

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
FY2026**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application for FY2026 funding through the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, HHS is accepting applications for funding of the FY2026 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (the "LIHEAP");

WHEREAS, LIHEAP helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs;

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") will use the LIHEAP funding to provide eligible program participants with assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, weatherization, and energy-related minor home repairs; and

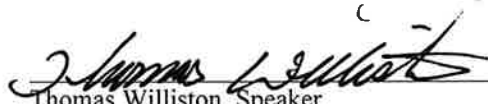
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma finds it in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application to HHS for funding of LIHEAP.

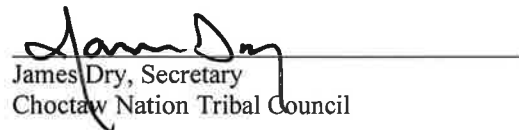
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval to for the application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for FY2026 funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.


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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 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 August 9th, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 84 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven (11) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-12-25

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: 2026 LIHEAP: The purpose of this bill is to approve the application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for FY2026 funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP funding is available to federally recognized tribes and helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy costs by providing eligible program participants with assistance in managing costs associated with home energy bills, energy crisis, weatherization, and energy-related minor home repairs.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY2026

Agency: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma LIHEAP, U.S. Dept. of Human Services

Duration of Grant: 12 months

Budget: TBD by HHS, contingent upon application and award

Match Required: N/A

Request by/Project Director: Trista Winnett, Program Manager 1 MS