



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #21-0619-146

Apply to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for an American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Native Language formula fund grant

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, the Tribal Council is vested with the authority, under Article IV, Section 7(b), to ratify contracts to be entered into by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Tribe Council supports the need of an updated and enhanced language tutorial and practice application that members can access on any device during COVID19 or other pandemic like occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is providing American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Native Language formula funding that will be made available to all tribes that submit a qualified language preservation project; and

WHEREAS, the AFC, ARP formula fund language preservation grant will range from \$38,000 to \$95,000 depending upon the number of qualified submitted tribal language project applications; and

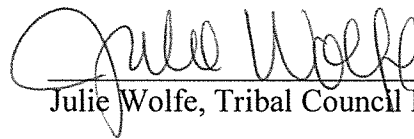
WHEREAS, the Tribe has a proposal from Brick House Interactive to update and consolidate LRBOI's electronic language resources through creation of a web-based application, making them accessible to members on any device for the sum of \$93,940; and

WHEREAS, in order to cover the remaining cost of the project, either Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funding, not to exceed \$56,000, will be used toward the proposed language preservation project describe above to promote remote learning during COVID19 pandemic scenarios; and

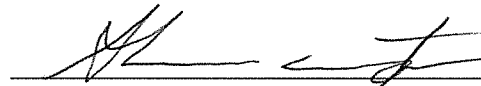
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, Tribal Council approves application to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for an American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Native Language formula fund grant

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 June 19, 2021, via ZOOM,, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Julie Wolfe, Tribal Council Recorder



Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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