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**U.S. Department of Transportation** 

**Federal Transit Administration** 

# **Application**

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MS-2021-005-00
Temporary Application Number	6857-2021-1
Application Name	Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2023
Current Period of Performance End Date	N/A Revision #: N/A

# **Part 1: Recipient Information**

## Name: MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	Recipient DUNS
6857	Indian Tribe	MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS	077646446

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	101 INDUSTRIAL RD	CHOCTAW	MS	393504224
Physical Address	101 INDUSTRIAL RD	CHOCTAW	MS	39350
Mailing Address	P.O. BOX 6090	CHOCTAW	MS	39350

## **Union Information**

There are no union contacts for this application

# **Part 2: Application Information**

**Title: Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit** 

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MS-2021- 005-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	3/9/2021	3/9/2021	No

#### **Application Executive Summary**

The Tribal Transit discretionary grant award of \$25,000 announced on April 8, 2020, funding from the fiscal year 2019 appropriations for Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (Tribal Transit Program) will be used for planning for economic benefit related activities associated with transit program expansion of 1) feasibility study for development of a Call Center, 2) Development of a Automotive Body Repair Shop and 3) population factor analysis for potential transit fare rate increase. The selection notice by FTA of April 8, 2020 is included, no match is required and the grant is exempt from the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) programming requirements for Indian Tribes. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and authorized to apply for the FTA federal funding. The ending date of the grant period of performance will be March 30, 2023. The MBCI's Choctaw Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program is the designated recipient.

## Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

## Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

## Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

#### **Pre-Award Authority**

This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

#### Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

#### Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

#### Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

#### Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

## **Delinquent Federal Debt**

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

## **Application Point of Contact Information**

First Name	Last Name	Title	E-mail Address	Phone
Julia	Walker	Environmental Protection Specialist	julia.walker@dot.gov	404-865-5645

# **Application Budget Control Totals**

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$25,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$25,000

## **Application Budget**

Project Number		Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non- FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MS-2021-005-01- 00	300-00 (300-A1)	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	1
MS-2021-005-01- 00		SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	1

## **Discretionary Allocations**

Discretionary ID	Project Title	Amount Applied	FAIN	Congressional Release Date
D2020-TRTR- 003	Planning for Economic benefit and route expansion	\$0	MS-2021- 005-00	

# **Part 3: Project Information**

## Project Title: Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MS-2021-005-01-00	6857-2021-1-P1	3/9/2021	9/30/2022	9/30/2022

## **Project Description**

The Tribal Transit discretionary funds of \$25,000 awarded from the fiscal year 2019 appropriations for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Progrm (Tribal Transit Program) as authorized by section 5311 (c) (1) (A) of Title 49, U.S.C.. will be used for the economic planning related activities associated with expansion of transit with 1) feasibility study for the development of Call Center, 2) Automotive Body Repair Shop and 3)Population Factor analysis to take reasonable process for the potential increasing of the transit fare rate. We plan to completed the activities by September of 2022. The deliverables will be a comprehensive Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians transit economic transportation feasibility study.

#### **Project Benefits**

The project will ensure with the feasibility study that it will benefit the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and Choctaw Transit program in terms of economic development of jobs for auto body repair shop, a call center and population factor analysis for the potential to increase fare rate for Choctaw Transit.

#### **Additional Information**

The project will consist of planning for economic benefit by a feasibility study for the following:

- 1) Feasibility study for a Call Center on the Choctaw Indian Reservation
- 2) Feasibility study for a automotive body repair shop on Choctaw Indian Reservation.
- 3) Feasibility study of transit fare increase by population factor analysis to take reasonable process for the potential increasing of the transit fare rate.

All of the feasibility study will address in the planning for the economic benefit for the tribe.

#### **Location Description**

The project will be located on the Choctaw Indian Reservation, Choctaw, MS 39350

## **Project Location (Urbanized Areas)**

UZA Code	Area Name
280000	Mississippi

## **Congressional District Information**

State	District	Representative
Mississippi	3	gregg harper

## **Program Plan Information**

#### STIP/TIP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

**UPWP** 

Date: N/A
Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

## **Project Control Totals**

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MS-2021-005-01- 00		30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	1

## **Project Budget Activity Line Items**

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.02 - SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR 5310 PILOT ONLY)				
Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING	30.09.02	SLIDING SCALE (5311 OR	OPERATING	1

**ASSISTANCE** 

## **Extended Budget Description**

ASSISTANCE (300-00)

Economic planning related activities associated with expansion of transit with 1) feasibility study for the development of Call Center, 2) Automotive Body Repair Shop and 3)Population Factor analysis to take reasonable process for the potential increasing of the transit fare rate. A third party contractor will be used for this study.

