

## Application

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

<b>Period of Performance Start Date</b>	N/A
<b>Original Period of Performance End Date</b>	3/30/2027
<b>Current Period of Performance End Date</b>	N/A Revision #: N/A

### Part 1: Recipient Information

**Name: MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS**

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

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Headquarters	101 INDUSTRIAL RD	CHOCTAW	MS	39350
Physical Address	101 INDUSTRIAL RD	CHOCTAW	MS	39350
Mailing Address	ATTN: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	CHOCTAW	MS	39350

### Union Information

There are no union contacts for this application

### Part 2: Application Information

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

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

**Application Executive Summary**

Purpose: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will utilize the Tribal Transit discretionary funds of \$25,000 awarded from the fiscal year 2019 appropriations for the Public Transportation on Indian Reservation Program (Tribal Transit Program) as authorized by section 5311 (c ) (1) (A) of Title 49, U.S.C.. award for procuring literature, promotional products, and other items for informing the public about our transportation services and increasing our ridership.

Activities to be performed: funding will be used to procure update brochures, pamphlets, and other publications that are out of date to showcase our new routes as well as the new transit partners in our region that can help with their transportation needs.

Expected Outcomes: Funding will permit the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to provide updated information to better inform the General Public of our services. An increase in ridership is expected as we continue to provide effective operation of transit services for the Choctaw Indian Reservation and the surrounding community in our service area.

Intended beneficiaries: Transit riders on the Choctaw Indian reservation as well as the surrounding community in the service area.

Subrecipients: None, MBCI does not have any subrecipients.

**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 directly allocated these funds and is eligible to apply for and receive these funds directly.

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

Yes, this Grant will 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**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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Jeremy	Bell	Assistant Director	jeremy.bell@choctaw.org	601.650.7484
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			\$2,500
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
<b>Total Eligible Cost</b>			<b>\$27,500</b>

## Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MS-2021-005-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$27,500.00	1
MS-2021-005-01-00	30.09.01 UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	\$25,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$27,500.00	1

## Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

## 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	7/1/2022	3/30/2023

#### Project Description

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items for informing the general public about our transportation services and increasing our ridership. Our current brochures, pamphlets, and other publications are out of date stemming back from 2014 and we need to showcase our new routes as well as the new transit partners in our region that can help with their transportation needs. With the price of gas soaring, we will need to procure more informative material to distribute to the public as our current supply is running low and out of date. The collateral procured from this grant will be distributed at our offices in Philadelphia, Meridian, by our transit drivers, Public Hearings, Public Comment sessions and Networking events. We plan to complete the activities by September of 2023.

**Project Benefits**

The project will ensure that it will benefit the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw Transit program as well as the public in terms of promotion of Transportation services, increase in ridership and revenue. The updated publications will showcase our new and existing routes, work hours, days of operation, contact information and the contact information of our new transit partners in our region that can help with their transportation needs if we cannot provide services in their area. The collateral procured from this grant will be distributed at our offices in Philadelphia, Meridian, by our transit drivers, Public Hearings, Public Comment sessions and Networking events. With the Choctaw Indian Fair being the biggest event held by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the procured pamphlets and brochures will be distributed out to the public to inform them of the services provided by our company

**Additional Information**

**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: Not Provided  
Description: NA

**UPWP**

Date: Not Provided  
Description: NA

**Long Range Plan**

Date: Not Provided  
Description: NA

**Project Control Totals**

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## Project Budget Activity Line Items

### Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.01 - UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	30.09.01	UP TO 50% FEDERAL SHARE	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

### Extended Budget Description

grant funds will be used to procure new literature and new publications to increase ridership

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

No, 3rd Party Contractors will not be used for this line item.

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Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$2,500
State			\$0

State/In-Kind		\$0
Other Federal		\$0
Transportation Development Credit		\$0
Adjustment		\$0
<b>Total Eligible Cost</b>		<b>\$27,500</b>

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	7/1/2022	start date will begin when awarded and will be used to procure new literature and items to increase ridership
End Date	3/30/2023	End date will be March 30, 2023 when items have all been procured for Transit

## 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

### DOL Certification

Comment By Denise Diminuco

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/14/2021

Comment FTA makes the Special Warranty applicable in the grant contract.

## FTA Comments for DOL

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 5/14/2021

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

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 9/26/2022

Comment Grant application submitted to DOL for informational purposes as this is a tribal grant.

## Application Review Comments

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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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.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 5/17/2021

Comment The following comments must be addressed before the grant can proceed. Thank you.  
1. Please attach the original application for the discretionary program to ensure it matches.  
2. The existing scope/ALI codes reference operating assistance, but the text references

planning. If this is planning, the Scope and ALI should refer to planning.  
3. If contracting out, there should be at least 3 milestones.

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**Comment By Julia Walker**

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	6/2/2021
Comment	A 10% local match is included in the discretionary application, and is required in the discretionary program. Please add to the budget and update the executive summary to remove the statement that no match is required.

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**Comment By Julia Walker**

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	6/22/2021
Comment	We need to know what the in-kind will consist of for this grant and it must be in the narrative, such as land, time, etc. If this match is cash, please state so and uncheck "in-kind" match. I'm sending the grant back in TrAMS so that this can be entered by your office.

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**Comment By Julia Walker**

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	7/12/2022
Comment	Please include the required language regarding the Purpose, Activities to be Performed, Expected Outcomes or Intended Beneficiaries. This information is required for all grants. Also, be sure to have the end date as 5 years out (2027).

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**Comment By Julia Walker**

Comment Type	Pre-Award Manager Returns Application
Date	9/15/2022
Comment	<p>Please include the following categories and tailored content in the executive summary:</p> <p>Purpose: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will utilize this award for operating assistance and to maintain existing transit services on and near the Choctaw Indian Reservation and surrounding community in our service area.</p> <p>Activities to be performed: funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including salary, fringe, office supplies, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance, and other items with a useful life of less than a year.</p> <p>Expected Outcomes: Funding will permit the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to continue the safe and effective operation of transit services for the Choctaw Indian</p>



Reservation as well as surrounding community in our service area.

Intended beneficiaries: Transit riders on the Choctaw Indian reservation as well as surrounding community in the service area.

Subrecipients: None, MBCI does not have any subrecipients.

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type Pre-Award Manager Returns Application

Date 9/20/2022

Must add the following headings to the executive summary:

Purpose: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will utilize this award for operating assistance and to maintain existing transit services on and near the Choctaw Indian Reservation and surrounding community in our service area.

Comment

Activities to be performed: funding will be used to cover eligible operating expenses including salary, fringe, office supplies, vehicle fuel, preventative maintenance, and other items with a useful life of less than a year.

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## Application Review Comments

**Comment By Nikki Comby**

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Comment Type Line Item Review

Date 6/21/2022

Project Title Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit

Project Number MS-2021-005-01-00

Comment deleted

**Comment By Nikki Comby**

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Comment Type Line Item Review

Date 6/21/2022

Project Title Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit

Project Number	MS-2021-005-01-00
Comment	updated to remove 3rd party contracts

**Comment By Julia Walker**

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Comment Type	Line Item Review
Date	9/26/2022
Project Title	Choctaw Transit Planning for Economic Benefit
Project Number	MS-2021-005-01-00
Comment	Grant application went through ad hoc reviews and was allowed to move forward.

## Application Review Comments

**Comment By Jeremy Bell**

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Comment Type	Application Details
Date	7/19/2022
Comment	The 10% In-Kind service will be provided by Christy Payne, Budget Specialist (Department of Family and Community Services), with helping us procure these informational items, Vendor selection and promotional goods.