

**Cherokee Council House  
Cherokee, North Carolina**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2019)**

**WHEREAS,** the Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc. (VOC) Program provides vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities that reside on or near Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment; and

**WHEREAS,** these services provided for persons with disabilities and employment challenges are of the utmost importance to all the members of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) has awarded the EBCI funding through a grant titled: Vocational Rehabilitation Services Project for American Indians with disabilities, Section 121 in 2008, and awarded again in 2014 – 2019; and has been operating successfully for the past eleven (11) years; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant will be a subaward under the program management of Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc. (VOC); under a Subaward Agreement designating VOC to continue to serve as the service provider the subaward agreement is housed under the Treasury Division and presently the Grant Compliance Office requests approval from Tribal Council to submit a new 5-year plan for renewal; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past ten (10) years, a total of 653 Tribal Members with a mental or physical disability have been served; therefore, it is imperative that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians reapply for this grant; and

**WHEREAS,** there are no salary's payed from this award

**WHEREAS,** the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, commit to a 10% match of funds each year as required to apply for this grant (\$45,818) totaling \$229,090; for a period of five (5) years from General Fund; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at which a quorum is present that the Grants Compliance Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Treasury Division be authorized to apply and accept funds from U.S. Department of Education (DOE) with a total of five (5) years in Federal Funding with a requested amount of \$2,061,785.00 in FY20.

**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Indians is authorized to carry out the intent of this resolution, which shall remain in effect until implemented or rescinded.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: Grants Compliance Office.