

TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM FY25

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Connect Grant Program (FOA: RUS-24-TELECOM-0037).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation (the "Nation") recognizes the value of increasing broadband connectivity for rural homes within the Nation's Sovereign Reservation area;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation is providing consent to perform activities related to the construction and installation of fiber to deploy broadband connectivity within the Nation's Sovereign Reservation;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is \$5,000,000.00 with maximum tribal match of \$750,000.00; and

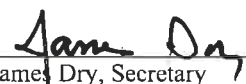
WHEREAS, funds for the Community Connect Grant Program meet the Nation's strategic goals of supporting service delivery to improve the quality of life of tribal members as well as achieving digital, data, and communication transformation.


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 States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service for the FY25 Community Connect Grant Program (FOA: RUS-24-TELECOM-0037) for a maximum federal award of \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million Dollars and 00/100) with a maximum tribal match of \$750,000.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and 00/100).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council 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.

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 eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on June 14, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 70 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 6-18-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service, for the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Connect Grant Program. The Community Connect Grant Program delivers broadband connectivity to an additional 100 homes.

Strategic Goal: This grant program will meet the strategic plan objective of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life of tribal members as well as achieving digital, data, and communication transformation

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM FY25

Agency: Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service

CNO Department: Integrated Services, Information Technology

Maximum Federal Award: \$5,000,000

Maximum CNO Match: \$750,000

Maximum Budget for Total Project: \$5,750,000.00

Request by Project Director/SEO: Rob Griffin, Project Director; Lance Browder, Senior Tribal Broadband Officer; David Ledford, Chief Information Officer; Kelly McKaughan, Senior Executive Officer