



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHEROKEE NATION
GRID RESILIENCE FORMULA GRANT (40101)
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR FY2023**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT

The Department of Energy (DOE) has published guidance for the BIL- Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes as established by Section 40101(d) of the BIL.

The Grid Deployment Office (GDO) of the DOE has allocated Cherokee Nation a total of \$1,848,386 for fiscal years one and two for funding under BIL Section 40101(d). This funding is designed to strengthen and modernize our current power grid to create resiliency against climate-related hazards.

Cherokee Nation plans to use all allocated funding across multiple years (FY2022-FY2026) to pass through to selected utility companies who will perform the grid resiliency projects and help Cherokee Nation meet their objectives. These objectives include addressing outdated energy infrastructure to prevent the frequency of disruptions and failures, addressing the energy burden experienced by tribal communities, and investing in modernization of the grid infrastructure to provide safer living conditions for tribal citizens. This public hearing will help Cherokee Nation further develop the program narrative over the grant's five year funding cycle.

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 [BIL regulations] do not include concurrence by any person or group in making final determinations on the contents of the application. Section 40101(d)(2)(B)(ii) requires that eligible applicants give notice and undertake a public hearing to review the criteria and methods they anticipate using to grant awards to eligible entities and the proposed funding distributions and recipients of the grant awards to eligible entities.

Publication of Community Development Statement

Cherokee Nation will hold a public hearing to discuss the intentions of this grant on February 24, 2023.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 PM CST in the Tribal Services Conference Room, in the WW Keeler Complex at 17675 South Muskogee Ave, Tahlequah, OK. All interested community members are invited to attend this meeting. Community members are encouraged to ask questions and voice concerns pertaining to Cherokee Nation's energy infrastructure and on the impact this multi-year funding will have for tribal citizens and the resiliency of the electrical grid.

For additional information, please email Kristen-Barnett@cherokee.org.