

# An Act

## LEGISLATIVE ACT 33-25

### AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #26-25 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – Mod. 2 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. 2**”.

#### 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 **\$ 9,521,204** for a total budget authority of **\$ 2,859,264,858**. The following items are identified as components of such change:

Grants Received & Authorized per LA 26-25 (detail attached)	\$ 8,888,945
Modification Request (see Section 4 below)	<u>632,259</u>
<b>Cumulative change in budget authority</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,521,204</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 **\$ 632,259** to wit:

- A. An increase in the **Tribally Funded** budget authority of **\$ 102,500**.
- B. An increase in the **DOI PL 102-477** budget authority of **\$ 450,000**.
- C. An increase in the **DOI Self Governance** budget authority of **\$ 79,759**.

**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.

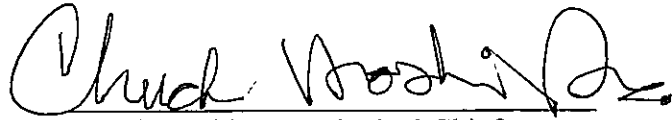
Enacted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

  
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Johnny Jack Kidwell, Speaker  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:

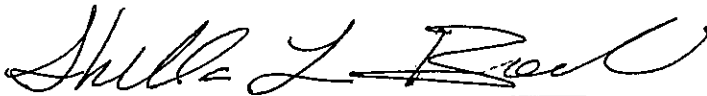
  
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Joshua Sam, Secretary  
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025



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

			Data		
Funding Source	Ref # by FS	Program/Purpose	Amend. Change to Sources	Amend. Expenses Total Change	Net Change
40-DHHS GENERAL	1	34016800 FVPSA COVID Testing Human Svcs	1,250,326	1,250,326	\$ -
	2	34017700 CN HCV Engagement and Linkage	9,000	9,000	\$ -
	3	34025100 Jack Brown Center Revenue	660,000	660,000	\$ -
	4	34053600 CURE Program	1,779,340	1,779,340	\$ -
	5	34055010 CN STITCH	3,749,921	3,749,921	\$ -
	6	34055220 Targeted Capacity Expansion	375,000	375,000	\$ -
<b>40-DHHS GENERAL Total</b>			<b>7,823,587</b>	<b>7,823,587</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
45-USDA	7	34568000 USDA RBDG Revolving Loan Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	\$ -
<b>45-USDA Total</b>			<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
80-STATE OF OKLAHOMA	8	38024000 Cherokee Charter School	95,153	95,153	\$ -
<b>80-STATE OF OKLAHOMA Total</b>			<b>95,153</b>	<b>95,153</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
85-PRIVATE	9	38571000 Gilead FOCUS	(29,795)	(29,795)	\$ -
<b>85-PRIVATE Total</b>			<b>(29,795)</b>	<b>(29,795)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,888,945</b>	<b>\$ 8,888,945</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

November 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	10105550 Tribal Training Services	102,500	102,500	\$ -
<b>01-General Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 102,500</b>	<b>\$ 102,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
22-DOI Self Governance	2	32218200 Tiwahe JWHC	79,759	79,759	\$ -
<b>22-DOI Self Governance Total</b>			<b>\$ 79,759</b>	<b>\$ 79,759</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
23-DOI PL 102-477	3	32323030 Youth Shelter Expansion Project	450,000	450,000	\$ -
<b>23-DOI PL 102-477 Total</b>			<b>\$ 450,000</b>	<b>\$ 450,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 632,259</b>	<b>\$ 632,259</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Operating Mod #2 Request



COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Funding Source	Revenues	Transfers In	Total	Direct Exp.	Indir. Exp.	Transfers Out	Total	NET
Capital Projects	652,153,272	10,274,421	662,427,693	655,531,204	0	6,896,489	662,427,693	-
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	102,561,869	0	102,561,869	102,050,394	411,475	100,000	102,561,869	-
DHHS General	88,263,031	0	88,263,031	79,466,552	8,796,479	0	88,263,031	-
DOI General	27,083,433	0	27,083,433	25,005,269	2,078,164	0	27,083,433	-
DOI PL 102-477	473,804,704	0	473,804,704	456,355,060	7,175,223	10,274,421	473,804,704	-
DOI Self Governance	59,616,341	79,600	59,695,941	54,034,396	5,311,545	350,000	59,695,941	-
Enterprise	4,883,890	22,819,954	27,703,844	27,369,722	334,122	0	27,703,844	-
EPA	9,139,890	0	9,139,890	8,852,040	287,850	0	9,139,890	-
Federal Other	337,603,525	80,867	337,684,392	313,496,925	1,545,601	22,641,866	337,684,392	-
HUD	76,759,837	1,937,501	78,697,338	76,397,141	362,696	1,937,501	78,697,338	-
Indirect Cost	103,920,422	187,030	104,107,452	104,107,452	0	0	104,107,452	-
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	974,911,213	86,842,027	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	0	39,848,130	39,269,320	578,810	0	39,848,130	-
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	739,629	0	739,629	666,967	72,662	0	739,629	-
State of Oklahoma	1,601,537	0	1,601,537	1,501,070	100,467	0	1,601,537	-
Tribe Funded	346,711,005	45,674,492	392,385,497	355,084,222	14,234,564	23,066,711	392,385,497	-
USDA	43,049,392	2,466,594	45,515,986	43,659,822	1,856,164	0	45,515,986	-
Total	\$ 3,545,066,956	\$ 117,189,434	\$ 3,662,256,390	\$ 3,411,809,184	\$ 133,257,772	\$ 117,189,434	\$ 3,662,256,390	\$ -

Non Grant Requests

Oper Mod #1	\$	546,000	10/30 E&F
Oper Mod #2		632,259	11/10 E&F

CAPITAL RECONCILIATION

LA 25-25	\$	804,169,791
Cap Mod #1		-

Total after pending Mod's	\$ 3,663,434,649
Operating - cumulative total	\$ 2,859,264,858
Capital - cumulative total	804,169,791
Grand Total	\$ 3,663,434,649

# CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

Jody S. Reece, CPA, CIA, CMA

Executive Director of Financial Oversight



## M e m o

**To:** Dora Patzkowski, Chairman - Executive & Finance Committee  
**From:** Jody S. Reece  
**CC:** Executive & Finance Committee  
**Date:** 10/28/2025  
**Re:** Review of 2026 Operating Budget Mod #2 – Total \$ 9,521,204

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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:

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### A. Grant Reporting:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u># of Budgets</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DHHS General	6	\$ 7,823,587
USDA	1	1,000,000
State of Oklahoma	1	95,153
Private	1	( 29,795)

**Total Grant Reporting** **\$ 8,888,945**

### **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. MOD #2 Request - Increase in budget authority - \$ 632,259

1. Tribal Training Services – 10105550 – Tribally Funded: Modification requesting an increase in expenditure authorization of \$102,500. Funded with a \$102,500 increase for the MOU with CNB, totaling \$1,025,000. The balance is funded by General Tribal Funds. The new budgeted expenditure total is \$1,482,728.

2. Tiwahe JWHC – 32218200 – DOI Self Governance: New budget requesting expenditure authorization of \$79,759 for the carryover funding from 2025. See the budget narrative for program details.
3. Youth Shelter Expansion Project – 32323030 – PL 102-477: New budget requesting expenditure authorization of \$450,000 for the carryover funding from 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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