

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #17-0607-186

- Approving the grant application for the FY 2018 Allocated Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
 Assistance Grant for Support Services to Victims of Crime that are not covered under
 the Domestic Violence Program funds and to add additional staff
- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anišhinaábek* (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, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Crime Victim Services Commission, is providing Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant funding that the tribe will need to submit the FY 2018 Allocated VOCA grant solicitation: 1) to continue to support services to victims of child abuse, hate crime, and elder abuse, which the Domestic Violence Program funding is unable to serve but with this funding will be able to provide more support services and 2) to continue with providing funding for additional staff to Family Services Victim Services Program which the victim advocates are placed in the Manistee and Muskegon offices; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribe is an eligible applicant i.e., Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a federally-recognized tribal government with a Victim Services Program; and

WHEREAS, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department representatives have reviewed this funding opportunity, and recommended that it be pursued in order to help better meet the needs of tribal member victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's elected leaders hereby concur with the pursuit of these ends in order to improve the social and emotional outcomes of family violence victims.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution approves the submission of the aforementioned formula-based grant application with a full understanding of the assurances and that the funding amount will be determined by the funding agency.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by this resolution authorizes the Tribal Ogema to execute any and all grant application documents necessary to complete the application prior to the June 13, 2017 deadline.

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 June 7, 2017, at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder

Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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