

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

375 River Street  
Manistee MI 49660

**Resolution #15-0225-040**

*Approval of a grant application to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) for the FY2015 Sustainable Employment and Economic Development (SEEDS) funding opportunity in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 which will be used to lay the organizational infrastructure for the development of a future tribal CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution)*

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, it remains clear that that there is a continuing need to address the economic well-being of both the Tribe and its tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Administration for Native Americans (ANA), FY2015 SEEDS funding opportunity opens the way to address two critical areas of need that involve both Economic Development and Sustainable Employment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe did seek the input of the entire membership to identify the most meaningful manner this important funding opportunity could be addressed; and

WHEREAS, representatives of a Review Committee, as well as members of the Tribe's Commerce Department reviewed both the funding opportunity and the tribal member recommendations submitted in answer to the solicitation of ideas, and

WHEREAS, it has been further identified and recommended (in spite of the 20% matching requirement) that the Tribe should seek funding assistance to build the organizational infrastructure and experience needed to develop a future tribal CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's elected leaders hereby concur with the pursuit of these ends through the development of tribal programs that will position the Tribe for a successful CDFI application in the future.


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 Administration for Native Americans for the FY2015 Sustainable Employment and Economic Development (SEEDS) funding opportunity.

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 for submission prior to the March 4, 2015 application 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 February 25, 2015 at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

  
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Gary DiPiazza, Interim Council Recorder

  
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Virgil Johnson, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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