

AMENDED
PASSED

Cherokee Council House
Cherokee, North Carolina

JAN 09 2020

Date

Resolution No. 96 (2020)

WHEREAS, the Tribal Employment Rights Office ("TERO") mission is to strengthen and enforce the preference laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ("EBCI") while creating employment and training opportunities for all members of the EBCI and other federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, TERO's Mother Town Healing Program is an initiative to assist EBCI enrolled members in recovery by providing a safe and supportive working environment, training for necessary job skills, and discipline to re-enter the workforce in a positive manner. While the goal is for participants to become employable, we also encourage them to rebuild and strengthen community connections that may have been lost due to substance use/abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration ("ETA") is offering funding through the "Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery Through Workforce Development" grant program that addresses the economic and workforce impacts associated with a high rate of substance use disorders and the opioid health crisis by supporting communities and individuals impacted by the public health epidemic. The purpose of this grant program is to empower local communities to address the health and economic impacts of widespread substance and opioid misuse, addiction, and overdoses, and to serve or retrain workers in significantly impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 702,568 people died from a drug overdose in the United States between 1999 and 2017, with 399,230 involving opioids. Nearly one in three people know someone addicted to opioids or prescription painkillers.³ In 2018, approximately two million Americans aged 12 or older had an opioid use

disorder (prescription pain killers or heroin). ... In all, researchers have found that this crisis has cost the United States more than \$1 trillion since 2001, and that it could have a negative impact of \$500 billion more over the next three years if conditions do not change. (citations omitted); and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration ("SAMHSA") reports the rate of illicit drug use among American Indian/Alaska Natives ("AI/AN") is 12.3 percent and alcohol use/abuse is 37.3 percent. Substance dependence or abuse rate among AI/AN is 14.9 percent. The CDC reports drug overdose death rates for AI/AN males, from 5.7% in 1999 to 19.7% in 2017, and females, from 4.6% in 1999 to 12.7% in 2017; drug overdose deaths involving any opioid, for males, 3.2% in 1999 to 11.9% in 2017, and females, from 1.9% in 1999 to 7.5% in 2017, (citations omitted); and

WHEREAS, the EBCI TERO proposes to develop employment and training services to individuals impacted by the opioid crisis to transition more skilled workers to productive careers in in-demand occupations for workers and professions that can impact the crisis and economy; and

WHEREAS, the grant budget will not fund any salaried positions; and

WHEREAS, there is no grant match required, and, this is a new grant program and there is no statement about the availability of continuation awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled and where a quorum is present, that the TERO Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is authorized to apply and accept funds from U.S. DOL-ETA in the amount of \$500,000 for the anticipated 48 months of project funding beginning April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022.

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

Submitted by: Grants Compliance Office on behalf of the Tribal Employment Rights Office.

The attached Resolution/Ordinance No. 96 dated JANUARY 9, 2020_ was

PASSED (X)

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council on JANUARY 9, 2020 by 100 voting for the act
and 0 members voting against it as follows:

VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Richard French	X			
Perry Shell	X			
Boyd Owle	X			
Bucky Brown	X			
Tom Wahnetah	X			
David Wolfe	X			
Adam Wachacha	X			
Bo Crowe	X			
Chelsea Saunooke	X			
Albert Rose	X			
Dike Sneed	X			
Tommye Saunooke	X			
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TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN


ENGLISH CLERK


PRINCIPAL CHIEF

APPROVED (☒) VETOED ()

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DATE: 1/30/2020

I hereby certify that the foregoing act of the Council was duly:

PASSED ()

KILLED ()

and ratified in open Council after the same has been interpreted by the Official Interpreter and
has been fully and freely discussed.

INTERPRETED ()

OMITTED ()