

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION
FOR HEAD START ONE TIME NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING FUNDS FOR FY 2025-2026**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application for One Time Nutrition and Healthy Eating grant funding for the FY 2025-2026 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start Programs by the Department of Health and Human Service Administrative of Children and Families Office of Head Start.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") provides that the Tribal Council (the "Council") shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation;

WHEREAS, approval is needed to submit a proposal for the purchase of upgraded kitchen materials and equipment for 7 kitchens and School Garden Kits & Curriculum for 17 Head Start sites within the Nation's Reservation; and

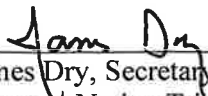
WHEREAS, the Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application to the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start for One Time Nutrition and Healthy Eating funds for FY2025-2026 in the amount of \$205,000.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for the application to the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start for the One Time Nutrition and Healthy Eating funding proposal of the FY26 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program.

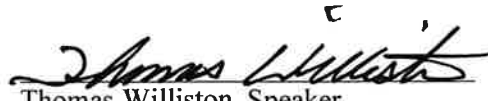
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form 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.

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 13, 2025. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 96 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

Date 9-17-25


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation Of Oklahoma

Purpose/Need of Council Bill: The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start program serves children at the ages of 3 and 4 from low-income families and 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 proposes to utilize the One-Time Nutrition and Healthy Eating funding to provide updated and necessary kitchen equipment. Further, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start proposes to utilize the One-Time Nutrition and Healthy Eating funding to provide upgrades in equipment to ensure the highest standards of food safety, preparation, and storage for the children and staff that are served. For example, the Nation is requesting a Garden School Kit for each of the seventeen Head Start sites (17).

Strategic Goal: This council bill will allow the Nation to achieve its strategic goal of supporting service delivery to improve Tribal Members' quality of life because the Head Start program provides crucial education and services to Tribal Members' children and families that help improve their quality of life through self-sufficiency and independence.

Title of Council Bill: TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR HEAD START ONE-TIME NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING GRANT FUNDS FOR FY 2025-2026

Agency: United States Department of Health and Human Services

Match Required: N/A

ONE TIME FUNDS

Budget: \$205,000

Replacement/Update materials and equipment for 7 kitchens: \$ 75,000

10x10 School Garden Kit & Curriculum for 17 HS sites: \$130,000

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