

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

Community Services Committee Report

Department: **Human Services** Report For: **February for April 2013 Meeting**

Executive Director of Human Services: **Marsha Lamb**

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Employees: 364 Vacancies: 26
Volunteers: 3

Program Highlights for February 2013

- I. **Indian Child Welfare Child Protective Services (CPS):** There were 118 referrals of Cherokee child maltreatment from 22 Oklahoma Counties and 2 out of state. In February, there were a total of: 57 referrals for neglect only, 36 referrals for physical abuse, 43 substance abuse, and 25 referrals for sexual abuse.
 - a. **ICW Court Advocacy and Permanency (CAPS) Units:** There are 1486 Cherokee children with assigned ICW workers. ICW workers were involved in 321 hearings regarding these children in February.
 - b. **ICW for Guardianships and Private Adoptions:** There were 13 placements made in February. As for requests filled, we had 0 adoptions, 2 foster/adopt, and 11 foster care children. This last month we had 4 new homes open up as well as 2 homes close and 5 get recertified. There were a total of 60 children unable to be placed in February.
 - c. **ICW Family Protection Services:** We have 52 children receiving services and 30 adults. This is a new program offering prevention and parenting services to families in the court system to assist in reunification with the children. Also this unit is working with at risk families in an effort to maintain children in the home safely.
 - d. **John Ketcher Youth Shelter:** 11 youth spent time at the John Ketcher Youth Shelter this last month.
 - i. **Juvenile first time offender program:** There were a total of 10 participants, 2 referrals, and 0 successful completions. We had 51 community service hours this month and 9 volunteers.
 - e. **ICW Family & Employee Development:** We had 6 trainings with 27 attendees and 12 staff members who attended these trainings during the month.
2. **Child Support Services:** The distribution for February was \$205,281. Child Supports Year-to-Date economic impact on our community is \$1,036,807. There are a total of 2,800 child support cases and there are an additional 1488 that are either in transfer, new application status or are inactive status that our office must review on a daily basis. There were over 1351 contacts made with citizens needing assistance on their child support cases.
3. **Family Assistance (Food Distribution):** There were 8,460 individuals served in February. Year-to-Date Individuals Served: 48,459 throughout the 14 county jurisdictional boundaries.
 - a. **Family Assistance (Elderly Nutrition):** There were 3,694 hot meals served at Elderly Nutrition Sites and 1,081 Elder Nutrition Home Deliveries in February. Year-to-Date: Hot Meals Served 38,805; Year-to-Date: Home Deliveries: 13,416.

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- b. **Family Assistance (LIHEAP):** There were 95 households served for Heating Assistance during the month of February. LIHEAP YTD Served of all types; 2,293. We are currently 107% of our projected to serve to date.
 - c. **Family Assistance (NAHASDA):** There were a total of 117 Transitional, 39 Residential, and 7 Elderly households served this month within the NAHASDA Program and we have served 1,197 YTD households served.
 - d. **Family Assistance (General & Burial Assistance):** 254 individuals were helped within General Assistance and YTD 1,268 has been served through this program. There were 47 Families helped within Burial Assistance in February and Year-to-Date we have assisted 159 families.
 - e. **Elders in Need Program:** This program has been designed for our elders age 60 and older on fixed incomes who are in need of assistance. In the month of February we served a total of 270 Elders in our 14 county jurisdictions.
 - f. **Elder Advocacy Program:** In the month of January we were able to serve 14 of our Elders with this program. Our YTD Elders In Need served is 82.
4. **Child Care & Development (Child Care Centers):** The Child Care Development Center is rated three stars, the highest possible in Oklahoma. There are a total of 127 children attending our Child Care Development Centers and there are 9 vacancies.
- a. **CC&D (Subsidy):** 1461 Children received subsidy in February 2013 for the entire Cherokee Nation jurisdiction and over \$424,703.50 was distributed last month alone.
 - b. **CC&D (Resource & Referral):** There were 183 information calls received, 15 parent calls for referrals, 7 community events, 32 home visits for technical assistance, and 90 children receiving home visits. There were 7 trainings held in January.
 - c. **CC&D (Licensing & Monitoring):** Visits Made in February: 30 with a relative provider, 34 with child care centers, and 25 in child care homes.
5. **Special Programs - Office of Veterans Affairs:** The Tribal Veteran's Representative received 24 calls for information and made 141 in person visits with Veterans in February. The Veteran's Office has also helped many Veterans seek help with counseling and health related issues during the month as well. T.V.R. met with Veterans in Tahlequah, Stilwell, Jay, Grove, Muskogee, Kansas, Talihina, Claremore and Colcord.
- a. **Healing to Wellness Court Program:** There were 7 youth participating in the voluntary Reclaiming Futures and Healing to Wellness Court Programs. There were 39 home visits with or about clients and 7 home visits concerning referrals in February. There were 14 drug tests administered, 23 calls for resource information and 32 contacts regarding participant treatments this month.
 - b. **Bright Futures (Truancy Prevention):** The Bright Futures program had 22 new cases worked in the month of February in Stilwell, Westville, Watts, Maryetta, Cave Springs, Dahlonegah, Zion, and Bell Public Schools. We had 4 additional families agree to services.

