

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START CONTINUATION FUNDS FOR FY 2024-2025
AND FOR HEAD START ONE-TIME FUNDS FOR FY 2024-2025**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE application for the FY 2024-2025 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program continuation funding and one-time funds 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, approval by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Council”) is required by the U.S. 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 2024-2025 to be set by HHS is in the amount of \$2,994,048. Further, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (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 \$748,512 as shown on the attached Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Nation is also eligible to apply for FY 2024-2025 One-Time Funding in the amount of \$377,080 for the purchase of 3 school buses, egress doors at 12 Head Start Centers, and replacement of the playground equipment at the Durant Head Start Center as shown on the attached Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the FY 2024-2025 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program continuation funding and the FY 2024-2025 one-time 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 2024-2025 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program continuation funding and FY 2024-2025 One-Time 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 \$2,994,048, including a required 20% match for a total \$748,512. See Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval of the application for the FY 2024-2025 Head Start One-Time Funds in the amount of \$377,080. See Exhibit B.

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.

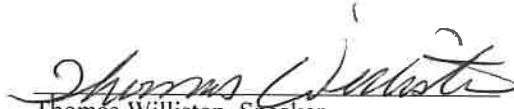
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CERTIFICATION

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 13, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB-82-24 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 7/19/24

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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. The Head Start program provides education and services to tribal members' children and families that help to improve the quality of life and tribal member self-sufficiency and independence. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start program proposes to utilize the One-Time Funding to purchase 3 school buses, egress doors at 12 Head Start Centers, and replacement of the playground equipment at the Durant Head Start Facility as shown on the attached Exhibit B. This council bill will allow the Nation to achieve its strategic goal to support service delivery to improve tribal members' quality of life.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START CONTINUATION FUNDS FOR FY 2024-2025 AND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START ONE-TIME GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2024-2025

Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services

CONTINUATION FUNDS:

Budget: \$2,994,048 (See exhibit A)

Match Required: \$748,512 (The total match will be met by 13 Interlocal teacher salaries we already pay). We are not asking for additional funds from the tribe.

ONE TIME FUNDS:

Budget: \$337,080 (See Exhibit B)

3 School Buses	\$189,458
Egress Doors	\$100,000
Playground Equip	\$47,622

Match Required: \$0. The Non-Federal Share match has been waived by the Office of Head Start.

Request by/Project Director: Sarah Snow, Head Start Director; Teresa Jackson, SEO

Suggested Legislative Committee Review: Health Services Committee and Finance Committee



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Head Start Program

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Chief

Jack Austin, Jr.
Assistant Chief

Exhibit A

2025 Budget Justification/ Narrative

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize the full refunding in the amount of \$2,994,048 as listed below:

3 Program Coordinator Salaries	\$167,295
15 Teacher Assistant Salaries	\$481,145
8 Disability Personnel Salaries	\$212,385
8 Cook Salaries	\$233,347
11 Center Manager Salaries	\$628,539
13 Family Service Worker Salaries	\$416,992
2 Other Personnel Salaries	\$126,032
Fringe Benefits @ 31%	\$697,948
T&TA	\$30,365
Full-Refunding Request Total:	\$2,994,048

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

13 Choctaw Nation Inter Local Teacher Salaries	\$763,461
Non-Federal Share Total:	\$748,512



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2024-2025 One-Time Funding Narrative

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize One-Time funding toward the purchase of (2) Micro Bird school buses and safety related expenses.

Priority 1: 3 Micro Bird G5 School Buses @ \$94,729 each	\$189,458
Priority 2: Safety expenditures – Egress Doors at 12 centers	\$100,000
Priority 3: Replacement of playground equipment at Durant HS Facility	\$47,622

Grant Total: \$377,080

Requesting a Non-Federal Share Waiver

These 2 buses will replace 2 older buses that are in major need of repair and are no longer under warranty. These buses will be replacements at the Wilburton location and the Durant location, they are both 2010 models. These buses are used for rural routes that consist of country roads that are not well maintained which in turn causes maintenance issues.

The Egress safety doors will be installed in 12 Head Start locations. These locations include: Antlers, Atoka, Bennington, Broken Bow, Coalgate, Durant, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Stigler, Wilburton and Wright City. These doors are designed with a delay in the opening of a door, which gives time to address an unauthorized exit from the building or area of the building. This would be an added feature to safety precautions already in place and help ensure active supervision protocols.

The playground at our Durant location serves (33) students. This replacement playground equipment would provide an extension of the classroom and would provide opportunities for children to practice a range of social, emotional, physical, and mental skills. The benefits of adding this stimulation to the playground would increase the value of play. The movements children perform on a playground help to build not only gross and fine motor skills but enhance vestibular system skills as well – the sensory system that helps develop better body awareness.