5310 PILOT ONLY)

## Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

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5311 - Tribal Transit Competitive	5311-1C	20509	\$25,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$25,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Feasibility Study	9/30/2022	A third party contractor will be selected via RFP to due the feasibility study 1) Call Center Facility Study 2) Automotive Body Repair Shop 3) Population Factor Analysis for potential Transit fare increase
Third party Estimated competition of Feasibility Study	9/30/2022	The third party contractor will complete the feasibility study and provide a final deliverable of a Comprehensive Transit Economic Expansion Plan

## **Project Environmental Findings**

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

#### **Class Level Description**

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

## **Categorical Exclusion Description**

Type 04: Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

## **Part 4: Fleet Details**

No fleet data exists for this application.

## **Part 5: FTA Review Comments**

## **FTA Comments for DOL**

## Comment By Julia Walker

Comment
Type

DOL Review for Information

Date

5/14/2021

Comment

This grant application is for studies and does not contain any capital expenditures.

## **Application Review Comments**

## Comment By Julia Walker

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	4/23/2021
Comment	Please make the following changes: Application Executive Summary The Tribal Transit discretionary grant award of \$25,000 announced on April 8, 2020, funding from the fiscal year 2019 appropriations for Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (Tribal Transit Program) will be used for planning for economic benefit related activities associated with transit program expansion of 1) feasibility study for development of a Call Center, 2) a study for the development of a Automotive Body Repair Shop and 3) a population factor analysis for potential transit fare rate increase.  Instead of the word "due", please change it to "do" the milestone section.  Please change the end date to March 30, 2022(or 2023 if you prefer and the grant type allows). FTA uses a consistent end date for all grants.

## Part 6: Agreement

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

GRANT AGREEMENT (FTA G-28, February 9, 2021)

On the date the authorized U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) official signs this Grant Agreement, FTA has obligated and awarded federal assistance as provided below. Upon execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient named below, the Recipient affirms this FTA Award, enters into this Grant Agreement with FTA, and binds its compliance with the terms of this Grant Agreement.

The following documents are incorporated by reference and made part of this Grant Agreement:

- (1) "Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement," FTA MA(28), February 9, 2021, http://www.transit.dot.gov,
- (2) The Certifications and Assurances applicable to the FTA Award that the Recipient has selected and provided to FTA, and
- (3) Any Award notification containing special conditions or requirements, if issued.

WHEN THE TERM "FTA AWARD" OR "AWARD" IS USED, EITHER IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT OR THE APPLICABLE MASTER AGREEMENT, "AWARD" ALSO INCLUDES ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THIS GRANT AGREEMENT.

FTA OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAY WITHDRAW ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IF THE RECIPIENT DOES NOT EXECUTE THIS GRANT AGREEMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING FTA'S AWARD DATE SET FORTH HEREIN.

#### **FTA AWARD**

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) hereby awards a Federal Grant as follows:

## **Recipient Information**

Recipient Name: MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS

Recipient ID: 6857

DUNS No: 077646446

## **Application Information**

Federal Award Identification Number: MS-2021-005-00

Application Name: Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit

Application Start Date: N/A

Original Award End Date: 3/30/2023

Current Award End Date: N/A

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Pre-Award Authority: This award is using Pre-Award Authority.

## **Application Budget**

Total Application Budget: \$25,000.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$25,000.00

Amount of Non-Federal Funds Committed to This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

Total FTA Amount Awarded and Obligated (in U.S. Dollars): \$25,000.00

Total Non-Federal Funds Committed to the Overall Award (in U.S. Dollars): \$0.00

## **Application Budget Control Totals**

(The Budget includes the individual Project Budgets (Scopes and Activity Line Items) or as attached)

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(The Transportation Development Credits are not added to the amount of the Total Award Budget.)

# U.S. Department of Labor Certification of Public Transportation Employee Protective Arrangements:

Original Certification Date:

## **Special Conditions**

There are no special conditions.

#### FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS

By signing this Award on behalf of FTA, I am making all the determinations and findings required by federal law and regulations before this Award may be made.

#### FTA AWARD OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Awarded By:

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Contact Info: Award Date:

#### **EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT**

Upon full execution of this Grant Agreement by the Recipient, the Effective Date will be the date FTA or the Federal Government awarded Federal assistance for this Grant Agreement.

By executing this Grant Agreement, the Recipient intends to enter into a legally binding agreement in which the Recipient:

- (1) Affirms this FTA Award,
- (2) Adopts and ratifies all of the following information it has submitted to FTA:
  - (a) Statements,
  - (b) Representations,
  - (c) Warranties,
  - (d) Covenants, and
  - (e) Materials,
- (3) Consents to comply with the requirements of this FTA Award, and
- (4) Agrees to all terms and conditions set forth in this Grant Agreement.

Executed By:

MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS