

Cherokee Nation Education Services is submitting an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2020.

CSBG provides tribes with funds to lessen poverty in communities by providing a range of services and activities to address the needs of low-income tribal members. Core services that have been funded by CSBG in tribal communities include employment and training, youth services, health, education (e.g., adult literacy, early childhood development, and drug prevention programs), housing and nutrition.

The Goals and Objectives of the Cherokee Nation plan are described below:

Goal: Provide a fifty hour summer high school readiness program for low-income middle school age students.

Objectives:

1. The project will serve a minimum of 300 students (30 at each site) and a maximum of 600 (60 at each site) students at 10 school sites.
2. The schools that report the highest percentage of students that qualify for free and/or reduced lunches will be given first consideration as a site.
3. A maximum of 40 certified teachers will be trained in the Strategies for Success curriculum. The teacher student ratio will be one teacher per 15 students with a maximum of 4 teachers per site.
4. A final report will be submitted by each site that tells the number of enrolled students, number that completed the program, description of the service-learning project, and success story or stories.
5. Site visits will be conducted by grant staff to monitor usage of curriculum at each school site.

Goal: Provide a 5-day, hands on entrepreneurship program for low income middle school age students that will help them learn the basics of starting and operating a business.

Objectives:

1. The program will serve a maximum of 300 (30 at each site) students at ten different school sites and a minimum of 200 (20 at each site).
2. The program will use the BizWorld curriculum to teach the students about basic entrepreneurship as they develop a company.
3. To solidify what the students have learned, they will visit/tour a nearby small business.
4. Site visits will be conducted by grant staff to monitor funded sites. A report of the progress of each site will be given to the Manager of College Resources.

Goal: Through partnerships with Boys and Girls Clubs, provide a reading program to help students (1-8 grade) develop the basic skills of reading, comprehension and vocabulary.

Objectives:

1. Develop partnerships with 5 Boys and Girls Clubs located within the Cherokee Nation service area.
2. The Boys and Girls Clubs will integrate a reading program into the existing programs offered at a minimum of 30 units/sites.
3. Each Boys and Girls Club will select a reading program to implement.

4. Each unit will serve approximately 100 students (1st to 8th grade) through this program.

The plan in its entirety will be available for review in the College Resources Department from 8am to 5pm during the review period. The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the 2020 CSBG plan. Comments may be sent via one of these methods by Monday, August 6, 2019 by 5pm.

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