Committee: Executive Finance

Date: <u>09-29-10</u> Committee Date: <u>09-30-10</u>

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 92-10**

## COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR AN INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) APPLICATION FOR THE CHEROKEE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER AND A FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITE IN COLLINSVILLE

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation has a responsibility to promote the well being of tribal citizens and it has identified a population of tribal citizens whose needs could be met more appropriately for self-sufficiency and economic development if the tribe had a proper facility and business opportunity to do so;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation seeks to apply to HUD's ICDBG program for financing to build a food distribution center in Collinsville and create a microenterprise program targeting artists as entrepreneurs, which would both low and moderate income Cherokees to receive services and strengthen communities;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation has administered economic development and microenterprise businesses, as well as a food distribution services, for many years and has extensive experience in providing these needed services to Cherokee Nation citizens.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION,** that the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council agrees to provide a \$266,667 match for an application to HUD's ICDBG Program to create a microenterprise program targeting artists and a food distribution center in Collinsville. .

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the  $\underline{11}^{th}$  day of October, 2010, having  $\underline{17}$  members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of  $\underline{17}$  yea;  $\underline{0}$  nay;  $\underline{0}$  abstaining.

Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Chareles Nation

Council of the Cherokee Nation

## ATTEST:

Don Garvin, Secretary

Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 18th day of October, 2010.

Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief

Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

Melanie Knight, Secretary of State

Cherokee Nation

## <u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u> CLEARANCE Dept/Program: Signature/Initial Date **Group Leader:** Signature/Initial Date Finance (if needed): Signature/Initial Date **Government Resources: Administration Approval:** LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE: Legal & Legislative Coordinator: Standing Committee & Date: Chairperson: Signature/Initial Date

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Date

# Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

	Act	X Resolution	
TITLE:	ICDBG Application Proce	<u>ss</u>	
DEPART	MENT CONTACT:	Anna Knight, Commerce; Norma Merriman, Human Services	
RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Anna Knight, Commerce			
COUNCIL SPONSOR: Harley Buzzard			
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### **NARRATIVE:**

This resolution authorizes the Cherokee Nation to submit an application to Housing & Urban Development for ICDBG funds totaling \$800,000, which will be used to implement a microenterprise program in Tahlequah targeting Cherokee artists as entrepreneurs, including the development of an artist incubator, the Cherokee Cultural Arts Center, and a new Food Distribution Center in Collinsville. The Cherokee Nation will be required to provide a 25% (\$200,000) match for these funds.

(\$266,667)