



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
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Resolution #17-0517-172

Approval of a grant submission to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under the FY2017 Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 for Phase 2 Improvements to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Gathering Grounds

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 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, determined that there is a long standing need for improvements to the Tribal Gathering Grounds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the identified needs, the tribe embarked on a related planning process that ended up being about 5 years in duration; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, with the financial assistance of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Tribe began the construction of Phase 1 Gathering Grounds improvements; an effort that provides for the construction of roads, utility infrastructure, parking lots, a campground expansion with electrical accommodations, improved handicap accessibility and limited landscaping; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2017 Indian Community Development Block Grant offers Little River Band of Ottawa Indians a funding opportunity that would allow the tribe to address Phase 2 improvement efforts, which would complete to overall plans for the property; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has initial plans for Phase 2 activities that include the construction of a Welcome Center, new restroom/bathhouse facility, storage area for maintenance equipment, additional landscaping and the provision of a shade area(s), play area(s), walking/biking/exercise trail, as well as the renovation of existing structures currently on the property, such as the existing restroom-bathhouse, pavilion, pow-wow arena/arbor, seating areas, storage areas; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has the capacity to effectively manage the project in its entirety and is already underway with Phase 1 efforts to improve the site of our 22nd Annual Pow-Wow and our 17th Annual Anishinaabemowin Family Language Camp; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the site to the tribe and its members is demonstrated by our long-term and ongoing relationship with the property (Pow-Wows, Language Camp, other tribal/employee/community family activities/gatherings); and

WHEREAS, the tribe has most definitely considered the views of the community in preparing our 2017 Indian Community Development Block Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the site is further emphasized by the fact that the land is held in trust by the federal government for future generations; thus, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has a very clear stake in a well-planned, well-executed project outcome that importantly includes long-term sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is an eligible and qualified applicant and is further committed to carrying out any and all project related activities in a timely and professional manner, and further warrants a long-term commitment, financial capacity and plans to maintain project site improvements.

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 for fiscal year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00.


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Ogema to execute the grant application documents necessary to complete the tribe's Indian Community Development Block Grant application prior to the May 18, 2017 submission 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 May 17, 2017 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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Attest:

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