Community Services Block Grant

The Cherokee Nation 2021 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 find the community-based organizations that have previously provided emergency assistance to low-income families and individuals.
b. Continue to find the community-based organizations that have the ability to provide emergency assistance.
c. The specific areas of assistance that will be provided by the CNSA are 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. Develop 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 Wright Fathers program in Human Services works closely with families to identify and address the causes of truancy among low-income youth. The Mayes County Drug Court Project is reducing the number of Indian children that 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. The Community Matching Network is working to assess ways to address the prevention of substance abuse. The CSBG funds could be used to supplement activities provided by these programs.
b. Develop safe school youth centers in order to reduce the basic of business, entrepreneurship and financial crimes; reduce violence in the Cherokee Nation; the number of drug related crimes; reduce the number of Cherokee Nation graduates; the number rates of academic achievement and the higher rate of poverty in the state of Oklahoma with no language.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the 2021 plan.

Comments can be sent via one of these methods:

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Comments are due by Friday, October 15, 2021 by 5pm.