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6. Administration Initiatives:

- a. Programs within Human Services are anxiously waiting to hear from their Federal Representatives to see IF or how the Sequestration will affect the programs that are in Human Services. We are making plans on ways to cut cost that will not affect staff or services to tribal citizens.

Group: Community Services **Month/Year of Report:** March 2013
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Water & Sanitation

- We were notified by IHS that our FY13 Scattered Housing award would be \$745,750 a reduction of approximately 5% from the FY12 award. FY12 funds were approx 25% less than FY11.
- FY12 IHS Scattered Housing Funds Approx 63% expended
- FY 12 Individual Tribal Funds Approx 52% expended
- FY 12 Tribal Community Water and Sewer Funds Approx 26% expended.
- Attended meeting in OKC on March 7th with DEQ, City of Locust Grove, and Garver Engineering to discuss water and wastewater issues in the town.
- Attended Tribal Utility Governance Training in OKC on Feb 20
- Signed 1 MOA: Oaks WWTP/Lagoons Project
- Engineering for West Siloam Springs 100% complete
- Feasibility Study for Southern Delaware Co Water Authority 100% complete
- Engineering for Elm Grove WL extension 100% complete
- Engineering for Kenwood WTP 100% complete
- Engineering for Cherokee RWD # 1 100% complete

Youth Development

Youth Activities: Total attendance at February youth activities was 108 youth, 24 parents/community members/B&G Club staff & 4 CYD staff.

- Cherokee Heights had 4 youth activities in February the 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th; where they made valentine's for vets, did puzzle sheets, made pinecone birdfeeders, made valentines for their parents, made seed bead necklaces and did finger weaving. There were from 9 - 18 youth at each meeting for a total of 50 youth, 7 parents, & 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Kenwood has asked to put their youth activities on hold until they can find out if there is an interest in the community for them as it has been several months since any youth have showed up for activities.
- Greasy canceled their youth activity in February due to a death in the community and the fact that the family needed to use the building on the date we were scheduled to have the youth activity.
- Tailholt had one youth activity on Monday, February 25th, where they made pony bead key chains and had 17 youth, 5 parents/community members and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Lost City had one youth activity on Thursday, February 17, where they made bone bead chokers and had 8 youth, 7 parents/community members and 2 CYD staff in attendance.
- Marryetta Boys & Girls club hosted a community youth event on Monday, February 11th, where the youth made seed bead necklaces. There were 18 youth, 2 B&G club staff members and 4 CYD staff members in attendance.
- Cave Springs Boys & Girls club did not host a community youth event in February due to President's Day and school was out.
- Keys Boys & Girls club hosted a youth activity on Monday, February 4th where they made seed bead necklaces, there were 15 youth, 3 club staff and 4 CYD staff in attendance.
- Mailed & handed out 158 copies of flyers about February youth activities to residents, community organizations & participants in Cherokee Heights, Greasy, Lost City & Tailholt; also e-mailed flyers about March youth activities to Lost City and to the B&G clubs in Keys, Marryetta and Cave Springs for them to post.

Cherokee First/Community Youth

- Assisted approximately 1584 clients through walk in and phone calls
- Processed 4 sports teams, 0 live stock
- Number of tours 0

1379 Community Youth Fund Applications Funded FY2013

159 Adult Applications Funded 2013

Adair County—429	Nowata County—22	Adair County—40	Nowata County—3
Cherokee County—529	Ottawa County -15	Cherokee County—82	Ottawa County-0
Craig County—25	Rogers County-16	Craig County—0	Rogers County-2
Delaware County—129	Sequoyah County-112	Delaware County—9	Sequoyah County-10
Mayes County—52	Tulsa County-9	Mayes County—5	Tulsa County-0
Muskogee County—30	Wagoner County-8	Muskogee County—1	Wagoner County-1
McIntosh County—0	Washington County-3	McIntosh County—0	Washington County-6

92 Youth Fund Applications Handed Out FY2013

10 Adult Fund Application Handed Out 2013

Adair County-18	Nowata County-0	Adair County-2	Nowata County-0
Cherokee County-44	Ottawa County-1	Cherokee County4	Ottawa County-0
Craig County-4	Rogers County-2	Craig County-0	Rogers-0
Delaware County-3	Sequoyah County-7	Delaware County-1	Sequoyah County-3
Mayes County-1	Tulsa County-0	Mayes County-0	Tulsa County-0
Muskogee County-11	Wagoner County-1	Muskogee County-0	Wagoner County-0
McIntosh County-0	Washington County-0	McIntosh County-0	Washington County-0

