

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FY24  
FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the application to the United States Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for FY24.

**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 U.S. DHHS is accepting applications for funding of the LIHEAP. LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs by providing federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs;

**WHEREAS**, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) seeks funding for the LIHEAP to assist low-income households with home heating or cooling bills;

**WHEREAS**, the Nation will use the funds to conduct activities designed to assist low-income participants with costs related to home energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program FY24 funds from the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

**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 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program FY24 funds from the United States Department of Health & Human Services.

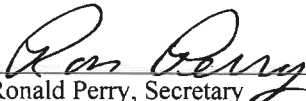
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to submit the application for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for compliance approval and funding for FY24.

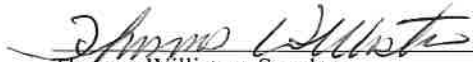
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form 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-88-23 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 7.12.2023

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**Purpose/Need of Council Bill: Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** This bill approves application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for FY24 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding. LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs by providing federally funded assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. LIHEAP funds will meet the Nation's Strategic Goal to support service delivery to improve quality of life through providing programs and services that will provide home energy cost assistance for tribal members.

**Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY  
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**Choctaw Nation Agency:** Emergency Services, Tribal Services Division

**Budget:** TBD-contingent upon funding awarded.

**Match Required:** N/A

**Request by/Project Director:** Trista Winnett, LIHEAP Program Manager; Teresa Jackson, SEO Member Services