

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROJECT
FOR AMERICAN INDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**

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 Education for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") realizes the need to provide a program of vocational rehabilitation services in a culturally relevant manner to American Indians with disabilities residing on or near federal or state reservations;

WHEREAS, the Grant will provide services to American Indians with disabilities consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice to better prepare for and engage in gainful employment with program services provided under an individualized plan for employment and may include native healing services;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget for the Grant will not exceed One Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) per budget period for up to 5 years;

WHEREAS, the Nation will provide a required match for a maximum of One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$103,000.00) per budget period for up to 5 years; and

WHEREAS, funds from the Grant will be used to support the Nation's Strategic Goal of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life by assisting American Indians with disabilities in achieving economic self-sufficiency.

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 Education for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities Competitive Grant for One Million Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,000,000.00) per budget period up to 5 years.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Choctaw Nation will provide a maximum cash match of no more than One Hundred Three Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$103,000.00) per budget period up to 5 years to provide services that better equip American Indians with disabilities for gainful employment.

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 March 9, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 48 -24 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 3-14-24

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: This council bill approves application to the United States Department of Education for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with Disabilities. Vocational Rehabilitation provides American Indians with disabilities individualized plans for employment and achieving economic self-sufficiency. This council bill meets the Nation's Strategic Goal of improving service delivery to improve quality of life.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES PROJECT FOR AMERICAN INDIANS WITH DISABILITIES**

Agency: United States Department of Education

CNO Department: Vocational Rehabilitation, Member Services

Maximum Federal Award Available for Year 1: \$1,000,000 per budget period (up to 5 years)

CNO Match: \$103,000 per budget period (up to 5 years)

Request by Project Director/SEO: Debbie Davenport, Project Director; Robin Counce, Senior Director of Career Development; Amanda Johnson, Executive Director of Education; Stacy Shepherd, Executive Officer of Member Services; Teresa Jackson, SEO Tribal Services