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Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2023)**

**WHEREAS,** the safety and wellbeing of the Tribal Community is a high priority to the Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the provision of a public transit system supports this objective; and

**WHEREAS,** Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering all federal and/or state programs related to public transportation, and grants the department authority to do all things required in applicable federal and/or state legislation to properly administer the public transportation programs within the state of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** G.S. 136-44.27 established the Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program; utilizing funds for transportation related expenditures as specified in the FY 2023 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP)/Rural General Public (RGP) Transportation Project Description application; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grant Budget does not allow any personnel costs of the total budget of \$46,797 and there are no further requirements from the grantee once the grant project is completed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Transit Program is required to commit 10% to Tribal Match from program income generated from passenger fares in amount of \$4,680 which is 10% of the total budget for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Council assembled at which a quorum is present, that the Transit Program be authorized to apply and accept funds from the NCDOT ROAP/RGP Transportation.

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Indians is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

Submitted by: Renee Gurtler, Grants Manager on behalf of the EBCI Transit Program (Operations Division).