

**ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 28, 2026
CONCHO, OK**

RESOLUTION: A Resolution to Support the Submission of the FY 2025 DHS FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-SS-2026-0528-004
DATE INTRODUCED: May 22, 2026
SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2
CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Support the Submission of the FY 2025 DHS FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant.

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are federally recognized Indian Tribes, organized under a constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 4, 2006, and

WHEREAS: The Legislature has the Constitutional obligation and public responsibility to the Tribes to oversee the Tribes' operations in order to establish and promote justice, establish guidance and direction for the government and advance the general welfare of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Constitution requires that the Legislature or Tribal Council give prior authorization for the signing of contracts by the Governor; and

WHEREAS: The Eleventh Legislature finds it necessary and proper to support the submission of the BRIC Grant to enhance the capabilities of the Emergency Management Program by providing technical and financial assistance to Tribal governments to assist in the implementation of pre-disaster hazard mitigation measures that are cost-effective and are designed to reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property, including damage to critical services and facilities under the jurisdiction of the States or local governments; and

WHEREAS: The grant would provide funding for the construction of a safe room and communications center in Canton; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Eleventh Legislature, pursuant to Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution, does hereby authorize Governor Reggie Wassana to submit for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant

through the Department of Homeland Security up to the amount of 2,000,000.00 with a \$500,00 cost match requirement for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Emergency Management Program and to sign any and all agreements necessary to further the intent of the resolution.

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 Resolution No. 11L-SS-2026-00528-004 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in a Special Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by a roll call vote on the 28th day of May 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-SS-2026-0528-004.

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



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Tribal Program: Emergency Management Program

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percentage of those actual project costs. For more information and examples on cost share see the [HMA Cost Share Guide](#).

3. Program Description

A. Background, Program Purpose, and Program History

Section 203(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. § 5133\(b\)](#)), authorizes FEMA to “provide technical and financial assistance to States and local governments to assist in the implementation of predisaster hazard mitigation measures that are cost-effective and are designed to reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property, including damage to critical services and facilities under the jurisdiction of the States or local governments.”

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized Tribal nations¹, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities. It does so by recognizing the need to upgrade and modernize the nation’s infrastructure against the growing risks to communities and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote resilience with respect to natural hazards.

Certain awards made under this funding opportunity may be funded, in whole or in part, by the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#). The IIJA appropriates billions of dollars to FEMA to promote resilient infrastructure, respond to the impacts of natural weather disasters, and equip our nation with the resources to combat its most pressing natural hazard threats.

B. Goals and Objectives

BRIC aims to shift the focus of federal investments away from reactive post-disaster spending towards proactive infrastructure-focused hazard mitigation. For this funding opportunity, the program prioritizes investment in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to communities vulnerable to natural hazards. BRIC emphasizes the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes and limits capability- and capacity-building activities to those directly tied to infrastructure resilience, such as building code adoption and enforcement.

By prioritizing investment in construction projects that are ready to implement and increasing geographic distribution of hazard mitigation investments, BRIC aims to accelerate and improve nationwide project delivery. For this funding opportunity, the program caps single project and per applicant funding amounts to distribute investments and prioritizes selection of new applicants and subapplicants as well as small impoverished communities in the National Competition.

BRIC maximizes state and local responsibility for resilience by focusing federal resources on projects that directly support infrastructure and risk reduction rather than investing in a wide range of activities.

¹ The term “federally recognized tribal nations,” as used in this funding opportunity, has the same meaning as “Indian tribal government,” as defined at [42 U.S.C. § 5122\(6\)](#).

These critical investments aim to reduce future disaster losses, loss of life, property, and future spending from the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). BRIC focuses on cost-effective hazard mitigation measures focused on protecting public infrastructure so that critical services can withstand or more rapidly recover from future disasters. The program is designed to deliver expeditious, measurable risk reduction and to ensure that investments address the nation's most pressing hazard mitigation needs.

C. Program Rationale

The BRIC program prioritizes investments in infrastructure and construction projects that deliver immediate, measurable risk reduction to public infrastructure and communities vulnerable to natural hazards. The program's primary focus is on supporting projects ready for implementation and incentivizing the adoption and enforcement of the latest published editions of hazard-resistant building codes.

FEMA recognizes that the adoption and enforcement of modern building codes, specifications, and standards provide significant resilience benefits. Accordingly, BRIC dedicates additional funds through State/Territory and Tribal Building Code Plus-Up allocations to carry out eligible building code adoption and enforcement activities.

D. Federal Assistance Type Grant

E. Performance Measures and Targets

The BRIC program supports risk reduction of natural hazard risk. The following key performance indicators provide strategic and relevant information to decision makers and stakeholders about BRIC's progress and success toward achieving its goals and objectives, and are based on metrics that are available or could be feasibly collected:

- Total number and population size of communities supported since inception
- Dollar amount of total expected benefits and average benefit-cost ratio for the program
- Number of state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments that adopted hazard-resistant building codes after receiving BRIC grants for building code activities

These performance measures evaluate the program as a whole. FEMA notes that these key performance indicators are not determinative of whether an application to the BRIC program is selected for funding.

F. Program-Specific Unallowable Costs

All costs charged to federal awards (including both federal funding and any non-federal matching or cost sharing funds) must comply with applicable statutes, rules and regulations, and policies, this NOFO, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. They must also comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements at [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) unless otherwise indicated in the NOFO or the terms and conditions of the federal award. This includes, among other requirements, that costs must be incurred and products and services must be delivered within the budget period. [2 C.F.R. § 200.403\(h\)](#) (referring to budget periods, which for FEMA awards is the same as the period of performance). The

**Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Legislative Action Request**



This Form will be used by the Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on behalf of all Departments and programs when submitting all Bills and Resolutions to the Legislative Branch for Public Hearings and Regular/Special Sessions.

Name: Sidney Jackson
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Department: DOA
Date of Submission: 5/19/26
Regular/Special Session: Special

Title: Grant Research Specialist
E-mail: sjackson@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov
Program: Planning & Development
Date Document is Needed: ASAP grant due June 1

What Type of Request: Bill, Resolution, Contract, and Supporting Documents are you submitting:

New Bill to be adopted: _____; Revised Act to be adopted: _____
New Resolution to be adopted: X ; Revised Resolution to be adopted: _____
New Contract to be adopted: _____; Revised Contract to be adopted: _____
Supporting Document: _____; Supporting Document: _____

Please provide a detailed description of your request to include what type of action is required by the Legislature. Attach all supporting documentation to this form.

This is a request for a Resolution to support the submission of the FY 2025 Oklahoma Emergency Management Grant

Program Director Approval: [Signature] Date: 5/19/26
Department Executive Director Approval: [Signature] Date: 5/20/26
Received and Reviewed by Legal Department, Executive Branch:
Tribal Attorney: [Signature] Date: _____
Received by Executive Office: _____ Date: _____
Governor Approval: [Signature] Date: _____

ACTION TAKEN BY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

Resolution /Bill # _____

ATTEST:

The Legislative Staff hereby certify that the foregoing (Bills, Resolutions, Contracts, and/or supporting documents) that were submitted by the Submitting Party are complete.

Legislative Staff: _____ Title: _____

Date of action: _____