

An Act

LEGISLATIVE ACT 29-26

AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – Mod. 10 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION:

SECTION 1. TITLE AND CODIFICATION

This legislative act shall be titled and codified as “**An Act Amending Legislative Act #26-25 Authorizing the Comprehensive Operating Budget for FY 2026 – Mod. 10**”.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment is to authorize and approve the use of funds, subject to the availability of such funds, in accordance with Section 4, changing the amounts of certain cost centers approved in the “Comprehensive Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2026” or subsequent amendment. The cumulative total of the budget is increased by **\$ 9,233,451** for a total budget authority of **\$ 3,010,323,789**. The following items are identified as components of such change:

Grants Received & Authorized per LA 26-25 (detail attached)	\$ 6,787,147
Modification Request (see Section 4 below)	<u>2,446,304</u>
Cumulative change in budget authority	<u>\$ 9,233,451</u>

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The provisions of compliance, policy of accountability, authorities and severability provided in Legislative Act #26-25 are applicable to this amendment.

SECTION 4. FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS

The changes reflect increases to cost centers set forth in the program budget justifications incorporated herein. This modification request changes the total amount of the comprehensive budget authorization by an increase of **\$ 2,446,304** to wit:

- A. An increase in the **Tribally Funded** budget authority of **\$ 2,168,481**.
- B. An increase in the **Indirect Cost Pool** budget authority of **\$ 245,083**.
- C. An increase in the **DOI Self Governance** budget authority of **\$ 32,740**.

SECTION 5. PROVISIONS AS CUMULATIVE

The provisions of this Act shall be cumulative to existing law.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Act are severable and if any part or provision hereof shall be held void, the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts or provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE: EMERGENCY DECLARED

It being immediately necessary for the welfare of the Cherokee Nation, the Council of the Cherokee Nation hereby declares that an emergency exists, by reason whereof this Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval and signatures.

SECTION 8. SELF-HELP CONTRIBUTIONS

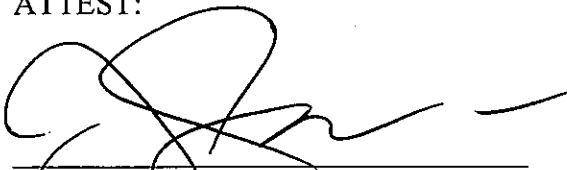
To the extent that this Act involves programs or services to citizens of the Nation or others, self-help contributions shall be required, unless specifically prohibited by the funding agency, or a waiver is granted due to physical or mental incapacity of the participant to contribute.

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 13th day of July, 2026



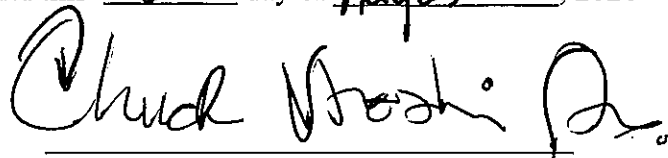
Kevin Easley, Jr., Deputy Speaker
As Presiding Speaker of the Council of the
Cherokee Nation on the behalf of Johnny Jack
Kidwell, Speaker of the Council of the
Cherokee Nation.

ATTEST:



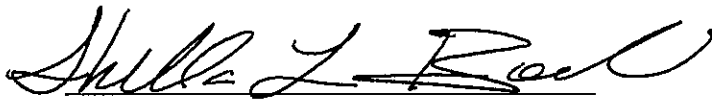
Joshua Sam, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 13th day of August, 2026



Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Shella Bowlin, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

YEAS AND NAYS AS RECORDED:

