



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #16-1116-350

Approving the Submission of a Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for funding through the Adult Mental Health Block Grant to enhance Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' integrated healthcare efforts targeting adults with serious mental illness

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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and


WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by our Constitution 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, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians recently became aware of the funding opportunity through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Adult Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) that can be used to enhance tribal efforts to actively address the needs of clients with serious mental illness as well as prevent and/or mitigate such outcomes (before they become serious); and


NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby approves this grant application and authorizes the Tribal Ogema to submit same to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Adult Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Program in an initial amount not to exceed \$87,500 for a six-month project beginning April 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2017 with the possibility of additional funding up to \$175,000 (pending the availability of funds) for the fiscal year. This Resolution recognizes that no matching funds are required and further authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute the submission.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 6 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 3 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on November 16, 2016 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Jessica Burger, Acting Council Recorder



Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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