
Date

Resolution No. _____ (2016)

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is “to understand the needs of our people and to address those needs in an ethical and responsible manner. As a Tribe, we strive for cultural integrity, economic prosperity, a healthy and educated membership, and a natural environment that is respected and protected”, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians maintains a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed in 2012 to promote economic development and work toward accomplishing its Mission on the Cherokee Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the EDA provides Tribal planning financial assistance which totals \$145,500 over a three-year period and does not require matching funds to Tribes that maintain a CEDS and conduct planning activities; and

WHEREAS, EDA requires that the Tribe develop new CEDS every five years to ensure that an up-to-date economic development strategy that is reflective of the wishes of the community is being implemented; and

WHEREAS, completion of that document will be a year-long effort involving the EBCI Planning Board, Executive, Tribal Council and numerous community groups and will necessitate the use of a professional consultant at a projected cost of \$140,000; and

WHEREAS, this funding source does not pay for salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Office of the EBCI Commerce Division shall commit to a 50% General Fund match totaling \$70,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled where a quorum is present that the Planning Office of the EBCI Commerce Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians be authorized to submit an application package to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation in the amount of \$70,000 towards completing the 2017 CEDS, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Principal Chief is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: Grants Compliance Office on behalf of Tribal Planning Office/EBCI Commerce Division