Sasha Blackfox-Qualls	<u>Yea</u>	Melvina Shotpouch	<u>Yea</u>
Candessa Tehee	<u>Yea</u>	Kendra McGeady	<u>Yea</u>
Lisa Hall	<u>Yea</u>	Dora Smith Patzkowski	<u>Yea</u>
Uriah Grass	<u>Yea</u>	Joe Deere	<u>Yea</u>
Ashley Grant	<u>Yea</u>	Kevin Easley, Jr.	<u>Yea</u>
Daryl Legg	<u>Yea</u>	Danny Callison	<u>Yea</u>
Joshua Sam	<u>Yea</u>	Julia Coates	<u>Absent</u>
Codey Poindexter	<u>Yea</u>	Johnny Kidwell	<u>Absent</u>
Clifton Hughes	<u>Yea</u>		

CHEROKEE NATION
PROPOSED FY 2026 AMENDMENT
Sorted by Funding Source

			Data		
Funding Source	Ref # by FS	Program/Purpose	Amend. Change to Sources	Amend. Expenses Total Change	Net Change
40-DHHS General	1	34014410 IV-E Prevention Services	90,668	90,668	\$ -
	2	34053400 Emory	58,473	58,473	\$ -
	3	34054540 SBIRT	634,838	634,838	\$ -
	4	34057200 IMPACT DM	2,036	2,036	\$ -
40-DHHS General Total			786,015	786,015	\$ -
45-USDA	5	34535500 Summer EBT Food	5,400,000	5,400,000	\$ -
45-USDA Total			5,400,000	5,400,000	\$ -
75-Department of Treasury	6	37599100 DOT HAF	16,875	16,875	\$ -
75-Department of Treasury Total			16,875	16,875	\$ -
78-Dept of Justice	7	37897600 Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court 2025	8,370	8,370	\$ -
	8	37897900 DOJ OVW Tribal Government	575,887	575,887	\$ -
78-Dept of Justice Total			584,257	584,257	\$ -
Grand Total			\$ 6,787,147	\$ 6,787,147	\$ -

July Operating Grants - Reporting Only

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01-General Fund	1	10102480 Community Youth Grant Program	-	(24,968)	\$ 24,968
	2	10102960 Unappropriated Reserve	-	(144,097)	\$ 144,097
	3	10104390 Community Adult Assistance	-	24,968	\$ (24,968)
	4	10104580 Clothing For Kids	-	1,743,028	\$ (1,743,028)
	5	10105850 Speaker Services	-	500,000	\$ (500,000)
	6	10107000 Tribal Council	-	69,550	\$ (69,550)
01-General Fund Total			\$ -	\$ 2,168,481	\$ (2,168,481)
04-Indirect Cost	7	20400000 Indirect Cost Pool Recovery	245,083	-	\$ 245,083
	8	20410200 Tribal Council IDC Fund	-	17,000	\$ (17,000)
	9	20412440 Cherokee Language Admin	-	228,083	\$ (228,083)
04-Indirect Cost Total			\$ 245,083	\$ 245,083	\$ -
22-DOI Self Governance	10	32221900 SG Tribal Services	32,740	32,740	\$ -
22-DOI Self Governance Total			\$ 32,740	\$ 32,740	\$ -
55/56-HUD	11	35660750 Housing Management	2,000,000	2,000,000	\$ -
	12	35660760 Rental Assistance	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)	\$ -
55/56-HUD Total			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total			\$ 277,823	\$ 2,446,304	\$ (2,168,481)