Cotta:

Technical Assistance

- 30 Community groups requested technical assistance in February
- Cherokee citizens received 2864 hours of technical assistance in February
- The vast majority of these hours were provided At-Large communities. These groups have been invited to the COTTA Leadership Conference in April. COTTA was chosen to pay for the travel, housing and meals of the At-Large participants
- Contracts for At-Large participants have been signed with 22 of these organizations.
- ** denotes At-Large Community groups receiving assistance

Central Oklahoma Cherokee Alliance**	Desert Cherokees**
Central Texas Cherokee Township**	Fairfield Community Organization
Cherokee Citizens League of Southeast Texas**	Friends of Hulbert Library
Cherokee Community of Central California**	Greater Wichita Area Cherokee Community**
Cherokee Community of North Texas**	Kansas City Cherokee Community**
Cherokee Community of the Inland Empire**	Lost City Community Organization
Cherokee Society of the Greater Bay Area**	Mt Hood Cherokees**
Cherokee South West Township**	Oaks Senior Citizens Community Center
Cherokee Township of San Antonio**	San Diego Cherokee Communities**
CherokeeCcommunity of Puget Sound**	Stilwell Public Library Friends Society

Cherokees of Central Florida**	Tri Community Association
Cherokees of Northern Central Valley**	Tsalagi LA**
Cherokees of Orange County**	Valley of the Sun Cherokees**
Chewey Community Organization	Washington County Cherokee Assn
Colorado Cherokee Circle**	Willamette TsaLaGi Community**

COTTA Tuesday Training:

COTTA staff members presented our Curriculum Training covering the use of basic technology to organize their organization's office functions.

37 community organizations leaders representing 8 different communities attended.

Volunteer Program

February was used to prepare for March volunteers.

Spring Break groups from 7 different Universities and Churches are coming to Cherokee communities in March

Community Work/Building Program

- 4 Projects from 2012 that have not been completed.

- **Brushy Community Building**
- Christie Community Building
- Rocky Mtn. Community Building
- Watts Community Building

- The 2012 Projects are in the final stages and should be able to have open houses by the end of this spring.
- 2013 Projects are planned in 7 Community
- Total cost of contracts is \$335,969.06

- **Cherokee Elders Council**
- Fairfield Community Organization
- Marble City Food Pantry & Youth Services
- Oaks Senior Citizens Center
- Orchard Road Community Outreach
- Vian Peace Center
- Watts Community Organization

Roads:

Future Plans/New Initiatives – Stimulus Projects are in progress:

Cedar Crest Bridge – Mayes – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. The final payment will be done once 70% of vegetation has been established on the project for the slopes.

Status on Other Projects:

ADAIR COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Chewey Road – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. 60% Review Plans were submitted April 2, 2012. Currently in check process.
2. Dahlongegah South – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen 60% plans were checked and sent back to HUB Engineering on 7/12/12 for revisions. R/W has submitted the 2nd check to HUB and we are waiting for their revised exhibits and easements.
3. Bell North – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. 30% Review and Plan in Hand was complete on 9/19/11. Contract modifications were done to include low water crossings, and changes to the BOP and EOP. Preliminary Community Meeting was held on July 23, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Bell Community Building. Red Plains submitted 60% plans for check on 10/5/2012.
4. CNI Industrial Access – Designer: Don Moore and J. Shehi. Preliminary design alignment have been submitted for check. Plans were returned to the Designer on 8/17/2012 for corrections to the hydrology report. These corrections may alter the proposed vertical alignment. Designer resubmitted 60% plans for check on 10/19/2012. Public notice was published in the Stilwell Democrat on January 23, 2013.
5. Dahlongegah West- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. R/W is complete with research of ownership. Met on site to discuss design concerns with the Engineer on July 26, 2012.
6. Lyon Switch – Designer: J. Shehi. Project was turned in for a 30% review on 8/20/12. Currently in check.
7. Malloy Hollow– Designer: D. Moore. A 30% set of plans was submitted July 18, 2012. Getting clearance from ODWC for design on their land.
8. North Salem (Bethel Road) – Designer: Red Plains. It was decided to stay with the original alignment. Red Plains submitted 60% plans for check on 10/05/2012.
9. Smith Hollow – Designer: Red Plains Engineering. Red Plains submitted revised 60% on August 22, 2012. Submitted RW documents on 8/17/12. R/W is currently checking the R/W exhibits and easements. The Categorical Exclusion was approved 11/27/12.
10. The following projects are still pending design –
 - Bell School South – Survey is complete
 - Bunch Road
 - Chance Road
 - Greasy Rehab – repair to damaged areas due to the heavy trucks hauling building material to the Greasy School during its construction
 - Oak Ridge Road – survey is complete. R/W finished research 7/29/11
 - Oak Ridge East Extension
 - Rocky Mountain School Loop-Survey is complete
 - Sally Bull Hollow – Pending design. Right of Way research is complete

CHEROKEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Barber Road- Designer: Andy Harris. Project is awarded to Glover & Associates. A final inspection was held on Monday, March 4th at 10am. Project is complete with the exception of a few items. Final payment will be held until all deficiencies have been corrected.
2. Cedar Hollow I & II – Designer: Native American Consulting Engineers (NACE). R/W is waiting 30% set of plans be checked to schedule a Preliminary Design meeting with the community. Petition to stop the road was submitted by landowners on November 14, 2011. Meeting with NACE on January 12, 2012 to discuss design options and landowner's petition against the project. 30% Preliminary plans have been resubmitted for review on December 26, 2012.
3. Dreadfulwater Road – Designer: Andy Harris. Project is almost ready for 30% Submittal.
4. Hulbert-Lost City – Designer: Andy Harris. Hydrology Report was completed and the project has been imported into new software to allow the design to progress. Coordination with utility companies are underway. Project submitted for 60% check on 9/19/2012.
5. Lost City Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of way research is complete. Preliminary survey complete. 30% set of plans received 12/27/2011 for review. 30% plan review was completed and submitted to HUB on October 16, 2012.
6. Tenkiller School –Designer: Red Plains. Plans are complete. Acquisition has started and R/W has 35 property owners signed out of 40 property owners at this time. R/W is acquiring R/W on the North and West side of the road project to help expedite the new waterline for that area. Received Archeological Report. Waiting for clearance of Utility Easement for Electric to remain on South side of Road. No underground utilities will be allowed in the area of the gravesites.
7. Ross Street- Designer: Don Moore - Survey is complete. Preliminary design is started. The following projects are still pending design:
 - Job Corps Access Road

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. D0525 Road – the engineering and design of this project has been awarded to Scott & Associates, TERO certified.
2. Jay-Kenwood Road – The new water system is complete and operational with the exception of the future water treatment expansion. Final design plans are complete. Received NEPA clearance on January 16, 2013. Michael Lynn, John and Regina Compelube had a meeting with County Commissioner Danny Duncan, Councilman Curtis Snell, and the Engineer, Tim McCrary to discuss utility relocations on February 7, 2013.
3. Kansas-Bull Hollow – Designer: Scott & Associates. 60% review was completed on 8/17/2012. Once the 30-60% plans are revised R/W will schedule a community meeting.
4. Kansas Dry Creek Project- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Right of Way exhibits and easements are being worked on by Holloway Updike & Bellen. 60% check was completed on 10/12/2012. Waiting for revisions.
5. Leach/Kenwood Road – Designer: D. Moore. Proposed realignment for structure replacement was approved. 60% review was completed August 1, 2012. Waiting for revisions. Public notice was published in the Delaware County Journal on January 20, 2013.
6. Twin Oaks/Bull Hollow Road- Designer: D. Moore. Councilman Snell and community members provided a chili lunch on January 18th for the construction crew. Construction started August 1, 2012. Construction is 40% complete

MAYES COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Cedar Crest Road – Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. Rossco Construction has been selected as the contractor for this project. Contract for this project is \$2,244,835.46. Contractor early start began clearing on 7/9/2012 Construction is 60% complete working on cross drains and subgrade.
2. Wickliffe Bridge (Salina/Kenwood)- Designer: Guy Engineering (Contracted through the county). Final Plans are complete. NEPA was approved 7/26/12. It was decided that the County Commissioner Mr. Ryan Ball will be acquiring the R/W. CN R/W has found in their research that Nancy Soldier's property is individual Restricted land. Guy Engineering has completed easements and exhibits using the research provided and returned documents to CN R/W for approval. CN R/W has completed the Restricted package and sent it to Real Estate Services to process to the BIA for their approval.
3. The following project is still pending design –
 - Chimney Rock Hollow I&II

MUSKOGEE COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Northeast Fort Gibson- Designer: Holloway Updike & Bellen. ABB's were found on the project. The project is on hold until informed otherwise. There is no mitigation for this issue at this time Ross Road Rehab – Designer: Don Moore . Preliminary survey complete. Began preliminary design. . Borings for pavement design were completed on Friday, February 8, 2013.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY PROJECTS:

1. Moonshine Road – Designer: Joyce Shehi. Preliminary survey complete. Began preliminary design
2. Nicut South Rehab- Adair – Designer: Don Moore. Final Review was completed January 10, 2013. Awaiting necessary changes.

CHEROKEE TRANSIT SYSTEM:

Cherokee Transit has contracted with United Community Action aka Cimarron Transit to provide Demand Response services in the Washington County. Cherokee Transit held a public meeting in conjunction with Cimarron Wednesday, February 13th at 1pm in Bartlesville at the Washington County Health Department in the Conference Room. Community members were present and voiced their appreciation for the new services.

