

RESOLUTION

Establishing a List of Infrastructure Needs and Building Needs for Future ICDBG Projects and Allocating Funding for Each Year to Hire a Grant Writer Secifically to Write This Proposal to Move in the Direction of the Tribe's Wishes as Indicated in the Strategic Plan Brought Before the Tribal Council

- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the "Tribe") possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III of the Wichita Governing Resolution affirms that the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Council is the Tribe's supreme governing body; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council may transact any business which may come regularly before it at its annual meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters on which the Tribe is empowered to act now or in the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes had limited land and resources available in which to grown its tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** currently the Tribe has some property that projects related to the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) could be housed on with a Master Plan; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe has benefited from the ICDBG program with the infrastructure and building projects such as the: water tower and complex roads, Family and Children Services building, Health Builidng, Food Distribution Building, Wichita Child

Development Center Building, Wichita Travel Plaza and Wichita Tribal History Center where each of these project represent at least and up to \$800,000 of grant funding brought into the Tribe so that the Tribe could expand its programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Collins, former Wichita Executive Committee member and employee, was the director of ICDBG when these projects were applied for and completed;

WHEREAS, since Mr. Collins was no longer in that program there have not been any applications made for an ICDBG project since at least 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has had reputable offers from a grant writer to help with a project but no action was taken to hire a grant and so the Tribe continues to miss out on that opportunity; and

WHEREAS, recently the Wichita Tribal Council participated in a strategic plan that laid out some hopes for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee use the Strategic Plan to lay out specific projects over the next five years in line with what is best for the direction of the Tribe and to move towards steps to address those items that were identified in the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Wichita Tribal Council desires that the Wichita Executive Committee seek out reputable grant writers for the ICDBG grant to move our Tribe forward so that the Tribe no longer misses out on these opportunities for growth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the will of the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that the Wichita Executive Committee establish a list of infrastructure needs and building needs for future ICDBG projects and allocating funding for each year to hire a grant writer specifically to write this proposal to establish buidings to move in the direction of the Tribes wishes as indicated in the Strategic Plan brought before the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be continuing unless and until rescinded by separate action of this body, and shall supersede any and all prior resolutions or actions to the extent such actions conflict with the authorities granted by this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma on **July 20, 2019**, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, by a vote of _____ for, _____ against, with _____ abstentions and a quorum being present.

Attest:

Approved:

Myles Stephenson, Jr.
Secretary

Terri Parton
President

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