

TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START ONE TIME FUNDS

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the Choctaw Nation Head Start Program's application to receive One-Time Funding for FY2023 from the United States 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 these funds;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program (the "Program") will apply for \$399,000.00 in funding, \$249,000 of that for the purchase of 3 Micro Bird G5 buses, \$100,000 for safety related expenditures to remove pea gravel at Hugo Head Start and replace with Pour and Play playground surface area, and \$50,000 for installation of a playground awning at Bennington Head Start (See Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, the Nation commits to a 20% match in the amount of \$99,750. The total required match will be met by 5 Interlocal teacher aide salaries the Nation has already funded with no need for additional funds (See Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for One-Time Funding for FY2023 in the amount of \$399,000.00 from the United States Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start in order to replace old buses in poor condition, remove and replace unsafe pea gravel at Hugo Head Start, and install a playground awning at Bennington Head Start to provide shade for students.

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 One-Time Funding for FY2023 from the United States 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 a 20% match in the amount of \$99,750. The total required match will be met by 5 Interlocal teacher aide salaries the Nation has already funded with no need for additional funds.

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.

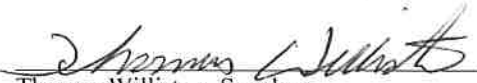
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CERTIFICATION

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 September 9, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 102 -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 9-12-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This council bill will allow the Choctaw Nation Head Start program to apply for federal funding that will be used to assist the program in acquiring 3 new Micro Bird G5 buses, with safety related expenditures related to the removal of pea gravel at the Hugo Head Start and replacement of Pour and Play surface area, and the installation of a shade structure awning at the Bennington Head Start. 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 tribal member self-sufficiency and independence.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START ONE TIME FUNDS

Federal Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services

Budget: \$399,000.00 (See Exhibit A).

Match Required: \$99,750. The total match will be met by 5 Interlocal teacher aide salaries the Nation has already funded with no need for additional funds (See Exhibit B).

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



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EXHIBIT A

2023 One-Time Funding Narrative

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize One-Time funding toward the purchase of (3) Micro Bird school buses and safety related expenses.

Priority 1: 3 Micro Bird G5 School Buses @ \$83,000 each	\$249,000
Priority 2: Safety expenditures (removal of pea gravel and replacement with Pour and Play playground surface area) (installation of playground awning)	\$100,000
	\$50,000

Grant Total: \$399,000

These 3 buses will replace 3 older buses that are in major need of repair and are no longer under warranty. One (19) passenger bus for Hugo area that serves 32 children will replace the current bus that has 17937 miles and is 11 years old. The second (19) passenger bus is for Durant area serves 34 children and will replace the current bus that has 28978 miles and is 13 years old, the third bus (19) passenger for Broken Bow area serves 32 children and will replace the current bus that has 29403 miles and is 11 years old. All 3 buses that need replaced are more than 10 years old. These buses are used for rural routes that consist of country roads that are not well maintained which in turn causes maintenance issues.

The playground at our Hugo location that serves (32) students is our only playground that still has pea gravel as the surface area. Pea gravel can pose safety issues from time to time, so we are requesting funds to have pea gravel removed and replaced with the Pour and Play playground surface area.

The playground at our Bennington location serves (15) students. This awning would provide shade to the swing area. Swings are a popular area and utilized a lot for sensory purposes and not having a shade structure in this area prevents us from being able to use this area to its capacity.



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EXHIBIT B

2023 Budget Justification One-Time Funding

Non-Federal Share

Choctaw Nation Tribal Contribution

5- Interlocal Teacher Aide salaries at 22,400 annually for a totally of 112,000.

Non-Federal Share Total: \$99,750