

# An Act

## LEGISLATIVE ACT 16-26

### AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – Mod. 6 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. 6**”.

#### 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 **\$ 25,958,823** for a total budget authority of **\$ 2,932,125,510**. The following items are identified as components of such change:

Grants Received & Authorized per LA 26-25 (detail attached)	\$ 2,556,064
Modification Request (see Section 4 below)	<u>23,402,759</u>
<b>Cumulative change in budget authority</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,958,823</u></b>

#### 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 **\$ 23,402,759** to wit:

- A. An increase in the **Tribally Funded** budget authority of **\$ 23,402,759**.
- B. An increase in the **DOI PL 102-477** budget authority of **\$ 306,984**.

**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**

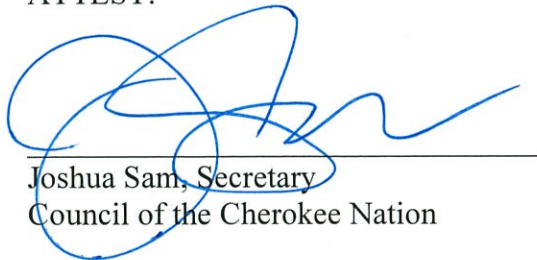
To the extent that this Act involves programs or services to citizens of the Nation or others, self-help contributions shall be required, unless specifically prohibited by the funding agency, or a waiver is granted due to physical or mental incapacity of the participant to contribute.

Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026



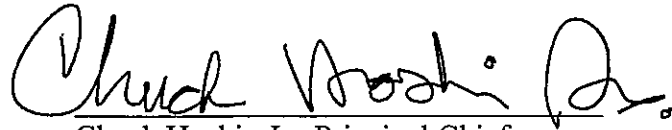
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Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



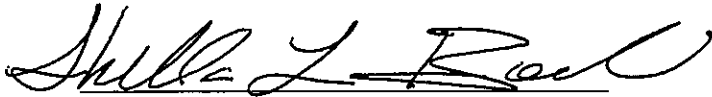
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Joshua Sam, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 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>	Johnny Jack Kidwell	<u>Yea</u>
Codey Poindexter	<u>Yea</u>	Julia Coates	<u>Yea</u>
Clifton Hughes	<u>Yea</u>		

CHEROKEE NATION  
 PROPOSED FY 2026 AMENDMENT  
 Sorted by Funding Source

Funding Source	Ref # by FS	Program/Purpose	Data		
			Amend. Change to Sources	Amend. Expenses Total Change	Net Change
20-DOI General	1	32000000 SHS Education Admin	73,648	73,648	\$ -
	2	32001000 Title I 84010	78,914	78,914	\$ -
	3	32001100 SHS Special ED84027	119,500	119,500	\$ -
	4	32052400 Child Passenger Safety	20,845	20,845	\$ -
<b>20-DOI General Total</b>			<b>292,907</b>	<b>292,907</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
40-DHHS General	5	34017410 Contributing to Healthy Native Babies	(22,960)	(22,960)	\$ -
	6	34057200 IMPACT DM	46,598	46,598	\$ -
<b>40-DHHS General Total</b>			<b>23,638</b>	<b>23,638</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
45-USDA	7	34571000 Nutrition Education Plan	143,815	143,815	\$ -
	8	34581000 Local Food Purchase Assistance Grant	971,738	971,738	\$ -
	9	34591000 FRAC	1,000,000	1,000,000	\$ -
<b>45-USDA Total</b>			<b>2,115,553</b>	<b>2,115,553</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
55/56-HUD	10	35528000 Veterans Affairs Support Housg	13,404	13,404	\$ -
<b>55/56-HUD Total</b>			<b>13,404</b>	<b>13,404</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
78-Dept of Justice	11	37897000 Mental Health Treatment Court	100,000	100,000	\$ -
	12	37898400 Youth Shelter Expansion Proj	(143,625)	(143,625)	\$ -
<b>78-Dept of Justice Total</b>			<b>(43,625)</b>	<b>(43,625)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
80-State of Oklahoma	13	38024000 Cherokee Charter School	85,526	85,526	\$ -
	14	38030100 Childrens Justice Act	38,661	38,661	\$ -
<b>80-State of Oklahoma Total</b>			<b>124,187</b>	<b>124,187</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
85-Private	15	38575020 NAAF Externship Program	30,000	30,000	\$ -
<b>85-Private Total</b>			<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,556,064</b>	<b>\$ 2,556,064</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## March Operating Grants - Reporting Only

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
01-General Fund	1	10101930 Archery Program	-	97,112	\$ (97,112)
	2	10102960 Unappropriated Reserve	-	(61,470)	\$ 61,470
	3	10109201 HJSCA Permanent Reauthorization - Housing	22,643,765	22,643,765	\$ -
	4	10109260 HJSCA Lang Svc Spkr Hsng Rehab	117,797	117,797	\$ -
	5	10109261 HJSCA Speaker Services Small Home Repairs	298,571	298,571	\$ -
	6	10170010 Harm Reduction	35,642	-	\$ 35,642
<b>01-General Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 23,095,775</b>	<b>\$ 23,095,775</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
23-DOI PL 102-477	7	32300000 PL 102 477 Child Care	-	-	\$ -
	8	32350002 PL102 477 Health Services	306,984	306,984	\$ -
<b>23-DOI PL 102-477 Total</b>			<b>\$ 306,984</b>	<b>\$ 306,984</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 23,402,759</b>	<b>\$ 23,402,759</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## Operating Mod #6 Request

**COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Funding Source	Revenues	Transfers In	Total	Direct Exp.	Indir. Exp.	Transfers Out	Total	NET
Capital Projects	543,172,926	20,274,421	563,447,347	546,550,858	0	16,896,489	563,447,347	-
Department of Education	2,272,769	87,352	2,360,121	2,137,115	202,876	20,130	2,360,121	-
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	152,450,939	0	152,450,939	151,919,505	431,434	100,000	152,450,939	-
DHHS General	90,600,899	0	90,600,899	81,752,707	8,848,192	0	90,600,899	-
DHHS General	28,250,727	0	28,250,727	26,114,408	2,136,319	0	28,250,727	-
DOI PL 102-477	474,576,331	0	474,576,331	456,840,615	7,461,295	10,274,421	474,576,331	-
DOI Self Governance	59,662,551	79,600	59,742,151	54,127,005	5,265,146	350,000	59,742,151	-
Enterprise	4,883,890	28,319,954	33,203,844	32,869,722	334,122	0	33,203,844	-
EPA	9,139,890	0	9,139,890	8,852,040	287,850	0	9,139,890	-
Federal Other	338,414,508	80,867	338,495,375	314,139,273	1,714,236	22,641,866	338,495,375	-
HUD	76,358,764	1,937,501	78,296,265	75,996,068	362,696	1,937,501	78,296,265	-
Indirect Cost	104,132,217	187,030	104,319,247	104,319,247	0	0	104,319,247	-
IHS Discretionary	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	150,000	0	9,850,000	10,000,000	-
IHS Self Governance Health	1,085,822,037	6,896,489	1,092,718,526	974,923,841	86,829,399	30,965,286	1,092,718,526	-
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	40,828,720	0	40,828,720	39,590,228	1,238,492	0	40,828,720	-
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	973,472	0	973,472	883,134	90,338	0	973,472	-
State of Oklahoma	1,725,724	0	1,725,724	1,616,355	109,369	0	1,725,724	-
Tribe Funded	347,279,919	45,674,492	392,954,411	349,931,689	14,250,311	28,772,411	392,954,411	-
USDA	47,260,985	2,466,594	49,727,579	47,730,960	1,996,619	0	49,727,579	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,496,058,921</b>	<b>\$ 132,895,134</b>	<b>\$ 3,628,954,055</b>	<b>\$ 3,362,011,175</b>	<b>\$ 134,047,746</b>	<b>\$ 132,895,134</b>	<b>\$ 3,628,954,055</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Non Grant Requests**

Cap Mod #4	(3,932,000)	03/26 E&F
Oper Mod #6	23,402,759	03/26 E&F

Cap Mod #3	397,112,072	02/26 Spcl Cncl
Oper Mod #5	34,847,211	02/26 Spcl Cncl

<b>Total after pending Mod's</b>	<b>\$ 4,080,384,097</b>
Operating - cumulative total	\$ 2,932,125,510
Capital - cumulative total	1,148,258,587
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,080,384,097</b>

**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)

<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,258,587</b>
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# COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

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## M e m o

**To:** Dora Patzkowski, Chairman - Executive & Finance Committee  
**From:** Jody S. Reece  
**CC:** Executive & Finance Committee  
**Date:** 03/12/2026  
**Re:** Review of 2026 Operating Budget Mod #6 – Total \$ 25,958,823

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>
DOI General	4	\$ 292,907
DHHS General	2	23,638
USDA	3	2,115,553
HUD	1	13,404
Department of Justice	2	( 43,625)
State of Oklahoma	2	124,187
Private	1	30,000

**Total Grant Reporting** **\$ 2,556,064**

### **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: xx	0
xx	0
Balance Available for Future Grant Matching	<u>\$2,417,801</u>

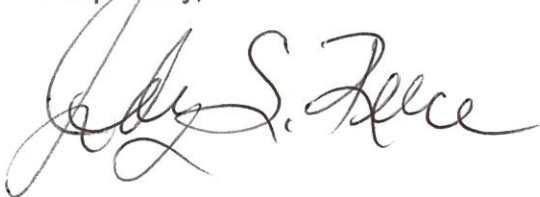
## **B. Modification Request - Increase in budget authority - \$ 23,402,759**

1. Archery Program – 10101930 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$97,112 for space costs and indirect costs. Budget is also redistributed based on actual usage. Funding provided by carryover from budget 2. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$284,923.
2. Unappropriated Reserve – 10102960 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting a decrease in Reserved by Appropriation of \$(61,470) to fund budgets 1 and 6. The new budgeted Reserved by Appropriation total is \$4,702,971.
3. HJSCA Permanent Reauthorization - Housing – 10104291 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$22,643,765 for full funding of the 3-year plan. Funded with CNB special dividends. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$31,643,765.
4. HJSCA Lang Svc Spkr Hsing Rehab – 10109261 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$117,797 for adjustment to actual carryover funding. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$622,326.
5. HJSCA Speaker Services Small Home Repairs – 10109261 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$298,571 5,067 to fully budget the \$1M allocation. Funded with CNB special dividends. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$909,285.
6. Harm Reduction – 10170010 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in carryover funding authorization of \$35,642 with no change in expenditure authorization. The net increase in funding impacts the calculation of carryover needed in budget 2 above.
7. PL 102 477 Child Care – 32300000 – DOI PL 102-477: Modification requesting a decrease in transfer out authorization of \$(4,123,766) for carryover needed for the Sallisaw CDC Construction budget reported in the capital budget modification. Expenditures are adjusted to offset; therefore, zero bottom line changes.
8. PL102 477 Health Services – 32350002 – DOI PL 102-477: New budget requesting expenditure authorization of \$306,984 for estimated carryover from fiscal year 2025.

### **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,



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