

PUBLIC NOTICE - Cherokee Nation – Education Services

Community Services Block Grant

Cherokee Nation Education Services is submitting an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2023

States and tribes receive funding according to a statutory formula. In turn, states fund a network of local eligible entities with 90 percent of their CSBG grant award. These local eligible entities include, but are not limited to, local governments, migrant and seasonal farm worker organizations, tribes and tribal organizations, and Community Action Agencies (CAAs). The local entities provide services and activities addressing employment, education, income and asset building services, housing, nutrition, emergency services, and/or healthcare based on community needs assessments conducted by the local entities. Examples of services provided include child/young adult education programs (such as Summer Education Programs and College-Readiness Preparation/Support), adult education programs (such as adult literacy classes and financial literacy education), transportation services, utility payments, and emergency hygiene assistance (such as kits and boxes).

The goals, objectives, and priorities of the Cherokee Nation plan are described below:

The project will serve a minimum of 150 College/College Bound students and a maximum of 300 Students at 5 Higher Education sites.

Goal: To increase the retention of college aged students through enhanced services and community engagement.

Objective: Provide a Cherokee Scholars Day at 5 Higher Education Sites.

Priority 1 – Provide opportunity for College/College Bound students and their families to engage with Cherokee Nation Resources in a collaborative community setting.

Priority 2 – Increase presence of Cherokee Nation staff on our campuses to foster community and relationship building.

Priority 3 – Provide opportunity for mentor to peer relationship building between all stakeholders.

Goal: To foster increased community engagement through volunteerism opportunities for Cherokee scholars within our rural communities.

Objective – Provide 1 group project near each of our 5 Higher Education sites.

Priority 1 – Provide opportunities for our students to give back to their communities while earning volunteer hours to meet their scholarship requirements.

Priority 2 - Reconnect Cherokee scholars to our rural communities to instill a sense of pride and ownership within those communities.

Goal: To increase opportunities for future economic development within our rural communities.

Objective - Provide needed supplemental personal skills instruction and leadership development.

Priority 1 – Provide workshops designed to increase the livelihood and well-being of Cherokee scholars.

Priority 2 - Provide opportunities and platforms for students to develop and enhance leadership skills.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to comment on the 2023/2024 CSBG plan.

Comments may be sent via one of these methods by Wednesday, August 31, 2022 by 5pm.

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