

Committee: Executive & Finance
Date: 2-28-08 Committee Date: 2-28-08

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-08

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

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;

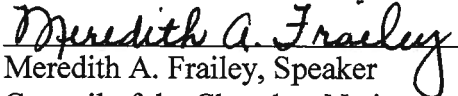
WHEREAS, the mission of the Administration for Native Americans is to promote the development of programs or activities for community-based project under the Social and Economic Development Strategies program to promote the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indian tribes.

WHEREAS, the Administration for Native Americans has grant funds to support programs that will develop and implement a comprehensive culturally and socially appropriate project to help Cherokee youth practice personal responsibility; reach a balance in their lives and to practice healthy lifestyles with the goal of decreasing gang activity, school dropout rates and juvenile delinquency.


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Tribal Council of the Cherokee Nation authorized the submission of a proposal in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 a year for three years to the Administration for Native Americans to teach Cherokee cultural values and traditional knowledge of healthy life ways through intergenerational youth activities in Cherokee communities.

CERTIFICATION

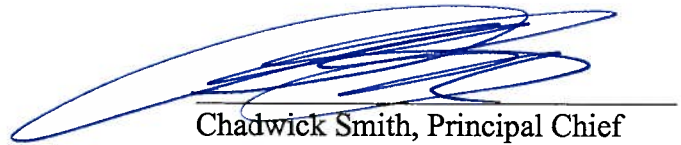
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 10th day of March, 2008, having 17 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 17 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.


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 12th day of March, 2008.

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Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

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Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

Afterschool Cherokee Life Ways Program

The overall concept is that the revitalization of Cherokee cultural values and traditional knowledge of healthy life ways through intergenerational youth activities will help approximately 900 Cherokee young people incorporate positive behavioral changes. The Cherokee Youth Life Ways program will partner with Cherokee communities, public schools, Boys & Girls Clubs, and a variety of other community-based agencies.

This is a 3-year project in which the Cherokee Nation (CN) will design, develop and implement self-sustaining Cherokee cultural life ways projects in 14 public schools and nine Cherokee communities. The program will integrate Cherokee language, culture and healthy living activities for targeted 4 – 8th grades from schools with active Boys and Girls Clubs. Classes on Cherokee culture, language and positive lifestyles will be offered to students at least three times a week by specially trained staff and consultant language instructors. In addition to the after school projects, monthly intergenerational language and culture activities will serve Cherokee families in nine Cherokee Community Centers using computers, materials and other resources provided by the CN. Although the primary target is Cherokee young people, other beneficiaries of the program are the many community members such as single parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, families and Cherokee elders for whom the program will also impact by learning the Cherokee language, experience cultural activities, and participate in healthy lifestyles activities. In addition a 9-member Elder Advisory Committee, one representative from each district, will be convened to provide counsel and direction on program design and implementation. We anticipate the number of secondary beneficiaries to be approximately 800 individuals.

The Cherokee Nation has a wealth of electronic and print materials and programs previously developed that can be used and/or adapted as model programs. These include:

1. Cherokee language lessons for the introduction, beginning, intermediate and advanced instruction currently used by the K-3 language immersion classrooms and the language materials currently used for Cherokee language on-line, videoconferences, and community classes.
2. The CN Learn and Serve Program recently completed a comprehensive Social Studies course to understand the Cherokee experience using a service-learning model. It includes a study of Cherokee history, exploration of Cherokee life ways, Cherokee tribal history and current government. It is also anticipated that a Cherokee Art Instructor's manual will be also be available from the Cherokee Nation Education Corporation.
3. There are a many established CN comprehensive youth prevention and intervention projects that help young people set and meet healthy lifestyle to avoid school dropout and juvenile delinquency. This includes programs such as Healthy Nations, Healing to Wellness Court & Bright Futures Program, JOM Leadership, Cultural Renewal Camp, Tribal Youth Council, AISES and Robotics Camps, and several Summer Sports Camps, Cultural Resources Center Culture camps.

A grant application is being submitted to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Administration on Native Americans for a total of \$1,500,000 or \$500,000 per year that requires a 20% match to be made available from the Educational Services Department in in-kind funds. Four CN staff will be hired on contract basis to provide training and technical assistance.

Cherokee Nation Act/Resolution Proposal Form

ADMINISTRATIVE CLEARANCE:

Program/Project Manager:

Signature _____ Date _____

Department Director:

Signature *[Signature]* Date *2/28/08*

Group Leader:

Signature *Rita Bunch* Date *2/28/08*
Director of Education

Finance Approval (if needed):

Signature _____ Date _____

Government Resources Group:

Signature *[Signature]* Date *2/28/08*

Administration Approval:

Signature *[Signature]* Date _____

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE

Legislative Aide:

Signature/Initial *[Signature]* Date *2/28/08*

Standing Committee:

Next Meeting Date

Chairperson:

Signature/Initial _____ Date _____

Returned to Presenter: _____
Date

Act

Resolution

TITLE: Authorize submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Native Americans

Department Contact: Dr. W. Neil Morton, Education

Resolution Presenter: Margaret Raymond

Council Sponsor: Dr. Julia Coates

NARRATIVE:

(See Attached Outline for Information Needed)

The purpose of this resolution is authorize submission of a proposal for a 3-year project in which the Cherokee Nation Education Services will design, develop and implement self-sustaining Cherokee cultural life ways project in public schools and Cherokee communities. The program will integrate Cherokee language, culture and healthy living activities for targeted 4-8th grades from schools with active Boys and Girls Clubs. The Cherokee Nation Education Department will serve as in a training and technical assistance function with the schools and communities to design the program content, provide language and cultural materials, and provide comprehensive youth and intervention projects that help young people set and meet healthy lifestyles to avoid school dropout and juvenile delinquency.

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