COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

The Community Services Group is submitting an application for funding from the Community Services Block Grant for fiscal year 2012.

The Cherokee Nation 2012 plan consists of the following:

Goal #1: Assist low-income families and individuals meet their immediate and urgent needs by providing emergency assistance through loans, grants, or other means.

Objectives:

- a. Continue to fund the community-based organizations that have previously provided emergency assistance to low-income families and individuals.
- b. Identify and fund new community-based organizations that meet the criteria to provide emergency assistance.
- c. The specific areas of assistance that will be provided by the CBOs is: utilities, housing, transportation, and food.

Goal #2: Support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals to enable the families and individuals to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the community involved.

Objectives:

- a. Convene a group of concerned citizens in a low-income community to help them gain a voice in their community.
- b. Provide training and technical assistance to the community members in order to empower them to address specific needs in the community.

Goal #3: Address the needs of youth in low-income communities through youth development programs that support the primary role of the family.

Objectives:

- a. Work collaboratively with other Cherokee Nation programs that address the needs of youth in low-income communities. The Bright Futures program in Human Services works closely with families to identify and address the causes of truancy among low-income youth. The Adair County Pilot Project came into effect in 2010 to help reduce the number of Indian children the enter the state and tribal court system by providing intensive prevention services to Indian families. The prevention services are hands on activities that help develop basic skills for youth and their parents. Leadership Services will be working with youth at the school level to promote health, fitness and culture through traditional game/s. The CSBG funds could be used to supplement activities provided by these programs.
- b. Partner with local public schools in order to teach the basics of business, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and leadership to low-income youth through summer day camps. Schools located in the counties that have the largest Cherokee population, the lowest level of academic achievement and the highest rate of poverty in the state of Oklahoma will be targeted.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the 2012 plan.

Comments can be sent via one of these methods:

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Comments are due by Friday, August 19, 2011 by 4pm.