Manager Salaries	\$171,621
15 Teacher Assistant Salaries	\$422,433
8 Disability Personnel Salaries	\$210,012
9 Cook Salaries	\$220,948
11 Center Manager Salaries	\$618,210
13 Family Service Worker Salaries	\$390,981
3 Other Personnel Salaries	\$178,963
Fringe Benefits @ 31%	\$682,468
T&TA	\$30,365
Full-Refunding Request Total:	\$2,926,001

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to provide the following non-federal share:

14 Choctaw Nation Inter Local Teacher Salaries	\$761,753
Non-Federal Share Total:	\$731,500