



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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AUTHORIZATION OF HHCDA TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL
2009 ARRA NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANT
COMPETATIVE GRANTS
RESOLUTION 7-07-09 L**

- 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,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") grants the Legislature the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** in October 1997, the federal Housing Act of 1937, as it applies to tribes, was superseded by H.R. 3219, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ("NAHASDA"), with the majority of NAHASDA funds to tribes coming in the form of an annual Indian Housing Block Grant that is earmarked for affordable housing purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** NAHASDA requires that Indian tribes designate a Tribally Designated Housing Entity ("TDHE") as the recipient of annual Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under NAHASDA; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature, by Resolution 4-07-04 A, designated Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) to be the Nation's TDHE and recipient of IHBG funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation and HHCDA have received a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) from HUD for the Native American Housing Block Grant Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (Catalog of Federal Assistance Number 14.887 and Federal Funding Opportunity Number FR-5317-N-01), through which new construction and energy conservation retrofit investments can be funded; and
- WHEREAS,** HHCDA, HCN, and tribal members agree that there is a critical need for additional and more affordable housing in the HHCDA Formula Area, including in Black River Falls and Tomah, that is available to low- and moderate-income HCN and other AIAN residents of the tribal community, in addition to a need of those residents for additional employment opportunities, to help improve their standard of living; and
- WHEREAS,** in order to help meet the essential community needs for affordable housing in the HCN tribal communities, HHCDA plans to construct housing units for eligible low-income AIAN members in East Sandpellow and Blue Wing Village; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature approved, in Resolution 6-03-09 D, the application of HHCDA for Native American Housing Block Grant funding of up to \$6,000,000 through ARRA (two grants of \$3,000,000 each)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature authorizes HHCDA, as the Nation's TDHE, to apply for an additional \$3,000,000 of Native American Housing Block Grant funding, and provides its full support to the HHCDA grant program and the opportunities it will provide to the Nation, its members, and other AIAN people in the area, through the HUD Office of Native American Programs.

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CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certifies that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of 13 members of whom 13 constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the 7th day of July, 2009, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 12 members, 0 opposed, and 1 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
Hope Smith, Tribal Secretary

7-07-09
Date

