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**Administrative Memorandum outlining the Annual Spending Framework under
the Public Health and Wellness Fund Act
Fiscal Year 2026**

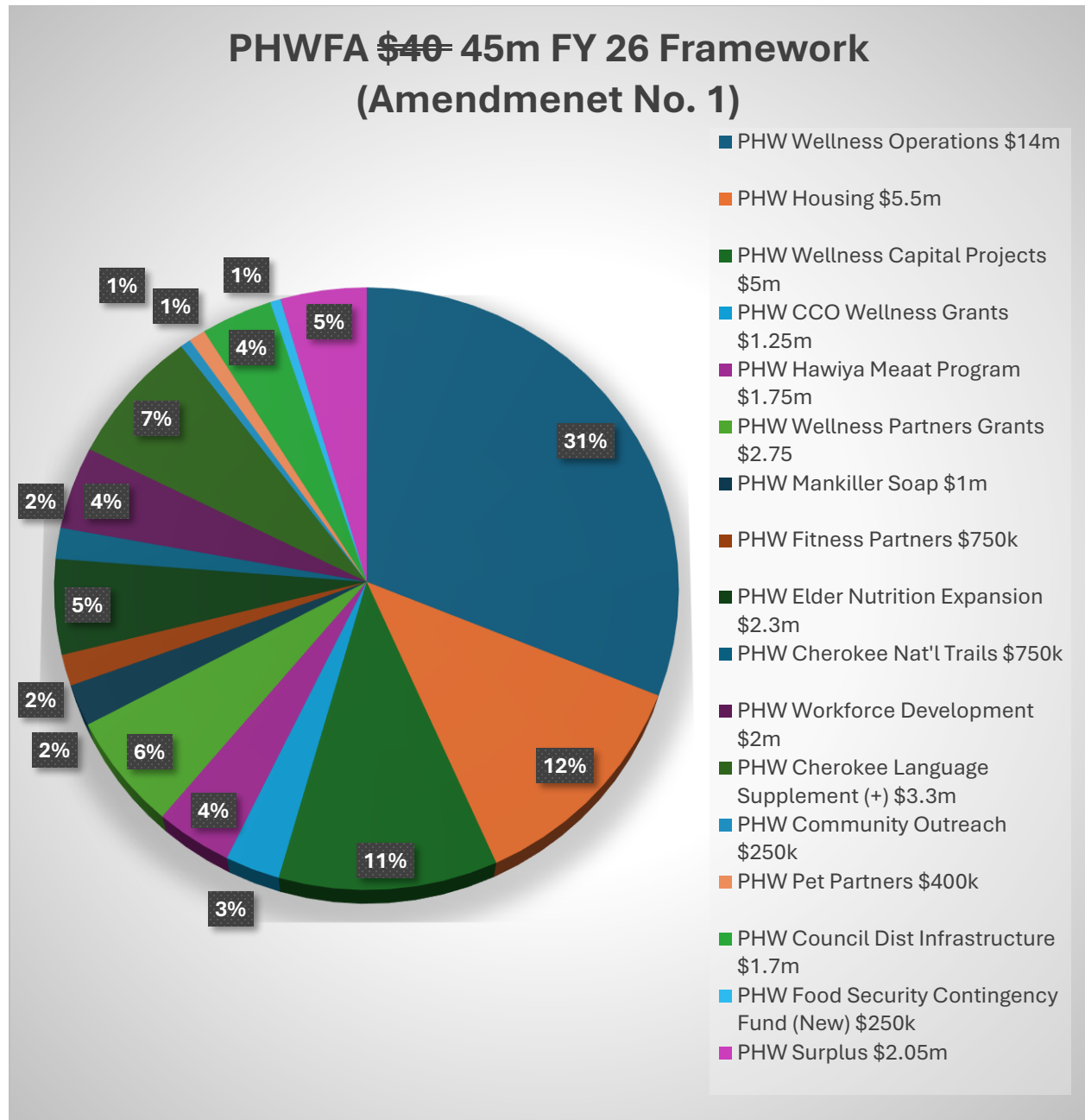
AMENDMENT No. 1

The purpose of this memorandum is to **AMEND** the approved [annual spending framework dated October 21, 2025](#), under the Public Health and Wellness Fund, authorized by the [Public Health and Wellness Fund Act, as amended](#), per the requirements of Section 4, § 1003(E).¹

