

Cherokee Nation Education Services is submitting an application to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services for funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2022.

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 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 opportunities for high school age students to attain at least one marketable skill through an on-line certificate program offered during Fiscal Year 2023.

Objectives:

1. The program will partner with WorkSooner offered through the University of Oklahoma College of Professional and Continuing Studies.
2. The program will reserve 1,000 spots/seats to fill for the duration of the program.
3. Low income, high school age students who attend the targeted schools will be eligible to participate.
4. Participants will have an opportunity to complete more than one certificate through this self-paced program.

Goal: Provide a ten (10) month reading program to help 1st-5th Grade students develop or improve basic skills of reading, comprehension and vocabulary.

Objectives:

1. Develop partnerships with five (5) Boys and Girls Clubs that will administer the reading program.
2. The Boys and Girls Clubs will integrate a reading program into their existing educational programs at 20 units/sites.
3. Each Boys and Girls Club will implement an interactive reading program of their choice.
4. Each unit will provide the reading program to 50 low income students.

The plan in its entirety will be made available upon request from 8am to 5pm during the review period. The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to review and comment on the FY2022 CSBG plan. Requests to view the plan and to make comments may be sent via one of the following methods by 5pm on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

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