

Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)

- WHEREAS,** The Tribal Realty Services Program (TRS) provides assistances to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Citizens with regard to documenting and recording legal land transactions, facilitation of land surveys, and management of land data in its Geographic Information System; and
- WHEREAS,** The TRS Program has identified a funding source through Department of Health and Human Service - Administration for Children and Families - Administration for Native Americans- Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program (ERE). ERE grants provide Tribes with resources to develop legal, technical and organizational capacities for protecting their natural environments with financial assistance; and
- WHEREAS,** the TRS Program has identified several areas to build strengths and address challenges that will help deliver great value to Tribal citizens, Tribal government programs, and external customers to help build legal, technical, and organizational capabilities to develop the community and economy as well as protecting, preserving, and promoting the region’s natural environment, heritage, and culture, and
- WHEREAS,** TRS staff developed a three-year strategic plan to build organizational capacity, employment of advanced technology, and organizational operations development utilizing community input, stakeholder interviews, and Tribal leadership guidance to create a mission, vision, goal, and objectives to promote the protection and preservation of the EBCI’s natural and human capital, and
- WHEREAS,** this strategic plan has been presented to the EBCI community and leadership which has a stated goal: *By 2022 Tribal Reality Services will have completed an organization realignment that strengthens organization systems, build internal capacity, expands programs and services, and employs advanced technology to transform the organization’s operations that result in improved workflow, realized efficiencies, and greater impact,* and
- WHEREAS,** this goal supports the mission of the EBCI and the Administration for Native American’s Environmental Regulatory Enhancement program (ANA ERE), and

**WHEREAS,** ANA ERE grants provide tribes with resources to develop legal, technical and organizational capacities for protecting their natural environments with financial assistance up to \$300,000 per year for a three-year project period with a required 20% total project cash match, and

**WHEREAS,** the TRS Program shall commit a 20% match totaling \$225,000.00 Tribal Cash Match for a total project of \$1,125,000; and

**WHEREAS,** the TRS strategic plan outlines specific objectives and action plans that will flourish with ANA ERE financial support.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at which quorum is present that the Tribal Realty Services Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Attorney General Division be authorized to apply and accept funds from United States Department of Health and Human Services office of the Administration for Children and Families Administration for Native Americans Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grant program up to \$1,125,000 for the budget period of 09/30/2019 –09/29/2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Tribal Realty Services, Office of Budget and Finance, and relevant Tribal programs are authorized to provide in-kind contributions to this proposal to enhance and support the project activities to insure success and shall be documented with assistance from the Grants and Contracts Manager.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians expresses its support to this proposal, which upholds the Tribe's and the Administration for Native Americans mission and goals, and to the continuation of the activities and initiatives it outlines so that future development and value delivered will facilitate protection, preservation, and promotion of the Tribal Nation's natural environment, heritage, and culture.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tribal Realty Services Director shall serve as the project contact for the Administration for Native American, the Grants/Contracts Manager shall serve as financial point of contact, and the Principal Chief is authorized to submit the proposal on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVE** that all other resolutions in conflict with this legislation are now rescinded and the Principal Chief is authorized to carryout the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.

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Submitted by: Grants Compliance Office on behalf of the Tribal Realty Services Program