

TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME, OVC FY 2026 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES SET-ASIDE FORMULA PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT ON CHOCTAW NATION TRIBAL LANDS

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the submission of an application under the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program and to authorize implementation of the proposed project on Choctaw Nation Tribal Lands.

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) authorizes permission to apply, for funding through the United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, for the OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program; and

WHEREAS, the Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe possessing sovereign authority and responsibility for the welfare of its members and residents within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Funding Opportunity requires tribal authorizing documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the requisite authority from the Nation to implement the proposed project and provide services on Tribal Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council of the Nation (the “Tribal Council”) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Nation to apply for funding under the OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program, Period 1, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, with the opportunity for continuation funding for four (4) additional award periods, for a potential total maximum award of up to \$1,950,000 over five (5) years, and with no required tribal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, funds for this grant will meet the Nation’s strategic goal to empower people by enhancing victim safety and well-being by advocating, allocating resources, and remaining committed to improving quality of life, self-sufficiency and independence.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED, that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, under the OVC FY 2026 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Program, Period 1, for funding in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 (Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100), with eligibility for continuation funding for four (4) additional award periods, for a potential total maximum award of up to \$1,950,000 (One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100) over five (5) years, and with no tribal match requirement.

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BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Tribal Council authorizes the Nation, through its designated departments and personnel, to include Choctaw Nation's Outreach Services Department, to implement the proposed project and provide direct services, assistance, outreach, advocacy, and related victim services activities on Choctaw Nation Tribal Lands and within the Nation's service area, consistent with the approved grant application and applicable federal requirements.

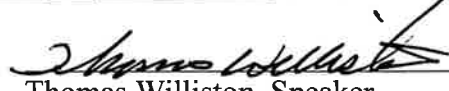
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Tribal Council hereby designates the Chief of the Nation, or his authorized designee, as the authorized representative of the Tribe with authority to take all actions necessary, appropriate, or advisable to implement this Bill, including but not limited to: (a) executing all applications, certifications, assurances, agreements, amendments, instruments, and other documents necessary to apply for, accept, and administer grant funds awarded under this solicitation; and (b) taking such other actions as are reasonably necessary, appropriate, or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of this Bill.

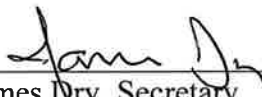
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the Nation agrees to comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, award conditions, and reporting requirements associated with any funding received.

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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 Tvshka Homma, Oklahoma on August 08, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 80 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) 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 8-10-26