
Osage Nation Community Service Block Grant Model Plan

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I. Application Overview

This one-year Community Service Block Grant Plan will be effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and will cover fiscal year 2020.

Pursuant to Section 676(a) (2) (B) of the Act, the proposed plan was available for public hearing to tribal members on July 16th. Each meeting was published in the newspaper encouraging suggestions and concerns.

II. Service Area Overview

The Nation headquarters are located in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The service area includes approximately 1.5 million acres known as Osage County, the largest county in Oklahoma. The City of Pawhuska is the County Seat and Osage County is included in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Metropolitan Statistical Area.

It's projected that most members of the Nation and non-Osage members reside within an expanded community that encompasses the towns of Pawhuska, Hominy, Fairfax and Skiatook. The expanded community boundaries total 113 miles in radius.



III. Service Area Statistics

The United States Census statistics show approximately 6,172 Native Americans reside in Osage County, which is estimated at 13.1% of the total population. Currently, there are 4,063 Osage Nation members residing in Osage County. The current unemployment rate in Osage County is 5.0%. The Native American Unemployment rate is 48.7%. There is 18.2% of Native American households under the poverty level and 68.4% are single parent households. There are 5.3% of Native American adults enrolled in college; undergraduate, graduate or professional schooling and 31.4% of children over the age of three are enrolled in pre-k through 12th grade.

IV. Mission and Tribal Administrative Structure

Mission Statement:

Improve the lives of all Osage people in a sustainable way through cultural preservation, improved health, educational excellence, increased employment and business opportunities, and the creation of a safe and progressive environment in which to live and work.

Administration Goals:

1. Maintain or increase funding for core benefits including education scholarships, the health benefit card, Burial Assistance and Financial Hardship Assistance
2. Re-establish the surface reservation through land purchases
3. Expand language and retain culture
4. Develop a comprehensive healthcare system
5. Promote healthy communities through wellness initiatives and partnerships
6. Create and develop a premier Osage school system
7. Create safer communities through strong law enforcement
8. Improve government-to-government relations through effective communication
9. Eliminate the manufacture and distribution of illegal substance in our villages
10. Ensure the Osage government is accountable to the Osage people

The CSBG Funds will be supported by the Nation's Treasury Department, Purchasing Department, Human Resources Department and Grants Management Department. Each department has policy and procedures that each Director must adhere while administering federal funds.

V. Financial Assistance Department Mission

The mission of Osage Nation Financial Assistance Department is to work for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low income communities, the empowerment of low income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient, particularly those persons attempting to transition off of public assistance, and to open to everyone the opportunity to live in decency and dignity.

The CSBG Program is administered under the Financial Assistance Department, which includes other programs that assist low-income families forcing coordination between antipoverty programs within the Nation. These programs include Tribal TANF, Adult workforce, Youth Services, General Assistance, Crisis Assistance, LIHEAP, Disability, Burial, and the HUD Voucher Program.

VI. CSBG Program Mission

Address the needs of youth 18 years old or younger in low-income families by providing the opportunity to participate in sports and art activities and promote proper nutrition by assisting with school lunch costs. These funds will be used to lessen the financial burden of families by allowing them to make better use of available income and to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities.

VII. Programmatic Assurances - Section – 676 (b) (1) (A) through (C)

Funds made available through this grant or allotment will be used to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farmworkers, and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals ***(iv) to make better use of available income and (vii) to achieve greater participation in the affairs of the communities*** as described in the subsection 676 (b)(1)(A) through (C) of the CSBG Act.

VIII. Service Delivery System

Funds will be used to address the needs of youth in low-income families through youth development activities that include but not limited to: sports, art initiatives, school lunch programs after-school programs, cultural activities, drug / alcohol prevention, community awareness, and camps. Supporting these Youth initiatives will strengthen families and encourage effective parenting because the parents and the Youth participate in activities together.

IX. Collaborative Efforts

CSBG funds will be available for activities not funded through the school system and will include all schools within the service area.

