



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHEROKEE NATION
INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG)
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR FY 2019 and FY 2020**

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 FY 2019 and FY 2020 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs (SPONAP) 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 \$900,000 has been allocated for requested projects for the region. Funding is awarded competitively so there is no guarantee that the Nation will receive funding. Cherokee Nation is considering submitting a proposal to benefit Cherokee Nation Head Start Facility in Pryor, 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

Cherokee Nation will conduct two meetings to provide the public an opportunity to review the application contents and provide comment. These meetings will be held on January 7th. The first meeting will be at 9:00 am at the Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Unit conference room at 16944 West Cherokee Street in Tahlequah. The second meeting will be held at 2:30 pm at the Cherokee Nation Early Head Start Unit at 203 Cherokee Heights in Pryor.

Everyone will have the opportunity to provide comments and concerns about other community development and housing needs in your area. You will also have the opportunity to review and comment on Cherokee Nation's performance on any active ICDBG projects.

All interested community members are invited to attend either of the meetings and request information and provide views on community development and housing needs. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may complete an online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H3VZK7Y>

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