

**TO AUTHORIZE ENTRY INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-ORIENTED
CONNECTIVITY BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM (COMMUNITY CONNECT) FY25**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the entry into grant agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for the purposes of Community Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program FY25 (Community Connect).

WHEREAS, the Council approved CB-70-25 to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Community Connect Grant Program (FOA: RUS-24-TELECOM-0037);

WHEREAS, Council approves the maximum federal award amount not to exceed \$4,758,558 with required tribal match not to exceed \$714,000;

WHEREAS, funds from the USDA and the Nation will perform activities related to the construction and installation of fiber to deploy broadband connectivity within the Nation's Sovereign Reservation;

WHEREAS, regulatory authorization must be documented prior to the execution of grant agreements;

WHEREAS, Gary Batton ("Chief") is authorized on behalf of the Tribe to execute and deliver under its corporate seal, as shall be deemed advisable of grant documents, including a Grant and Security Agreement, as required by RUS;

WHEREAS, all proceeds of the Grant shall be deposited and held in accordance with provisions in the Grant and Security Agreement (NOA: OK1416-B23);

WHEREAS, the budget period will be 36 months from the date of Chief signature on the executed grant agreement which shall begin no later than June 3, 2026;

WHEREAS, Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Nation, to execute all such instruments, make all such payments and do all such other acts as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee deems may be necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution;

WHEREAS, the Council certifies the Chief is duly authorized by the Council in the minutes of this regularly scheduled Tribal Council Session to accept a grant from the United States of America (the "Government") acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS,") an amount not to exceed \$4,758,558, and

WHEREAS, funds for the grant will meet the Nation's Strategic Goal 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 authorization to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for the purposes of Community Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program FY25 (Community Connect) for a maximum federal award not to exceed \$4,758,558.00 (Four Million Seven Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars and 00/100) with a maximum Tribal Match not to exceed \$714,000.00 (Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars and 00/100).

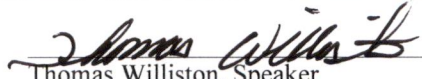
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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in 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 twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on May 9, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 46 -26 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


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 5.9.26