

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-0210-035

Approval to submit a Tribal Grant Application to the MICA Group, Cultural Resource Fund (Phase II), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to financially support carefully prioritized cultural initiatives involving our language, culture and our lodges

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (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 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, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Department of Historic Preservation has carefully reviewed the funding announcement for Phase II Cultural Resource Funds through the MICA Group; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is an eligible applicant for this funding opportunity and has discussed cultural needs with tribal stakeholders and subsequently prioritized the goals and objectives represented in our application; and

WHEREAS, this process resulted in identifying the following cultural priorities: 1) Moon Lodge (Woman's Lodge) planning, development and construction; 2) Fire Lodge renovation (primarily new cedar shake roof); 3) multiple native language (Anishinaabemowin) initiatives (classes in Muskegon, language tutoring, website improvements, language-related teaching materials and video equipment acquisition to facilitate both online and classes); 4) a cultural revitalization effort involving an international cultural exchange program with Wikwemikong First Nation (Canada); and

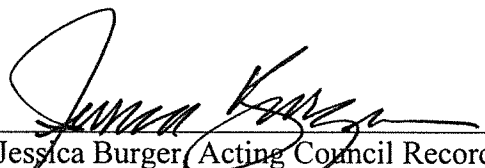
WHEREAS, the Tribal Leadership recognizes Anishinaabemowin (our Native Language) as our "First Language" and concurs with our project's goals and objectives and further wishes to apply for Phase II funding from the MICA Group and the Cultural Resource Fund to support of the development and delivery of cultural and language benefits as described in this resolution and in our application.

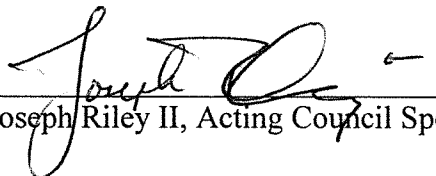
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the MICA Group and the Cultural Resource Fund (Phase II) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for a one-year project primarily focused on the following tribal priorities: Moon Lodge Development and Construction, Fire Lodge Renovation, multiple Language Program enhancements and an International Cultural Exchange Program with Wikwemikong First Nation (Canadian First Nation).

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council by this resolution understands that no matching funds are required and hereby authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the submission of the grant application to the MICA Group (Cultural Resource Fund) for Phase II funding assistance on or before the application deadline.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on February 10, 2016, at the Little River Band's Governmental Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Jessica Burger Acting Council Recorder


Joseph Riley II, Acting Council Speaker

Attest:

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