The CSBG funds will also be coordinated with the non-profit known as the Osage Nation Foundation. The Foundation is offering scholarships for youth participating in ballet and dance as well, but can only provide assistance for one class per week. CSBG Funds will be available to assist youth in attending the recommended bi-weekly classes. The ballet offered in the community offers different types of dances and is Native American owned and operated.

By offering assistance with school lunch programs we can ensure that all youth being served are receiving nutritious meals to help support their extra activities and help lessen the financial burden placed on the families. Currently there is no other tribal program that provides this type of assistance. This assistance will supplement the free and reduced school lunch programs in our service area.

Because these programs are limited and specific to who and how they serve the youth, together these programs and the foundation can help accomplish the common thread of supporting sports, art initiatives, cultural activities, drug / alcohol prevention, community awareness, camps and healthy lifestyles collaboratively.

X. Narrative

The Financial Assistance Department will coordinate in a manner that integrates the supportive service programs into a single department, coordinated, comprehensive concept that will reduce administrative costs by consolidating administrative functions. . The CSBG program will follow the HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines at 125%. This program will utilize the Nation's Customer Relations Management System (CRM) to house required data for reporting requirements and track goals and objectives set forth in this plan. This will help ensure that services are not being duplicated but instead complement one another. This system will track client data such as the following:

- Number of low-income families served
- Number of Youth served
- Supportive Service Type

This program will comprehensively address the needs of clients through different levels of success. Each level will require compliance, monitoring and completion to ensure family goals are being followed and attained.

XI. General Eligibility Requirements

1. Client or family must reside in the service area
2. Youth must be Native American (evidenced by a membership card from a federally recognized tribe or CDIB card)

3. Income must be below 125% of the HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines

XII. Preference

This program will follow the Osage Nation's approved preference priority method if resources and funding become scarce.

1. Osage Preference priority method:
 - a) Member of the Osage Nation must be included in the household
 - b) Spouse or Parent of an Osage Nation member
 - c) Member of a federally recognized tribe
2. Veteran Preference priority method:
 - a) Disabled Osage Nation member Veteran
 - b) Member of the Osage Nation
 - c) Disabled Veteran Parent or Spouse of Osage Member
 - d) Veteran Parent or Spouse of Osage Member
 - e) Disabled Veteran of a federally recognized tribe
 - f) Veteran of a federally recognized tribe

XIII. Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Provide financial assistance to eligible families to offset expenses for youth to participate in extra-curricular activities and help aid in their educational needs

Objectives

- a. Complete outreach activities to distribute program awareness throughout the community
- b. Collaborate with other Osage Nation programs that provide services to families or youth
- c. Provide assistance to offset fees, equipment, uniforms, supplies, materials and other related expenses
- d. Provide items needed by the youth to be successful in academics such as but not limited to: school supplies, back packs, graduation expenses, and other items not provided by the schools or other organizations.
- e. Provide school clothes for children

Goal 2: Encourage parent / grandparent participation with youth activities

Objectives

- a. Incentives available for active participation

- b. Provide carpool fuel expenses for parents to attend youth activities outside of the service area
- c. Provide more opportunities/events that are focused on activities for youth and their parents in coordination with other departments and organizations

Goal 3: Bring more opportunities to the community that would not normally be available to the youth due to distance, cost, and hardship to the family.

- a. Provide at least 2 camps per year that would highlight a sport, art, or cultural activity that is not currently being offered or available within our service area

Goal 4: Promote healthy lifestyles and proper nutrition by supplementing school lunch programs

- a. Provide assistance for school lunch accounts
- b. Provide assistance for school field trips lunches and other school sponsored activities that require students to provide their own lunches
- c. Provide information to families on proper nutrition for active children

XIV. Financial Overview and Audit Information

Administrative

Operations	\$ 1,650
Occupancy	\$ 200
Indirect Costs	\$ 382
	\$ 2,232

Non-Administrative

Direct Assistance	\$ 42,443
	\$ 42,443

Total Budget	\$ 44,675
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Pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-502) the date of the last audit was June 25th, 2018. Audit covered the period of 10/01/16 to 09/30/17.

XV. Organizational Chart

