

PUBLIC NOTICE Cherokee Nation – Education Services

Community Services Block Grant

Cherokee Nation Education Services is applying for funding under the US Department of Health and Human Services' Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2025.

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:

Goal: Deploy skill building activities for Cherokee Nation employees as they apply data collection, assessment, and evaluation techniques; program evaluation; and program development knowledge gained in previous trainings.

1. Objective: Provide ongoing support to Cherokee Nation departments as they work to create, collect, and analyze citizen data.
2. Objective: Gather data needed to determine potential needs and gaps in key service areas, including Health, Housing, Food Education, etc.
3. Objective: Increase the collection and retention of data for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Goal: To evaluate the data provided in community needs assessments.

1. Objective: Examine, interpret, and report results of analytical initiatives to Cherokee Nation departments.
2. Objective: Distribute community assessment reports throughout Cherokee Nation departments.

Additionally, FY25 funds will support Cherokee Nation Education Services' program evaluation efforts. Program evaluation efforts lead to the creation of a model of efficiency, development of workforce through individualized professional development plans, data collection, and identification of any gaps in services. These gaps will inform future resource allocation to improve direct services to Cherokee Nation citizens, which will ultimately improve the educational outcomes throughout the Reservation.

Goal: Identify gaps in services within the Cherokee Nation Education Services department's service areas.

1. Objective: Evaluate organizational structures and policies.
2. Objective: Provide guidance on management and allocation of personnel and resources.
3. Objective: Identify gaps in services within the Cherokee Nation Education Services department's service areas.
4. Objective: Leverage collected data in determining and targeting future funding opportunities to better address community needs.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to comment on the 2025 CSBG plan. Comments may be sent via one of these methods by **Monday, August 26, 2024, by 5 pm.**

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