

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHEROKEE NATION
INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR FY2017**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Indian Community Development Block Grant program for FY2017 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs (SPONAP); application deadline is May 18, 2017 for eligible applicants that include Indian Tribes or tribal organizations.

Eligible activities include; housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, home ownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development and micro enterprise programs. For the SPONAP a maximum of \$800,000.00 has been allocated for requested projects for the region. Funding is awarded competitively so there is no guarantee that the Nation will receive funding.

The Cherokee Nation is considering submitting a proposal for construction under the Public Facilities and Infrastructure area for its FY2017 application. The ICDBG project will increase the safety of Head Start students through the construction of storm shelters at 7 Cherokee Nation owned Head Start facilities and improve the infrastructure to the existing main facility in Tahlequah, OK.

Required Statement

No part of the [citizen participation] requirement shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the [Cherokee Nation] for the development of the application and the execution of the grant. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of [HUD regulations] do not include concurrence by any person or group in making final determinations on the contents of the application. 24 CFR 1003.604(c)

Publication of Community Development Statement

The Cherokee Nation will conduct a meeting for public comment from 2:30pm to 3:30 p.m. on April, 6, 2017 at The Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit Conference room, located at the Tahlequah Early Child Care Unit main office. All interested community members are invited to attend the meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may complete an online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H25CJB2>.

For additional information, please email grantdevelopment@cherokee.org.