Ridership on all five current routes for the month of February are:

1. Sallisaw to Tahlequah – 169rides
2. Pryor to Catoosa – rides
3. Salina to Tahlequah - rides
4. Stilwell to Tahlequah – 225 rides
5. Muskogee to Tahlequah – 164 rides
6. Tahlequah to Claremore – 265 rides
7. Jay to Tahlequah – rides
8. Individual Demand Response Trips –

No reports from Pelivan have been submitted

Note: Ridership reports run 1 month behind.

FUTURE PLANS/NEW INITIATIVES

Youth Development:

We will have activities on Tuesday afternoons in Cherokee Heights on March 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., except March 19th will be 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. due to the kids being out of school for spring break; Keys Boys and Girls Club will host a community youth activity on Monday, March 4th, from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Marrayetta Boys and Girls Club will host a community youth activity on Monday, March 11th; from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Cave Springs Boys and Girls Club will not host a community youth activity February due to no B&G Club during Spring Break; Tailholt will have a youth activity on Monday, March 25th; Greasy will have a youth activity on Thursday, March 14th, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.; and Lost City will have a youth activity on Thursday, March 21st from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the community building.

We will also be working with ICW and having youth activities at their day camps in Tahlequah on Monday, March 18th and in Catoosa on Tuesday, March 19th.

We are still waiting to hear from Kenwood to see if they want to continue to try to have youth activities. They have canceled the last few months due to play-offs and holidays and waiting to have a community organization meeting and we did not have any youth show up for activities for several months before that. Still waiting for Rodney Sapp to let me know what they would like to do.

COTTA:

- COTTA Sub-Award grants ongoing administration
- COTTA Community Leaders Conference is April 12 -13
- A COTTA Community leaders training will be held March 2nd covering Back to the Basics at the Vinita Health Center
- Community Work/Building grant recipients will begin project work
- Volunteer Program will host 5 groups in March

CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY SERVICES SELF HELP HOUSING AND BUILDING PACKAGES

BUILDING PACKAGES

CHEROKEE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

ADAIR COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED BUT ONE

200-4 – applicant has not provided proper documentation to proceed.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

MUSKOGEE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

DELAWARE COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

MAYES COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

ROGERS COUNTY:

ALL HOMES COMPLETED

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

800-1(WASHINGTON)– (start date 06/09) NO CHANGE, this month still waiting on homeowner to get water meter. House is ready to start punch list items. House is at 98 % complete. Home is on hold.

09 HOUSING

Project 1 - Bid awarded, utilities on site. Footing is dug and poured. 85% complete

Project 3 - Home 85% complete. Waiting on water & sewer

Project 4 – Survey requested.

Rehab/Emergency/Handicap Accessibility/LBP

Month/Year of Report: November thru December 2012 Submitted 01/11/13

County	Projected FY 2013	Completed since October 1, 2012	Completed this Month	Total Completed FY 2013
Adair	32	8	10	18
Cherokee	54	24	15	39
Craig	1	1	0	1
Delaware	5	13	4	17
Mayes	25	6	4	10
McIntosh	2	0	0	0
Muskogee	16	8	4	12
Nowata	6	2	0	2
Ottawa	2	3	0	3
Rogers	34	2	3	5
Sequoyah	34	18	11	29
Tulsa	37	1	0	1
Wagoner	5	2	1	3
Washington	21	11	11	11
Total	274	0	63	151

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Housing Services Month/Year of Report: April, 2013

Executive Director: Gary J. Cooper Phone: 918-456-5482 ext. 236

Foreclosure Report

Case Number	County	Foreclosure Notice Received	Date Assistance Received	Type of Assistance	Amount Due HACN
CJ-2012-144	Adair	12/27/12	6/17/05	MAP	\$2,214.97
CJ-2013-22	Adair	3/25/12	7/1/05	MAP	\$6,388.00
CJ-2012-265	Cherokee	10/31/12	11/2/06	MAP	\$6,013.00
CJ-2012.272	Cherokee	11/9/12	6/30/08	MAP	\$8,388.00
CJ-2012.303	Cherokee	12/18/12	4/30/08	MAP	\$8,013.00
CJ-2012-261	Cherokee	11/1/12	12/11/07	MAP	\$7,638.00
CJ-2012-254	Cherokee	1/23/13	5/27/07	MAP	\$6,513.00
CJ-2012-086	Craig	11/7/12	11/1/07	MAP	\$8,300.00
CJ-2010-36	Craig	12/27/12	3/2/06	MAP	\$2,194.67
CJ-2012-507	Muskogee	12/7/12	3/2/06	MAP	\$4,888.00
CJ-2012-550	Muskogee	12/19/12	3/21/08	MAP	\$7,888.00
CJ-2012-613	Rogers	10/19/12	9/29/04	MAP	\$2,000.00
CJ-2012-608	Rogers	10/25/12	10/12/07	MAP	\$8,333.00
CJ-2012-636	Rogers	10/31/12	4/30/08	MAP	\$8,138.00
CJ-2012-218	Sequoyah	10/18/12	3/15/07	MAP	\$6,638.00
CJ-2012-226	Sequoyah	10/18/12	11/22/06	MAP	\$6,013.00
CJ-2012-240	Sequoyah	10/30/12	7/7/12	MAP	\$5,429.67
CJ-2013-114	Tulsa	1/17/13	11/20/07	MAP	\$7,263.00
CJ-2013-812	Tulsa	3/1/13		MAP	\$7,625.00
CJ-2012-307	Washington	10/19/12	3/31/06	MAP	\$5,138.00
CJ-2012-322	Washington	11/4/12	5/26/05	MAP	\$2,513.00
CJ-2012-336	Washington	11/9/12	5/25/07	MAP	\$9,416.29

