



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #16-0608-164

Approval of a grant submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under the FY2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 to build tribal capacity and achieve readiness to provide Waste Water Treatment services to four additional neighboring communities in Manistee County

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 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, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) has, in an evidenced-based manner and over an extended period of time, has determined that there is a long standing need for Waste Water Treatment Services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been in recent related discussions with other community stakeholders within Manistee County to effectively address their needs: these discussions have included the City of Manistee and the Townships of Onkama, Arcadia and Bear Lake; and

WHEREAS, these solution-seeking discussions have occurred separately and collectively and have also involved other stakeholders including the state, regional and other

local authorities and stakeholders, as well as the USDA regarding the funding of the identified needs of these various areas; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has pledged readiness to meet the demands of these additions to our Wastewater Treatment system(s), and because it appears that USDA funding may be available for these projects (in whole or in part), and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians needs to address three factors to be able assure our readiness, i.e., a lagoon expansion (addition of finishing pond); 2) engineered solution to DEQ requirements; and 3) limited master planning (limited to a tribal perspective) to facilitate incoming sewer connections from the City of Manistee and the townships of Onkama, Arcadia and Bear Lake; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has the capacity to effectively manage the above identified project in its entirety as well as the capacity to assure project sustainability through the continued ongoing services of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

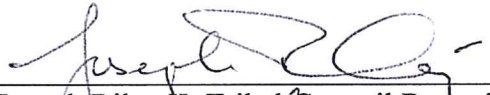
WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is an eligible and qualified applicant for Indian Community Development Block Grant funding and further offers its commitment to carry out any and all project related activities in a timely and professional manner, and further warrants that it has the long-term financial capacity to service and maintain the involved structures and systems and that it will also meet a 25% matching requirement (of total project costs) through a combination of eligible in-kind and cash matching.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for FY 2016.

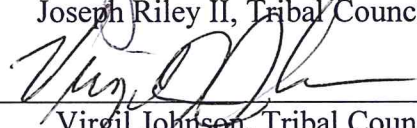
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Ogema to execute any relevant grant application documents necessary to complete the application for submission prior to the June 14, 2016 deadline.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on June 8, 2016 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder



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