

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
OF THE
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 10, 2026
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RESOLUTION: A Resolution Authorizing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to Apply for Funding Under the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2026 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (“CTAS”)

RESOLUTION NO: 11L-RS-2026-10-003
DATE INTRODUCED: September 9, 2026
SPONSOR: Bruce Whiteman, Jr., District C1
CO-SPONSOR: Rector Candy, District A4

SUBJECT: A Resolution Authorizing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to Apply for Funding Under the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2026 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (“CTAS”)

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (“Tribes”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe with its own form of self-government 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) of the Constitution vests legislative power in the Legislature and authorizes the Legislature to make laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 4(d) of the Constitution provides that the Governor shall have “the power to negotiate and sign a contract, other than a gaming management contract, which has been previously authorized by the Tribal Council or Legislature,” and the Legislature finds it necessary to authorize the Governor, or the Governor’s duly authorized representative, to submit the application and to execute any award documents and related agreements required to accept and administer funding awarded under the *FY 2026 CTAS* on behalf of the Tribes; and,

WHEREAS: The Judicial Branch and other Tribal justice and public safety programs work to strengthen court operations, improve community supervision and reentry services, expand access to treatment and recovery support, enhance intergovernmental coordination, and address the public safety needs of Tribal members and communities; and,

WHEREAS: The Judicial Branch identifies a continuing need for federal funding to support eligible personnel, direct services, case management, treatment and recovery support, training, technology, equipment, data collection, and other resources necessary to strengthen the Tribes' justice system and improve outcomes for individuals and families served by Tribal programs; and,

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Justice released the *FY 2026 CTAS*, Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2026-172662, to support federally recognized tribes in developing comprehensive and coordinated approaches to improve public safety, tribal justice systems, treatment courts, services for victims, and related community responses; and,

WHEREAS: The solicitation permits each eligible tribe to submit one coordinated application selecting one or more eligible Purpose Areas; establishes an SF-424 deadline of October 15, 2026, and a full JustGrants application deadline of October 22, 2026; and does not require cost sharing or matching funds; and,

WHEREAS: The Legislature finds that pursuing available *FY 2026 CTAS* funding is necessary and proper to strengthen the Tribes' justice and public safety systems and expand services responsive to the needs of Tribal members and communities; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eleventh Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby authorizes the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to prepare and submit one coordinated application under the *FY 2026 CTAS*, Funding Opportunity Number O-BJA-2026-172662, for one or more eligible Purpose Areas, in an amount not to exceed the applicable federal award ceiling for each selected Purpose Area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor is authorized to sign and submit the application and related certifications, assurances, and supporting documents and, if funding is awarded, to accept the award and execute the federal award documents consistent with the Constitution and applicable Tribal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Judicial Branch, the Tribes' Department of Justice, the Planning and Development Program, the Procurement, Grants, and Contracts Office, the Department of Treasury, and other appropriate Tribal offices are authorized to coordinate the preparation and submission of the application and, if funding is awarded, the implementation and administration of the resulting award, subject to applicable Tribal law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution does not commit the Tribes to provide matching funds and shall not be construed as a waiver of the Tribes' sovereign immunity or as consent to any jurisdiction, remedy, or obligation beyond those expressly accepted in a duly authorized federal award.



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-2026-10-003 which was acted upon by the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in the Tenth Regular Session, by a roll call vote on the 10th day of October 2026, by a vote.

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		8			
Passes (X) 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 15th day of October, 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-2026-10-003.

Space below is reserved for Stamp:

Received (Date) Office of Record Management



Signature: Cheryl Blind

Print Name: Cheryl Blind

Title: Director

Date: 10/15/26

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