Operating Mod #10 Request

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Funding Source	Revenues	Transfers In	Total	Direct Exp.	Indir. Exp.	Transfers Out	Total	NET
Capital Projects	496,102,111	240,587,767	736,689,878	709,679,404	113,985	26,896,489	736,689,878	-
Department of Education	2,571,734	87,352	2,659,086	2,398,978	239,978	20,130	2,659,086	-
Department of Labor	18,040,152	0	18,040,152	15,470,930	1,632,192	937,030	18,040,152	-
Dept of Transportation Compact	152,631,439	0	152,631,439	152,100,005	431,434	100,000	152,631,439	-
DHHS General	92,679,944	0	92,679,944	83,698,769	8,981,175	0	92,679,944	-
DOI General	28,250,727	0	28,250,727	26,136,401	2,114,326	0	28,250,727	-
DOI PL 102-477	475,059,581	0	475,059,581	461,550,343	7,507,642	6,001,596	475,059,581	-
DOI Self Governance	62,391,054	79,600	62,470,654	56,782,022	5,338,632	350,000	62,470,654	-
Enterprise	4,883,890	26,781,125	31,665,015	31,330,893	334,122	0	31,665,015	-
EPA	9,528,404	0	9,528,404	9,169,052	359,352	0	9,528,404	-
Federal Other	353,707,743	2,256,208	355,963,951	332,912,734	1,948,180	21,103,037	355,963,951	-
HUD	77,142,824	1,937,501	79,080,325	76,754,708	388,116	1,937,501	79,080,325	-
Indirect Cost	104,414,710	187,030	104,601,740	104,601,740	0	0	104,601,740	-
IHS Discretionary	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	150,000	0	9,850,000	10,000,000	-
IHS Self Governance Health	1,317,002,462	6,896,489	1,323,898,951	986,879,661	85,195,957	251,823,333	1,323,898,951	-
IHS Self Governance Office	546,481	0	546,481	492,912	53,569	0	546,481	-
IHS Self Governance TEH	39,848,130	205,700	40,053,830	39,393,333	660,497	0	40,053,830	-
Internal Lease Pool	7,909,046	0	7,909,046	7,909,046	0	0	7,909,046	-
Motor Fuel Tax	11,630,384	26,668,134	38,298,518	28,018,923	129,595	10,150,000	38,298,518	-
Motor Vehicle Tax	40,113,168	0	40,113,168	38,910,949	1,202,219	0	40,113,168	-
Other	268,360	17,000	285,360	272,161	13,199	0	285,360	-
Permanent Funds	9,100	0	9,100	9,100	0	0	9,100	-
Private	983,472	0	983,472	892,448	91,024	0	983,472	-
State of Oklahoma	2,190,294	0	2,190,294	2,106,876	83,418	0	2,190,294	-
Tribe Funded	378,058,960	58,946,368	437,005,328	385,093,773	13,859,349	38,052,206	437,005,328	-
USDA	52,689,462	2,571,048	55,260,510	53,282,851	1,977,659	0	55,260,510	-
Total	\$ 3,738,653,632	\$ 367,221,322	\$ 4,105,874,954	\$ 3,605,998,012	\$ 132,655,620	\$ 367,221,322	\$ 4,105,874,954	\$ -

Non Grant Requests

CAPITAL RECONCILIATION

LA 25-25	\$ 804,169,791
Cap Mod #1	(98,980,346)
Cap Mod #2	49,889,070
Cap Mod #3	397,112,072
Cap Mod #4	(3,932,000)
Cap Mod #5	(24,928,908)
Cap Mod #6	15,000,000
Cap Mod #7	16,037,141

Total Capital	\$ 1,154,366,820
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Oper Mod #10	\$ 2,446,304	07/13 E&F/Council
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Cap Mod #7	16,037,141	07/13 Council
Oper Mod #9	40,332,210	07/13 Council

Total after pending Mod's

\$ 4,164,690,609

Operating - cumulative total	\$ 3,010,323,789
Capital - cumulative total	1,154,366,820

Grand Total \$ 4,164,690,609



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M e m o

To: Dora Patzkowski, Chairman - Executive & Finance Committee
From: Jody S. Reece
CC: Executive & Finance Committee
Date: 06/30/2026
Re: Review of 2026 Operating Budget Mod #10 – Total \$ 9,233,451

Per your request, I have reviewed the administration's budget modification request for this month's Executive & Finance Committee Meeting. Below is a summary of my review:

A. Grant Reporting:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u># of Budgets</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DHHS General	4	\$ 786,015
USDA	1	5,400,000
Dept of Treasury	1	16,875
Dept of Justice	2	584,257

