



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S
2008 PUBLIC FACILITIES ICDBG CHILDCARE PROJECT
RESOLUTION 5-21-08 B**

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency ("HHCDA") have received a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from HUD for the FY 2008 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program, through which affordable-housing, infrastructure/public-facilities, and economic-development activities can be funded, with the Nation as the applicant; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA and the Ho-Chunk Nation have determined that there is a great need for additional and more affordable childcare services in the HCN Black River Falls Area, available to low-income HCN and other AIAN residents of HHCDA's communities, in addition to a need of those residents for additional economic-development activities, to help improve their standard of living; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to help meet the essential community needs for affordable childcare and economic development in the HHCDA Black River Falls affordable housing communities (Jackson County, Wisconsin), HHCDA plans to construct a childcare center on HCN trust Land adjoining the HCN Executive Building and the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center, near the HHCDA housing communities—the "Ruxton Property"—;and
- WHEREAS,** the planned childcare center will be set up to become an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, with its own governing board and staff, employing area tribal members both in the construction and operational phases (though HHCDA and HCN will provide resources to help establish the agency), with a goal of eventually providing childcare spaces for all low-income AIAN members in the area who are in need of this service; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA has also applied for an FY 2008 Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) Program grant of \$300,000, to which HHCDA is matching \$150,000 in cash and in-kind match, and the HHCDA Board of Commissioners has affirmed that the total of \$450,000 will also be committed to the childcare project; and
- WHEREAS,** the HHCDA Board of Commissioners has made a commitment to assist the to-be-created childcare nonprofit agency with ongoing in-kind support, including grant-writing support, to insure stable and cost-efficient operations and financial management and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation renders its full support of the ICDBG grant application seeking \$600,000 of FY 2008 HUD ICDBG funds, prepared by HHCDA on behalf of the Nation, and

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the opportunity this grant provides to the Nation, its members, and other AIAN people in the area, through the HUD Office of Native American Programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that *the Ho-Chunk Nation commits \$150,000 in cash and additional in-kind support to the ICDBG project, to the childcare project, giving a total project funding of \$1,200,000 (\$600,000 ICDBG grant + \$150,000 HCN match to ICDBG + \$300,000 RHED grant + \$150,000 HHCDA match to RHED), in addition to HCN and HHCDA in-kind match of staff, land, time, resources, office space, and supplies, with the proviso that this HCN cash and in-kind assistance is contingent upon receiving the ICDBG award from HUD; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation be authorized to sign all certification assurances and other forms accompanying the ICDBG application.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **11 members**, of whom **11** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **21st day of May, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **9 members, 0 opposed, and 2 abstaining**, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.



Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

5-21-08

Date