Resolution #14-0813-239

Approving the Submission of a Grant Application under the FY2014 Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency – Service Coordinator Program (ROSS-SC) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in an amount not to exceed $246,000.00

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaad Čhing Ziibi Dadwaan Anishinaábek (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support the efforts of low-income Tribal members/families to gain economic and housing self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, HUD’s FY2014 ROSS Program, a 3-year initiative, provides funding for a Service Coordinator to address a number of related needs through the coordination of service delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, HUD’s ROSS Program also provides the further opportunity to influence well-being outcomes for Tribal Elders (and disabled tribal citizens/members) by facilitating aging-in-place and/or independent living; and
WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians only recently became qualified to apply for this funding assistance as the result of having recently exceeded the minimum number of homes (50) in our housing development (Aki maadiziwin) that are under Tribal management.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves of the grant application under the FY2014 Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency – Service Coordinator Program to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount not to exceed $246,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, by this resolution, authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute any/all application related materials and further commits to meeting the matching requirement of 25% in accordance with the parameters and limitations as set forth in the RFP. In particular, this represents a firm commitment to provide a matching contribution equivalent to 25 percent of the total grant amount requested the Tribe will provide in the form of in-kind as indicated on the ROSS Service Coordinators – Needs and Service Partners form, included with our application.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 1 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on August 13, 2014 at the Little River Band’s Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Tribal Council Recorder

Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

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