

Committee: Resources Committee
Date: 05-03-11 Committee Date: 05-16-11

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RESOLUTION NO. 46-11

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT A FORMAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS GRANT

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, the Cherokee Nation operates the Office of Environmental Programs;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has funds available to assist Indian tribes in operating Brownfields Environmental Enhancement Projects.


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that Office of Environmental Programs is authorized to submit a formal application should the proposal be selected for said project and that Chad Smith, Principal Chief (or his designee) shall be authorized to conduct contract negotiations and execute all official documents in this regard.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 16th day of May, 2011, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


Meredith A. Frailey, Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

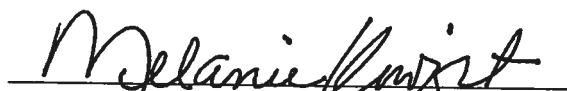

Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 19th day of MAY, 2011.



Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Resolution Narrative

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Authorizing Cherokee Nation Office of Environmental Programs to submit a proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, for a Brownfields grant.

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTING: Up to \$ 300,000

CHEROKEE NATION MATCH: 0%

PROJECTED FUND AVAILABILITY DATE (if funded): October 1, 2012

TRIBES THIS GRANT WILL ENCOMPASS: The 14 county Tribal jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS: Boards and Commissions

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Tom Elkins, Administrator Cherokee Nation Office of Environmental Programs.

PRIMARY CONTACT: Bobby Short, Director. Cherokee Nation Office of Environmental Programs.

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Tom Elkins, Administrator. Cherokee Nation Office of Environmental Programs.

NARRATIVE: EPA's Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative is an organized commitment to help communities revitalize such properties both environmentally and economically, mitigate potential health risk, and restore economic vitality to area where Brownfields exist.

The grant will seek funds for the following activities:

- 1) Locate and evaluate Brownfields sites affecting tribal population.
- 2) Site remediation planning and design for sites on or near tribal land.
- 3) Program training and development for tribal employees.
- 4) Provide Environmental Assessments to help in redevelopment activities.

The grant funds will be routed through the Cherokee Nation, Office of Environmental Programs, thus enabling the office's environmental professionals to perform the tasks delineated in the work plan.

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE

Program/Project Manager:

Bobby Short 4/28/11
Signature/Initial Date

Department Director:

Bobby Short 4/28/11
Signature/Initial Date

Executive Director:

Tom Elkins 04/22/11
Signature/Initial Date

Controller: (if needed)

Signature/Initial Date

Government Resources:

Hita May 5/3/11
Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

W.P. Regal 5-2-11
Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legislative Aide:

Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Resource Committee 5-16-11

Chairperson:

Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter:

Date

Act Resolution

TITLE: Cherokee Nation's Brownfields Program

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Bobby Short

RESOLUTION PRESENTER: Tom Elkins

SPONSOR: Cara Cowan-Watts

NARRATIVE: (See Attached Outline for Information If Outline is Required)

EPA's Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative is an organized commitment to help communities revitalize such properties both environmentally and economically, mitigate potential health risk, and restore economic vitality to area where Brownfields exist.

The grant will seek funds for the following activities:

- 1) Locate and evaluate Brownfields sites affecting tribal population.
- 2) Site remediation planning and design for sites on or near tribal land.
- 3) Program training and development for tribal employees.
- 4) Oversee environmental cleanups and establish redevelopment activities.

The grant funds will be routed through the Cherokee Nation, Office of Environmental Programs, thus enabling the office's environmental professionals to perform the tasks delineated in the work plan.

Grant Amount- Up to \$300,000.00
Match- \$0