

**TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE FY26 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL TOURISM GRANT PROGRAM (TTGP)**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL

A COUNCIL BILL

TO APPROVE the application to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribal Tourism Grant Program (FON: BIA-TTGP-2026-OIED).

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the "Nation") recognizes the value of promoting tourism opportunities throughout the Reservation for both Tribal Members and local communities;

WHEREAS, the maximum federal budget is not to exceed \$300,000.00 for a budget period of 24 months with no tribal match commitment;

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Nation intends to use grant funding to support efforts to facilitate, promote, and enhance tourism attractions and locations throughout the Choctaw Nation Reservation, with the goals of strengthening tribal participation in the tourism industry and supporting sustainable economic growth and community benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is intended to advance the Nation's Strategic Goal of Financial Stewardship by supporting financial sustainability and revenue growth for Tribal Members and communities through tourism opportunities.

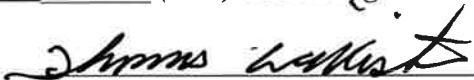
THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Tribal Council of the Nation (the "Council") that this Bill be cited as authorization to apply to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribal Tourism Grant Program for a maximum federal award not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$300,000.00) with no tribal match.

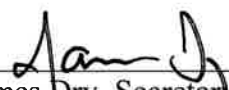
BE IT FURTHER ENACTED by the Council that this Bill be cited as an acknowledgement that the Chief of the Nation, or his designee, is authorized to prepare, execute, deliver, and file any and all agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, in such form and with such terms and provisions as the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

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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 September 12, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 94 -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 of Oklahoma Tribal Council


James Dry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Council


Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 9-14-26

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Purpose/Need of Council Bill: To approve the application to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Tribal Tourism Grant Program (TTGP). If awarded, the Nation intends to use grant funding to support tourism development and promotional activities throughout the Choctaw Nation Reservation.

Strategic Goals: TTGP is intended to advance the Strategic Goal of Financial Stewardship by supporting tourism opportunities designed to promote financial sustainability and revenue growth for Tribal Members and communities.

Title of Council Bill: **TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO THE FY26
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Agency: Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

CNO Department: Economic Development; Strategic Development

Maximum Federal Award Not to Exceed: \$300,000.00

CNO Match: \$0

Maximum Budget for Total Project: \$300,000.00

Request by Project Director/SEO: Billy Hamilton, Project Director; Shannon Compton, Executive Officer of Strategy; Tammye Gwin, Senior Executive Officer