Total Grant Reporting **\$ 6,787,147**

Cash Match for Grants (10103150) – Start of Year

Cash Out: Grant Required	\$ 2,582,199
Appropriated for Cash Match (future grants)	<u>2,417,801</u>
Original Total Budget	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>

Original Appropriated for Cash Match – for future grants	\$2,417,801	
Used: 37733000 Federal Transit Program	(2,175,341)	April grants
34534510 Food Distribution – Other	(104,454)	June grants
Increased funding	500,000	June mod #9
Balance Available for Future Grant Matching	<u>\$ 638,006</u>	

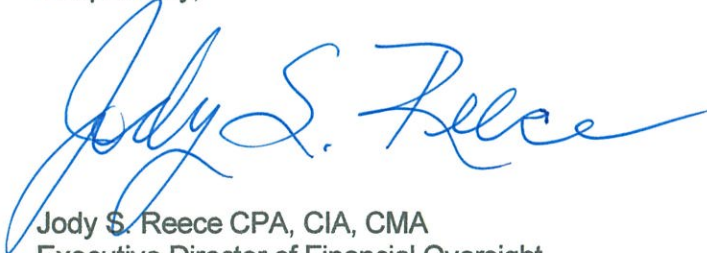
B. Modification Request - Increase in budget authority - \$ 2,446,304

1. Community Youth Grant Program – 10102480 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting a decrease in expenditure authorization of \$(24,968) with the funding moved to the Community Adult Assistance budget in item 3. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$402,532.
2. Unappropriated Reserve – 10102960 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting a decrease in Reserved by Appropriation of \$(144,097) that provides a portion of the funding for budgets 4, 5 and 6. The majority of the funding is provided by the \$2,168,481 unbudgeted amount created last month in budget mod 9. The new budgeted Reserved by Appropriation total is \$8,773,459.
3. Community Adult Assistance – 10104390 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$24,968 that is funded by the decrease in the Community Youth Grant Program in budget 1 above. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$141,968.
4. Clothing For Kids – 10104580 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$1,743,028 to fund the anticipated need for this program with the expiration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$4,243,028.
5. Speaker Services – 10105850 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$500,000 to increase client services by over 50%, add a new position for Housing Inspector, and to fully fund the space cost not previously budgeted. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$1,477,961.
6. Tribal Council – 10107000 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$69,550 to increase the codification contract by \$50,000 and to increase the auto allowance for Council Members from \$750 to \$1,000 per pay period (per approved policy change). The new budgeted expenditure total is \$5,127,908.
7. Indirect Cost Pool Recovery – 20400000 – Indirect Cost Pool: Modification requesting an increase in Indirect Cost Pool Recovery revenue of \$245,083 to fund the budget in 8 and 9. The new IDC Recovery Revenue total is \$101,937,735.
8. Tribal Council IDC Fund – 20410200 – Indirect Cost Pool: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$17,000 to increase the auto allowance for Council Members from \$750 per pay period to \$1,000 per pay period (per approved policy change). The new budgeted expenditure total is \$2,302,672.
9. Cherokee Language Admin – 20412440 – Indirect Cost Pool: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$228,083. See the budget narrative for explanation for the increase. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$1,026,431.
10. SG Tribal Services – 32221900 – DOI Self Governance: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$32,740 to fund an employee that was previously funded on another budget. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$2,692,989.
11. Housing Management – 35660750 – NAHASDA: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$2,000,000 due to the increased cost of repairs and maintenance. Funding provided by reallocation from the Rental Assistance budget in item 12. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$7,000,000.
12. Rental Assistance – 35660760 – NAHASDA: Modification requesting a decrease in expenditure authorization of \$(2,000,000) to provide the funding for the Housing Management budget in item 11. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$5,000,000.

Summary:

After reviewing the submission of the operating modification by the administration, I find no technical issues surrounding these requests, nor do I have any unmentioned concerns related to their respective carryover estimates. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jody S. Reece". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jody" being particularly prominent.

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