

**TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR
HEAD START NON-COMPETING CONTINUATION FUNDS AND COLA FOR
FY 2026-2027**

**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION
JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the non-competing continuation funds and COLA for the FY 2026-27 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program funding 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, approval by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Tribal Council”) is required by the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start (“HHS”), to submit a proposal for continuation of the program during November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027.

WHEREAS, this Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program (the “Program”) serves children ages 3 and 4 from low income families.

WHEREAS, the Program provides comprehensive services to children and families in education, disabilities, mental health, nutrition, health, social and family services.

WHEREAS, approved budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 to be set by HHS in the amount of \$4,494,048. (See Exhibit A)

WHEREAS, a 20% match is required to be a recipient of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) commits to a 20% match in the amount of \$1,123,512.

WHEREAS, Head Start will use \$28,106 for a cost-of-living adjustment to adjust salaries. See Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the Nation commits to a 20% match in the amount of \$7,027

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it is in the best interest of the Nation to approve the application for the FY2026-2027 Choctaw Nation Head Start Program Non-Competing Continuation and COLA Funding made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start Programs by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start.

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THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval to submit a proposal and application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the continuation funding for the Choctaw Nation Head Start Program for FY 2026-2027 made available to American Indian and Alaskan Native Head Start Programs by the Department of Health & Human Services Administration of Children and Families Office of Head Start.

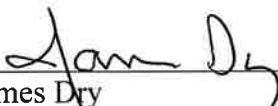
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Tribal Council that this Bill be cited as approval of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Head Start Program Budget in the amount of \$4,494,048, including a required 20% match for a total \$5,617,560 and COLA amount of \$28,106, including a required 20% match for a total \$35,133.

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 8th, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 87 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.


James Dry
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council


Gary Patton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 8-10-26