

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 13, 2026
LCR, CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Establish an Elder Lawn Care Program and Appropriate Funds to the Housing Authority of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Department of Housing.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-06-002

DATE INTRODUCED: May 6, 2026

SPONSOR:

CO-SPONSOR:

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Establish an Elder Lawn Care Program and Appropriate Funds to the Housing Authority of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Department of Housing.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are federally recognized Indian tribes, organized under a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5(a) and (c) in the Constitution provides that "Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature" and "the Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes;" and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 5 (d) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature shall have the power to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature recognizes that many tribal elders request lawn care assistance each year due to age, physical limitations, health concerns, or other circumstances that make routine yard maintenance difficult or unsafe; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature finds that providing lawn care assistance to eligible tribal elders promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the Tribes by helping elders reduce risks associated with excessive heat and overgrown lawns, as well reduce fines and penalties from local code violations; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature finds it necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes to authorize and support an Elder Lawn Care Program to provide seasonal lawn mowing services for eligible tribal elders within the Tribes' service area; and

WHEREAS: The Elder Lawn Care Program shall be administered through the Department of Housing, and may utilize contracted lawn care services in accordance with applicable policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS: The seasonal timeframe for lawn care services shall generally begin in April and end in September of each year, subject to weather conditions, program guidelines, and available appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Housing should seek and utilize available federal funds, grants, or other non-tribal funding sources, when legally permissible, to support the Elder Lawn Care Program and preserve tribal funds where possible; and

WHEREAS: The Legislature finds that \$150,000.00 in Tax Commission funds should be appropriated for the Elder Lawn Care Program for the year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby authorizes and establishes the Elder Lawn Care Program to provide seasonal lawn care assistance to eligible tribal elders for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of the Tribes; provided that authorization of the program shall not obligate future funding, and the program shall be subject to annual budget appropriation by the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby appropriates \$150,000.00 in Tax Commission funds to the Department of Housing for the Elder Lawn Care Program for fiscal year 2026 to provide lawn care services for eligible tribal elders; provided that any funds not expended for this purpose by December 31, 2026 shall be returned to the Tax Commission.

Kendricks Sleeper
Speaker of the Eleventh Legislature
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



ATTEST:

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 11L-RS-2026-06-002 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Sixth Regular Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 13th day of June 2026.

VOTE RECORD:

DISTRICT	LEGISLATOR	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
A1	Pamela Sutton				
A2	Kendricks Sleeper				
A3	Travis Ruiz				
A4	Rector Candy				
C1	Bruce Whiteman, Jr.				
C2	Milan Roman Nose, Jr.				
C3	Thomas Trout				
C4	Mariah Youngbull				
TOTAL					
Passes () Fails () Tabled () Allowed to Die () No Action ()					

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5, subsection (a) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: “Tie votes in the Legislature shall be decided by the Governor.”

		YES	NO	ABSENT
Governor	Reggie Wassana			

Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk
Eleventh Legislature, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



ATTEST:

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(iv) of the Tribes Constitution reads in part: “All Bills passed by the Legislature shall be presented to the Governor for signature or veto. All laws shall take effect thirty days after signature by the Governor or veto override by the Legislature unless any Member of the Tribes submits to the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council a petition signed by at least one hundred fifty Members of the Tribal Council seeking to repeal the law or resolution at the next Tribal Council meeting. If the Tribal Council fails to repeal such law or resolution at the next Tribal Council where the matter has been properly placed on the agenda for the Tribal Council meeting, such law or resolution shall become effective immediately.”

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 4, subsection (g) of the Tribes Constitution reads: “The Governor shall have the power to sign any enactment passed by the Legislature into law or to veto any enactment passed by the Legislature within ten days of passage with a written explanation of any objections; and if the Governor takes no action within ten days, then the enactment shall become law in accordance with this Constitution.”

{ } APPROVED

{ } VETOED: Attachment ____; Governor’s written explanation of any objections.

On the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Reggie Wassana, Governor
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



**TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS:
From the Legislative Branch to the Office of Records Management**

ATTEST:

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 7, subsection (a)(v), of the Tribes Constitution reads, “The Office of Records Management shall compile all Laws and Resolutions into a comprehensive Code in an orderly manner that shall be published annually.”

Office of Records Management Staff, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Original Resolution No. 11L-RS-2026-06-002.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Office of Records Management
Department of Administration, Executive Branch
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority Elder Lawn
Care Services Budget

Budget CATEGORIES	ORIGINAL BUDGET		OVERALL TOTAL	ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET
1. HOUSING EXPENSES	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	Cost of staffing for inspections and management and vehicle maintenance.
2. Contractual Costs	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00	up to \$90.00 a cut x 12 cuts a season x 110 Elder Lawns
BUDGET TOTAL	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	