Opportunity for Public Review and Comment on the Cherokee Nation's Community Services Block Grant for Fiscal Year 2006

Notice from The Cherokee Nation to review and comment upon The Nation's plan through the Following means by 5:00 p.m. (CST) August 16, 2005:
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The plan consists of the following goals and objectives:

1. Assist the poverty-level among Cherokee citizens through the creation of self-sustaining activities, i.e. jobs and business, that results in increase the income of individuals and families residently among the poverty line.
2. Increase the overall self-future and self-esteem by developing financial literacy skills to Cherokee citizens, with an emphasis on the youth.
3. Enhancing the social capital/cohesion of predominantly Cherokee communities by establishing partnerships emphasizing contributions from the community, which increases their capacity to develop self-sufficient means of support.

The specific types of programs/activities to be funded will include:

1. Job creation and retention activities
2. Financial literacy training
3. Training/education that leads directly to obtaining a job or the development of skills necessary to strive an individual to work above the poverty line.
4. The creation by community organizations of linkages with other entities and sources to promote self-sufficiency and/or promote common causes related to poverty reduction.
5. Providing emergency services.

Causes and categories of individuals to be served shall be individuals and families residently living below the poverty line that live in predominantly Cherokee citizen areas. An emphasis shall be placed to those cases with significant numbers of children and youth residently living in poverty.

The criteria and method for the distribution of funds shall be to identify Cherokee citizen-controlled community organizations in high poverty areas that have demonstrated capacity and/or process to effectively administer funds and services resulting in measurable participation in the Cherokee Nation's TANF/CSBG Income Capital program run by corporate representatives. The Cherokee Nation supports that a portion of funds shall be designated to non-administrative p.public organizations, i.e. community services of Cherokee Nation through a round of advisory. Its certain priority areas of community services organizations described more. The funds to be distributed to eligible organizations shall depend on the number of jobs, non-duty priority beneficiaries and to the area (with a priority on remote areas) or select citizens living in poverty, and the way manufacturing. The proposed programs serve more