



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee MI 49660

Resolution #24-0228-031

Approval of a grant submission to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) for funding related to the development of a community garden adjacent to the Tribal Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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, the proposed project is relatively ideally situated, i.e., at the LRBOI Community Center, which is home to the Elders Meals Program, and otherwise used by the tribal community for formal and informal meetings; and

WHEREAS the Community Center (and entire housing development parcel) is located on "tribal trust land" and under the control of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians; and

WHEREAS the proposed project will directly benefit tribal elders by providing access to fresh foods and healthier eating in a "from the garden to the table" fashion; and

WHEREAS indoor garden towers that grow hydroponically will also compliment overall garden features by extending gardening efforts year-round; and

WHEREAS additional project benefits include providing a safe community garden space, complete with x12 raised bed garden beds, a greenhouse, a gazebo, and garden walkways to provide complete accessibility to all garden features as well as provide an outdoor activity area for many other elder/community outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS the project provides the impetus for many other healthy garden-related activities, including but not necessarily limited to such as: cultural food discussions/access; nutritional education; access to fresh/healthy food; healthy cooking; seeding; flower gardening; native plants; etcetera; and

WHEREAS there is broad community support for project efforts, including leadership support, and support by the Tribal Elders Meals Program, tribal elders, the Elders Committee, other community members/tribal programs; and

WHEREAS the tribe is an eligible/qualified applicant and further offers its commitment to carry out any and all project related activities in a timely and professional manner; and

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 AARP's 2024 Community Challenge Flagship Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

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 that was held on February Wednesday 28, 2024, via ZOOM, at the Little River Band's Government Center Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.


Pam Johnson, Council Recorder


Tammy Burmeister, Council Speaker

Attest:

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