Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

CHEROKEE NATION STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR THE 2012 INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)

The purpose of this announcement is to inform Cherokee Nation citizens and other residents of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Jurisdictional area of the availability of funds for which the Cherokee Nation can apply for economic development, public facilities and improvement projects or other community development purposes. In this region there is a maximum of \$800,000 for which Indian Tribes can apply.

Funding is awarded competitively so there is no guarantee that the Cherokee Nation will receive funding. Award decisions to the Tribes are expected to be made by September 30, 2012. The due date for Cherokee Nation to submit an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development is January 4, 2012.

Funding may be applied for housing, economic development, public facilities and improve projects, community buildings, microenterprise funds and other community projects. The community must meet the low to moderate income requirements.

The Cherokee Nation wishes to announce its Community Development Statement for the purpose of applying for a 2012 Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Cherokee Nation intends to apply in the amount of \$800,000.00 for public facilities, specifically to fund the following four (4) projects.

Head Start

New roofs will be provided at Cherry Tree, Lowery, Shady Grove, Nowata, and Kenwood. The Belfonte Center playground will receive repairs. This will benefit upwards to 120 children in those communities.

Microenterprise Project

Career Services will facilitate the purchase of the Indian Store in Sallisaw and use it to operate a Microenterprise project in partnership with Commerce. This project will service artists and crafts persons.

Green Retrofit

Alternative heat/cooling units intended to reduce costs for the Marble City Food Pantry building, Marble City Community building, Brent Community building in Sequoyah County, and Tailholt Community building in Cherokee County.

Handicap and Elderly Access Home Rehab

This program will use the Housing waiting list for rehabilitation in Sequoyah County. Elderly and handicap clients will be able to receive modifications to their homes to make them accessible and safe.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the proposed project information. Comments are due by December 16th, 2011.

The entire Cherokee Nation ICDBG Proposal will be available for viewing as follows:

Where: Cherokee Nation, Solutions Development Department located in the old motel

office 203. Cherokee Nation is 3½ miles South of Tahlequah, on highway 62.

When: Monday – Wednesday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. December 12, 13, & 14, 2011

Comments or additional information on this project may be obtained by contacting:

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Solutions Development

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