Public Disclosures:

As required by 24 CFR Part 1000.30, services provided to Cherokee Nation Housing Services Employees and Employee relatives from funds received pursuant to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), shall be publicly disclosed.

The following applicants have been determined eligible for participation.

MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Mortgage Assistance pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

None to report

LOW RENT APARTMENT:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Low Rent Apartment pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

None to report

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Homeownership pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Carolyn Woodruff: Daughter is Amy Woodruff at HACN
(employee at time application pulled.)

Summer Vaughn: Aunt is Sandra Bendabout at HACN *(employee at time application pulled.)*

RENTAL ASSISTANCE/COLLEGE HOUSING:

The following employee and/or relatives were chosen to receive services for Rental Assistance/College Housing pursuant to guidelines set forth in the Housing Services Policy as approved by the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Marisa Hambleton: Employee of CN Foundation

Mikko Leach: Son of Joe Leach at HACN

Olivia Ummerteskee: Employee of CN ICW

Housing Services
Month Ending: February, 2013

Current Program Participants:

County	Rental Assistance				Homeownership			Loans			Totals	
	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance (RAP)	Temporary Assistance (TAP)	College Housing Programs	Home-ownership Programs	New Construction Homes	Title VI Mortgage Program	Assumable Mortgage Program	Total Housing Participants	% of Participants	
Adair	470	163	100	2	3	148	2	22	0	910	15%	
Cherokee	474	197	334	34	21	353	9	65	3	1,490	25%	
Craig	40	54	43	0	0	13	0	2	0	152	3%	
Delaware	219	113	80	0	13	105	0	25	0	555	9%	
McIntosh	10	N/A	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	19	0%	
Mayes	280	115	80	0	8	77	0	15	0	575	10%	
Muskogee	120	55	42	1	1	68	7	22	0	316	5%	
Nowata	29	45	20	0	3	10	0	2	0	109	2%	
Ottawa	21	N/A	4	0	2	7	0	6	0	40	1%	
Rogers	119	65	107	2	3	95	0	48	5	444	7%	
Sequoyah	526	N/A	137	5	12	234	0	45	3	962	16%	
Tulsa	54	N/A	60	5	0	26	0	5	0	150	3%	
Wagoner	22	N/A	7	0	0	69	0	3	0	101	2%	
Washington	30	44	38	0	1	29	0	3	0	145	2%	
Total:	2,414	851	1,052	49	67	1,240	18	266	11	5,968	100%	
				1,168		1,258		277				

Current Applications:

County	Mortgage Assistance	NAHASDA Home-ownership	Community Shield Insurance	Low Rent Apartments	Rental Assistance	New Home Construction	% NHCP	Total Apps	% of Total
Adair	41	21	34	108	74	180	13%	458	12%
Cherokee	109	75	35	223	349	398	28%	1,189	30%
Craig	12	3	3	14	7	19	1%	58	1%
Delaware	48	8	11	106	78	153	11%	404	10%
McIntosh	4	0	1	0	0	8	1%	13	0%
Mayes	53	29	22	38	59	124	9%	325	8%
Muskogee	36	5	6	9	45	111	8%	212	5%
Nowata	13	3	2	6	6	28	2%	58	1%
Ottawa	8	2	2	0	6	8	1%	26	1%
Rogers	64	11	7	17	104	108	8%	311	8%
Sequoyah	70	29	34	0	170	185	13%	488	12%
Tulsa	55	4	1	0	101	72	5%	233	6%
Wagoner	9	9	0	0	8	19	1%	45	1%
Washington	22	11	3	17	25	24	2%	102	3%
Total:	544	210	161	538	1,032	1,437	100%	3,922	100%

**New Construction Homeownership Program
Application Status**

By Has Land/Does not have land:

