



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

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RESOLUTION # 97-0721 -G \

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAND ACQUISITION**

WHEREAS, P.L. 103-324 was signed into law on September 21, 1994 which reaffirmed the status of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) as a federally recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, prior to enactment of P.L. 103-324, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians could not access funding from the Department of Housing & Urban Development, Indian Health Service nor the Bureau of Indian Affairs and therefore our tribal members have many unmet health, housing and other socio-economic needs; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band Housing Commission has submitted an application to HUD for a 15-unit Mutual Help Housing Project and HUD approval is forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe currently does not have sufficient land base suitable for housing development and will need to acquire land suitable for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to request that the Secretary of the Interior accept any lands acquired in trust for the benefit of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe will pay all local property taxes and fees, if any, applicable to lands acquired by the Tribe with HUD funds during the period such property may be owned in fee by the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians authorizes the submission of this application titled: "Land for New Housing Project" under the Community Development Block Grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs on or before July 25, 1997;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council and Housing Commission of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians certifies that, prior to submission of this application, it has surveyed the tribal membership to document the housing needs of Tribal members, to solicit input concerning desirable locations for Tribal housing, and has considered the comments expressed by the membership for review;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Chairperson is authorized to execute the CDBG application and otherwise to negotiate on behalf of the Tribe with the Department of Housing & Urban Development regarding supplements or revisions to this proposed project; and the Little River Band Housing Commission is authorized to administer this proposed project, until such time as the Tribal Council determines otherwise.

CERTIFICATION

This Resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at a Special Session held on July 21, 1997 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent and 0 abstaining, a quorum being present for such vote.

Kathy Berentsen  
Kathy Berentsen, Vice-Chairperson

Attest: Charles Fisher  
Charles Fisher, Secretary