

June 17, 2025
Cherokee Nation
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This notice shall satisfy two procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Cherokee Nation, and/or the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 8, 2025 the Cherokee Nation will submit a request to the U.S. Office of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs for the release of Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds, (Project Number B-19-SR-40-0578), to undertake a project known as Pryor Child Development Center for the purpose of:

New construction of an approximately 27,000 square foot child development center, head start, playground and parking lots. The legal description is as follows: A part of the SE4 of Section 31, T21N, R19E, I.B.M., Mayes County, Oklahoma. The total project cost will be approximately \$27,711,994, with non-HUD funding of \$26,511,994, ICDBG funding of \$900,000 and matching Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) funding of 300,000. The project will not involve activities other than those listed above.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Cherokee Nation has determined this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Records (ERR) on file at the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office located at the 206 E. Allen Rd. Tahlequah, OK 74464 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs Office, 206 E. Allen Road, Tahlequah, OK 74464. All comments received by July 7, 2025 will be considered by the Cherokee Nation prior to authorizing submission of a request of release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Cherokee Nation certifies to HUD that Wayne Isaacs, in his capacity as the tribe's HUD certifying official consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Cherokee Nation to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Cherokee Nation's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission or its actual receipt of request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Cherokee Nation; (b) the Cherokee Nation has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (C) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD's Southern Plains Office of Native American Indian Programs at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 301 NW 6th St, Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Wayne Isaacs
Certifying Official
Cherokee Nation