

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FY26 RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

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 Business Cooperative Service for the FY26 Rural Business Development Grant (FON: RDBCP-RBDG-2026).

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation"), the Chief shall perform all duties pertaining to the Office of the Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation;

WHEREAS, the Nation realizes the value of economic development within the Reservation area through individualized advising, business planning, recordkeeping, workshops, farm visits, technical education, USDA program navigation, and referrals to partner agencies and service providers for local farms and ranches;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a budget period of 12 months with a tribal match commitment not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a total budget not to exceed \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, application to the Rural Business Development Grant meets the Nation's Strategic Goal of Empowering People by providing individualized support and professional expertise to strengthen the financial and operational sustainability of farms and ranches.

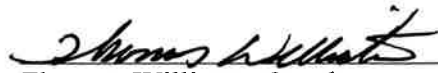
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Nation (the "Tribal Council") that this Bill be cited as authorization to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business Cooperative Service for the FY26 Rural Business Development Grant for a maximum federal award not to exceed \$150,000.00 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100) with a Tribal Match not to exceed \$150,000.00 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100) for a total budget not to exceed \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred. Thousand Dollars and 00/100).

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to take all actions necessary, appropriate, or advisable to implement this Bill, including but not limited to: (a) preparing, executing, delivering, and filing any agreements, certificates, instruments, and other documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, may approve; and (b) taking such other actions as are reasonably necessary, appropriate, or advisable to carry out the purpose and intent of this Bill.

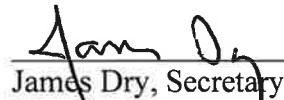
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CERTIFICATION

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 8, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 81 -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 Banton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-10-26