County	Has Land	Will Accept HACN Land	Neither	% With Land	% W/O Land	Total Apps
Adair	92	80	8	51%	49%	180
Cherokee	121	246	31	30%	70%	398
Craig	8	10	1	42%	58%	19
Delaware	69	31	53	45%	55%	153
McIntosh	3	4	1	38%	63%	8
Mayes	54	52	18	44%	56%	124
Muskogee	32	68	11	29%	71%	111
Nowata	11	15	2	39%	61%	28
Ottawa	3	5	0	38%	63%	8
Rogers	16	78	14	15%	85%	108
Sequoyah	63	99	23	34%	66%	185
Tulsa	5	51	16	7%	93%	72
Wagoner	7	9	3	37%	63%	19
Washington	4	15	5	17%	83%	24
Total:	488	763	186	34%	66%	1,437

By Date Ranges:

County	Self-Help Referred	April-May 2012	June-July 2012	Aug-Sep 2012	Oct-Dec 2012	Jan-Feb 2013	Totals
Adair	27	61	30	23	24	15	180
Cherokee	45	170	75	45	42	21	398
Craig	2	3	3	7	2	2	19
Delaware	9	83	18	16	17	10	153
McIntosh	0	2	1	2	3	0	8
Mayes	2	51	27	16	14	14	124
Muskogee	2	44	29	16	13	7	111
Nowata	5	5	6	5	2	5	28
Ottawa	0	1	2	4	1	0	8
Rogers	6	46	20	13	13	10	108
Sequoyah	4	74	36	32	22	17	185
Tulsa	0	17	18	14	12	11	72
Wagoner	0	5	4	5	2	3	19
Washington	2	8	6	4	1	3	24
Total:	104	570	275	202	168	118	1,437
% of Total:	7%	40%	19%	14%	12%	8%	100%

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Budget Highlights

None

Program Highlights

a. Balanced Scorecard Measures

Objective	Metric	2013 Goal	Year to Date Achievement Notes/Comments
Families Housed	# of Families Obtaining Homeownership with MAP	255 families	46
Homeownership Training	a. # of Families Attending Homeownership Training	a. 800	a. 227
	b. % satisfaction	b. 100%	b. 100%
Families Increasing Financial Management Skills	a. # of Families Increasing Skills	a. 2,500	a. 707
	b. % satisfaction	b. 100%	b. 100%
Self Sufficiency Counseling – Household Budgeting, Debt Reduction, & Credit Coaching	# of Families Actively Pursuing Goals or Achieved Goals	750 Families	416 Families
		a. Actively Pursuing	a. 395 families actively pursuing goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6% mortgage ready • 15% short-term • 63% long-term • 3% AMP • 12% credit counseling
		b. Achieved Goals	b. 21 families have completed self sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage
Debt to Income Ratio Reduction	% of Families Reducing non-housing debt to income ratio	> 10%	13.21%
Attrition Rate	% of Families Abandoning Counseling	< 20% Attrition Rate	20.64% Attrition Rate
Families Housed	MAP Foreclosure Rate in Relation to CN Jurisdiction Foreclosure Rate	Within 3% of the low range based on Federal Reserve data	CN jurisdiction foreclosure rate range 4% – 8% (Q3 2012) MAP foreclosure rate 3.2% Foreclosure rate is based on the % of active foreclosure filings/proceedings for MAP distributions made after 05/01/08.
Match Savings Program	# active participants	240	145

b. Notable events

1. The Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office has begun disbursing financial settlements from the **Oklahoma Mortgage Relief Settlement** reached with the five big banks. The AG’s Office received approximately **700 applications from Oklahomans** who believed they were harmed by their lender; as of February 22nd, **289 of those applications had been approved and financial settlements were being made. Financial settlements range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 with an average settlement of \$11,090.** The remaining applications are still under review and updates will be provided as additional information is released.
2. The **Free Tax Preparation Program began January 28th** and will last through April 15.

1,178 taxpayers have taken advantage of this service and have received over \$1.7 million in refunds.

Tax Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 YTD
Returns Filed	2,311	1,785	2,118	2,681	1,553	1,178
Total Refunds	\$1,541,835	\$1,946,918	\$2,650,028	\$3,574,658	\$2,251,918	\$1,711,443

3. The Cherokee Nation homepage now offers a link to a free tax preparation and filing site for individuals who earn less than \$57,000 and wish to prepare and file their own taxes. This service is made available through a partnership with the IRS and the United Way. To date, **67 taxpayers have utilized this link to prepare and file their taxes at no cost.**
4. Program to date, **418 families unable to obtain a non-predatory mortgage on their own** have completed self-sufficiency counseling and obtained a non-predatory mortgage.
5. YTD, Self Sufficiency staff members have worked with 25 families facing foreclosure. **Staff helped 4 families save their home from foreclosure.** 11 families are still in the process of trying to save their homes; 0 families have been referred to outside sources for assistance; 10 families have dropped out of the program.

