



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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Application for Grant Assistance from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Resolution 08-17-10 A

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation"); and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Legislature") is the duly constituted governing body of the Nation, pursuant to the tribal Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN), under its authority as a sovereign Indian nation, chartered Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency as a 501(c)(3) organization, a designation approved by the US Internal Revenue Service in 2003, with HHCDAs mission to provide affordable housing and community development to the Ho-Chunk and other Native American population in its 16-county service area; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation and HHCDAs have become aware of potential grant assistance from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community—a grant program that has provided extensive and effective assistance to many tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation and HHCDAs recognize the need to provide quality, affordable childcare to Ho-Chunks and other Native Americans in the Black River Falls, Wisconsin area, a need that it is hoped will be met by HHCDAs development of a Children's Learning Village Montessori (CLVM) Childcare Center, on trust land near the Nation Executive Building, with partial funding already in place for the CLVM through a HUD ICDBG grant and preliminary architectural work completed; and
- WHEREAS,** the CLVM, in order to serve a projected maximum number of children of 80, is in need of an additional \$750,000 for construction (including the costs of extensive Green/renewable-energy components), architectural fees, equipment, furniture, Montessori materials, and start-up; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation and HHCDAs also recognize the need to provide additional affordable mortgage lending to Ho-Chunks and other Native Americans in the 16-county

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Nation/HHCDA service area, a need that the development of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is being designed to fulfill; and

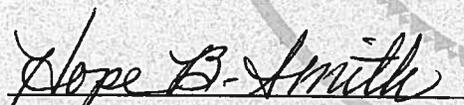
WHEREAS, to begin substantial CDFI mortgage lending, which within five years, it is hoped, will result in the generation of 20 new home loans per year, the Nation and HHCDA calculate that the program is in need of \$250,000 in capitalization funding, an amount that can serve as partial match to an additional \$500,000 in capitalization grant funding from the US Department of Treasury, once the CDFI is fully certified by Treasury; and

WHEREAS, this capitalization funding will contribute to the economic self-sufficiency and well-being of Ho-Chunk and Native Americans in the service area, initially, but eventually throughout Wisconsin, and it is hoped, in the Chicago and Twin Cities areas, with the CDFI thus becoming a means to serve the broader Native American in a large regional area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature authorizes HHCDA to prepare a Ho-Chunk Nation grant application to SMSC of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of supporting the CLVM Childcare and CDFI programs, with \$750,000 to be used for CLVM development, equipping, and start-up, and \$250,000 to be used to capitalize the CDFI.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members** of whom **10** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **17th day of August, 2010**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **10 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining**, pursuant to the 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 the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.


Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary


Date