¹ See [LA 27-25](#). See also my memorandum of January 3, 2025, and the Implementation Team's review of January 13, 2025. The memorandum also supplements and modifies [the Administrative Memorandum of May 17, 2024](#). This memorandum amends the [FY 2026 PHWFA Annual Spending Framework dated October 21, 2025](#).

Section II, B “PHWF Annual Spending Framework” is amended by increasing the top line forecasted revue at \$45 million and modifying the specific frame work spending categories as follows:

B. PHWF Annual Spending Framework (FY 26 Amendment No. 1, 5/2026)



Amendments and Additions to Framework Categories

- **\$5m \$5.5 PHW Housing**
 - [PHW POV program](#) for housing rehabilitation to address emergent health, public health and behavioral health needs. Administered by HACN.
 - Other housing investments to effectuate the purposes and policies of PHWFA.
- **\$4.25m \$5m PHW Wellness Capital Projects**
 - Public health and wellness capital projects located on, or beneficial to, Cherokee Nation property, such as sidewalks, public restrooms, and park improvements. Includes relevant property acquisitions.
- **\$1.75m \$1.5m PHW CCO Wellness Grants**
 - Annual grants to CCO participating organizations, ordinarily capped at \$25,000 per organization per fiscal year.
 - Program effective, but underspending relative to original target.
- **\$1.75m “Hawiya Meat Program” (new CCO successor program) and “Hawiya+ Farmers Market Voucher Program” (new Public Health pilot program)**
 - **Backfills terminated USDA funded program to continue Hawiya Meat Program, administered by CCO**
 - **Estimated full FY 26 cost \$1.6 million**
 - **USDA funding ends May 2026**
 - **Hawiya+ Farmers Market Voucher Program (Pilot): Adds single \$30 vouch per season per participant in WIC Farmers Market and Sr. Farmers Market, administered by Public Health**
 - **Est. \$135,000 for 4,500 participants**
- **\$1.75m \$2.75m PHW Wellness Partners Grants**
 - Grants to non-CCO third parties for wellness operations, capital or equipment, ordinarily capped at \$25,000 per pilot operating funds or \$150,000 for capital or equipment, NTE \$1.9m.
 - Program modified to include Administration-directed spending to established non-CCO third parties for wellness capital or equipment projects

- **\$2.3m \$3.3m PHW Cherokee Language Supplement**
 - PHW Speaker Service’s Peer recovery program, NTE \$500k (\$500k FY 25, allocated under PHW Operations in FY 25 framework).
 - PHW Speaker Services Elder Fluent Speaker Home Care program, CNA-trained staff to assist fluent speakers remain in their homes. NTE \$325k
 - PHW Little Cherokee Seeds partnership, NTE \$800k
 - **Remainder (minimum of \$1.675m as allocated by the Executive Director of Language)**
 - **PHW Speaker Services housing rehab projects, or replacements in consultation with HACN.**
 - PHW Language Hubs Capital Projects.
 - Master Apprentice Programming.

- **\$250k Food Security Contingency Fund (new)**
 - **Immediately available funding, when authorized by the Principal Chief, to:**
 - **Extend the reach of federally funded food security programs that provide insufficient coverage (Example: USDA Summer EBT) or**
 - **Temporarily replace federal funding the event of a federal lapse in appropriation.**
 - **Provide resources in the event of an acute emergency food security need impacting the Cherokee Nation or the Cherokee Nation Reservation.**

The remainder of the framework of October 21, 2025, not modified by this memorandum remains in full force and effect.²



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² As a reminder “Executive branch cabinet officials and other leadership officers [should] avoid layering additional approval processes or paperwork unless there is clear legal authority requiring it and only with the approval of the Principal Chief.”