

**The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL  
of the FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES**

NUMBER 2001-09

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INDIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,**

the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 400,000 Indian people throughout the United States, and

**WHEREAS,**

The Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG) has been extremely important to tribes located in HUD's Region VI Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs (SPONAP) in areas of economic and social development; and

**WHEREAS,**

These tribes have come to rely upon the guidance and assistance offered by the SPONAP in the technical assistance offered prior to grant preparation, as well as the administration and implementation of these grants; and

**WHEREAS,**

The application process in years prior to 2001 was reasonably presented and easy to understand; and

**WHEREAS,**

In 2001 the Notice of Funding Availability was changed from the familiar format average 16 pages, and combined into the 700 plus page Super NOFA, causing extreme difficulty in understanding and extracting ICDBG information; and

**WHEREAS,**

The tribes wish to have the language changed to ensure that the grant applications shall be rated and ranked at the local area ONAP level and not by a national ranking panel as the present language allows for; and

**WHEREAS,**

The tribes have come to depend on the local ONAP office to notify them if they are out of compliance in any areas of grant management.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby endorses and supports the desires of tribes located in HUD's Region VI to have the ICDBG program removed from the Super NOFA; desires to have the grant applications

continue to be rated and ranked at the HUD area level; desires to have the ONAP office authorized to give 30 day notification of delinquencies prior to grant application deadline; and desires to have the continued technical assistance from the SPONAP in all aspects of grant management.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Durant, Oklahoma on July 13, 2001, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Chadwick Smith Signed  
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief  
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Greg E. Pyle Signed  
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Choctaw Nation

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