c. Future plans/new initiatives

Workshops and Classes			
Date	Location	Time	Workshop
April 11	Hard Rock Casino	9 am to 3 pm	Credit Counseling
April 12 -13	COTTA Annual Conference	8 am to 5 pm	Ethics/Decision Making
April 15 -16	Claremore Housing Offices	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
April 23 - 24 -25	Tahlequah Housing Offices	4 pm to 8 pm	Homeownership Training
April 29 – 30	Sallisaw Housing Offices	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
Fridays in May	Cherokee Nation conference rooms	9 am to 4 pm	Resource Fair
May 1 – 2	Jay Housing Offices	9 am to 4 pm	Homeownership Training
May 3	Cherokee Nation Complex	All Day	Resource Fair
May 6 - 7- 8	Claremore Housing Offices	10 am to 5 pm	Homeownership Training
May 9	Hard Rock Casino	9 am to 3 pm	Credit Counseling
May 10	Cherokee Nation Complex	All Day	Resource Fair
May 13 – 14	Tahlequah Housing Offices	9 am to 4 pm	Homeownership Training
May 17	Cherokee Nation Complex	All Day	Resource Fair
May 20 – 21 – 22	Sallisaw Housing Offices	4 pm to 8 pm	Homeownership Training
May 24	Cherokee Nation Complex	All Day	Resource Fair
May 31	Cherokee Nation Complex	All Day	Resource Fair

1. **Commerce Services is partnering with Career Services and Human Services to host a resource fair targeting employees.** The goal of the resource fair is to ensure employees are aware of the services offered by all three groups in order to make better client referrals and help employees access needed services. The resource fair will be held each Friday throughout the month of May. More information will be provided as details are finalized.
 2. Mortgage Assistance Program staff will be **meeting with realtors and mortgage lenders throughout Cherokee Nation** in the coming months to provide them with information about the Mortgage Assistance Program.
- d. Foreclosure information
1. Cumulative MAP foreclosure rate is 3.2%; this figure is based on the active foreclosure filings for MAP all MAP distributions (FY05 – FY13).
 2. The Federal Reserve periodically updates mortgage delinquency data by state and county; below is the most recent Serious Delinquency data, all mortgage types, available from the Federal Reserve.

Serious Delinquency (120 + days) rate by county Q3 2012			
County	Percentage Range	County	Percentage Range
Adair	>8%	Nowata	6% - 8%
Cherokee	6% - 8%	Ottawa	>8%
Craig	6% - 8%	Rogers	6% - 8%
Delaware	6% - 8%	Sequoyah	6% - 8%
Mayes	6% - 8%	Tulsa	4% - 6%
McIntosh	4% - 6%	Wagoner	4% - 6%
Muskogee	6% - 8%	Washington	6% - 8%

Oklahoma's Mortgage Settlement Update

- Oklahoma's state government received \$18.6 million in settlement funds. Oklahoma's Attorney General has stated all settlement funds will go directly to victims of abusive foreclosure practices.
- Direct financial payments are being made to troubled borrowers and as of February 22nd, *Oklahoma has paid 289 claims averaging \$11,090 each.* It's important to note that these are cash payments to borrowers; consumer relief information reported by the five big banks in the national settlement include a combination of cash payments, debt forgiveness, mortgage modifications and mortgage principal reductions.
- *\$1.275 million has been committed from the settlement funds to Legal Aid of Oklahoma to provide legal representation to lower income persons with foreclosure related legal issues and \$15,000 to the Oklahoma Bar Association's Heroes program (<http://www.okbar.org/heroes/>) which provides legal assistance to Oklahoma veterans.*

- *\$50,000.00 has been committed to the Oklahoma Bankers Association to investigate and prosecute persons engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by falsely representing they can save Oklahomans from foreclosure.*
- *\$37,000.00 will be used to provide training to attorneys that will participate in a Voucher Program, which is intended to provide up to \$5,000 of legal assistance to families with foreclosure-related legal problems but who do not otherwise qualify for need-based assistance programs like Legal Aid. Voucher applications will be accepted through the summer of 2013, so it is unknown at this time exactly how much money will be used for that purpose.*
- The Oklahoma Attorney General's Office is collecting data regarding refinances, lien forgiveness, modifications, principal reductions and forgiveness of arrearages provided to Oklahomans by the five big banks. The consumer relief provided to Oklahomans as a part of the banks' national settlement through December 2012 is below.

Bank	# of Consumers	Avg. Relief per Consumer
Wells Fargo	95	\$43,260
Citi Bank	156	\$28,280
Chase Bank	185	\$29,471
Bank of America	815	\$30,059
Ally/GMAC	30	\$30,117

Mortgage Market Update

- The HUD 184 Program was temporarily unable to provide additional loan guarantees during the first few weeks of March because the program had reached its maximum guarantee authority, however this issue has since been resolved and HUD started issuing guarantees again the week of March 25th.
- According to the National Association of Realtors, **the signs of a housing recovery are getting stronger.** February recorded the strongest pace of previously owned home sales in three years; the month had the highest number of previously owned home sales since November 2009 when there was a temporary spike in sales as a result of the \$5,000 tax credit that was in place for home buyers.