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CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2008 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of this announcement is to inform Cherokee Nation citizens and other residents of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Jurisdictional area of the availability of funds for which the Cherokee Nation can apply for housing, economic development, public facilities and improvement projects or other community development purposes. In this region there is a maximum of $500,000 for which Indian Tribes can apply. Funding is awarded competitively so there is no guarantee that the Cherokee Nation will receive funding. Award decisions to the Tribes are expected to be made by November 30, 2008. Application due date for the Cherokee Nation to the Department of Housing and Urban Development is July 15, 2008.

Funding may be applied for housing, economic development, public facilities and improvement projects (such as warehouses, community buildings, microenterprise funds, and other community projects.

The Cherokee Nation wishes to announce its Community Development Statement for the purpose of applying for a 2008 Indian Community Development Block Grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Cherokee Nation intends to apply for a public facilities and improvement projects for a waterline in the Leach community. The community must meet the low/moderate income requirements and community citizens must commit to volunteer hours. This proposal is to construct a 20 mile waterline which will serve over 200 families in the Leach community.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on this information. The citizens and other residents shall be able to make comments on the community project. Comments are due by 5:00 P.M., June 5, 2008.

The entire "Community Development Statement" is available for public viewing as follows:

Where: Community Services Administrative Office, Cherokee Nation Complex, 1 ½ miles south of Tahlequah on Highway 62, Tahlequah , Oklahoma .

When: 8:00 A. M. through 5:00 P. M. on June 2, 3, and 4, 2008.

Comments or additional information on this potential project may be obtained by contacting John Ross by mail at Cherokee Nation, P.O. Box 948 , Tahlequah , OK 74465 or by phone at (918) 453-5421 or by e-mail at jonross@cherokee.org