

PUBLIC NOTICE - Cherokee Nation – Education Services

Community Services Block Grant

Cherokee Nation Education Services is applying for funding under the US Department of Health and Human Services' Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for Fiscal Year 2024.

States and tribes receive funding according to a statutory formula. In turn, states fund a network of local eligible entities with 90 percent of their CSBG grant award. These local eligible entities include, but are not limited to, local governments, migrant and seasonal farm worker organizations, tribes and tribal organizations, and Community Action Agencies (CAAs). The local entities provide services and activities addressing employment, education, income and asset building services, housing, nutrition, emergency services, and/or healthcare based on community needs assessments conducted by the local entities. Examples of services provided include child/young adult education programs (such as Summer Education Programs and College-Readiness Preparation/Support), adult education programs (such as adult literacy classes and financial literacy education), transportation services, utility payments, and emergency hygiene assistance (such as kits and boxes).

The goals, objectives, and priorities of the Cherokee Nation plan are described below:

Goal: To build capacity in Cherokee Nation departments in assessment and evaluation through individualized training and technical assistance.

Objective: Hire highly skilled staff to assist programs in designing data collection methods tailored to each department and providing individual training and feedback to employees on community needs assessments.

Priority 1 – Provide training and technical assistance to Cherokee Nation departments in creating community needs assessments.

Goal: To gather data from each service area and assess the current needs of Cherokee Nation citizens.

Objective – Increase community assessments focused in key areas, such as Health, Housing, Food, Safety, Education, Human Services, etc.

Priority 1 – Gather data needed to determine potential needs and gaps in those service areas.

Priority 2 - Increase the collection and retention of data for Cherokee Nation citizens.

Goal: To evaluate the data provided in community needs assessments.

Objective - Examine, interpret, and report results of analytical initiatives to Cherokee Nation departments.

Priority 1 – Distribute community assessment reports throughout Cherokee Nation departments.

Goal: To leverage collected data in determining and targeting future funding opportunities to better address community needs.

Objective - Use collected data and individualized reports to refocus service areas and resource allocation.

Priority 1 – Redistribute resources based on areas of greatest needs.

The Cherokee Nation invites citizens and other interested parties to comment on the 2024/2025 CSBG plan. Comments may be sent via one of these methods by Tuesday, January 16, 2024, by 5 pm.

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