

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
SPECIAL SESSION
AUGUST 14, 2026
CONCHO, OK

RESOLUTION: A Bill to Amend the 2026 Annual Budget with Midyear Modifications.

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-SS-2026-0814-002

DATE INTRODUCED: August 7, 2026

SPONSOR: Kendricks Sleeper, District A2

CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

[NOTE: The 2026 Annual Budget Act was enacted by the Tenth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Regular Session, by roll call vote on August 9, 2025, as Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-08-002 and subsequently approved by Tribal Council.]

SECTION 1. SUBJECT

(A) This Act amends the 2026 Annual Budget Act, Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-08-002, to make the midyear modifications set forth in the attached Modification Table.

Section 1.1. Short Title.

(A) The short title of this enactment shall be the “2026 Annual Budget Midyear Modification Act.”

Section 1.2. Purpose.

(A) The purpose of this Act is to conduct the Legislature’s constitutionally required semiannual assessment of the 2026 Annual Budget and to enact and appropriate the necessary midyear budget modifications.

Section 1.3. Authority.

(A) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes ("Tribes") are a sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges, and powers attendant thereto; and

(B) The Tribes are organized pursuant to a duly approved Constitution approved by the adult members of the Tribes on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior ("Constitution"); and

(C) This Act is enacted pursuant to:

1. Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Constitution, which provides that Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature and grants the Legislature the power to make all laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and

2. Article VII, Section 4(b) of the Constitution, which requires the Governor to make projections of annual revenues and propose an annual budget to the Legislature; and
3. Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution, which requires the Legislature to enact an annual budget by law and grants it authority to raise revenue and appropriate funds for expenditure; and
4. Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution, which requires that the Tribal Council shall approve or disapprove the annual budget; and
5. Article VI, Section 7(a)(i) of the Constitution, which requires that all Bills shall include a statement identifying the specific law, if any, to be superseded, repealed, or amended; and
6. Article VI, Section 5(d) of the Constitution, which requires that the Legislature shall conduct one semi-annual budget assessment and shall have the authority to make appropriate modifications by law.

Section 1.4. Findings of Necessity and Approval of Modification.

(A) The Legislature hereby declares that it has conducted its semiannual assessment of the 2026 Annual Budget as required by the Constitution.

(B) The Legislature finds that the modifications outlined in the attached Modification Table are necessary and proper for the continued and efficient operation of the Tribal Government.

(C) Accordingly, the Legislature hereby approves and appropriates the budget modifications set forth in the attached Modification Table, which is incorporated by reference into the 2026 Annual Budget.

(D) All appropriations made by this Act are available to the departmental program and branch through December 31, 2026. Any portion of those appropriations that remains unobligated and unexpended at the close of Fiscal Year 2026 shall automatically lapse and revert to the Treasury for future or subsequent appropriation by law.

SECTION 2. CONSTRUCTION

(A) This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out its purpose. The effectiveness and enforceability of this Act shall not depend upon the adoption of regulations unless otherwise required by law. Nothing in this Act or any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be construed to diminish, limit, or otherwise adversely affect any right or remedy held or available to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

(A) If any section of this Act, any part thereof, or any application thereof to any party, person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF SUPERSEDURE

(A) This Act amends the 2026 Annual Budget Act, Bill No. 10L-RS-2025-08-002, only as provided in this Act and the attached Modification Table.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENACTMENT

(A) This Act shall be effective as provided by the Constitution.

Kendricks Sleeper
Speaker of the Eleventh Legislature
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes



MIDYEAR MODIFICATION TABLE

2026 Mid Year Requests

Dept	Prog	Amount	Justification
EDU	JOM	\$175,000.00	Motor Fuel shortfall and remaining 2026 operating needs.
EDU	YC	\$78,000.00	Program activities depleted available funds, and donations were lower than anticipated.
DOH	RSPCT	\$65,000.00	Remaining fall events, elder trips, meals, and related expenses.
EXE	EVENTS	\$176,772.00	Remaining events and meals.
DOA	COMIT	\$250,000.00	Cybersecurity contracts and software licensing costs.
DOA	PS	\$11,000.00	Insurance costs
SOC	HOPE	\$100,000.00	Needed for remainder of 2026
SOC	ELD	\$2,500,000.00	Needed for remainder of 2026
PARKS	ADMIN	\$50,000.00	Needed for additional supplies and 2 mowers
DOT	FLEET	\$500,000.00	Needed for additional vehicles
EXE	Admin	\$83,000.00	Needed for remainder of 2026
TRBCO	Admin	\$17,000.00	To cover special tribal council meeting
LEG	A1	\$50,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	A2	\$55,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	A3	\$55,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	A4	\$20,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	C1	\$40,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	C2	\$55,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	C3	\$55,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
LEG	C4	\$40,000.00	Remaining fall events and related expenses
		\$4,375,772.00	Total Mid Year Requests Pending Appropriation

ATTEST:

I, Jodi White Buffalo, Legislative Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a True and Accurate Copy of the Original Bill No. 11L-SS-2026-0814-002, which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in a Special Session of the Eleventh Legislature, by roll call vote on the 14th day of August 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 ()					

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 Bill No. 11L-SS-2026-0814-002.

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

