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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	MS-2020-011-00
Temporary Application Number	6857-2020-1
Application Name	FY2020 CARES Act Sec 5311
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A
Original Period of Performance End Date	3/30/2022
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: FY2020 CARES Act Sec 5311

FAIN	Application Status	Application Type	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
MS-2020-011-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	4/15/2020	4/15/2020	No

Application Executive Summary

This is a FFY 2020 Section 5311(c) application in the amount of \$707,244 (100% Federal Share), this application utilizes CARES Act funding to help respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The application is to provide assistance for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' (MBCI) public transportation entity, Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program, also known as Choctaw Transit with operating expenses and equipment maintenance and repairs related to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program has experienced a reduction in ridership; and therefore, a reduction in fare revenue due to this current state of emergency. Also, the Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance has incurred additional expenses such as cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment, and hand sanitizer in order to keep its drivers and other essential personnel as safe as possible during and immediately following the current COVID-19 state of emergency. MBCI is also experiencing a partial tribal government shutdown, and some Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program employees have been placed on Administrative Leave. MBCI plans to utilize the apportioned funds to assist with the additional expenses and loss of revenue during this pandemic. MBCI's Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program has also incurred additional expenses in keeping its maintenance shop's equipment in working order.

The Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program is operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. It serves eight recognized tribal communities in east central Mississippi. It provides non-emergency medical transport to area health centers, transportation to work, and transportation to area community colleges and also operates a limited demand response service in nearby Meridian, MS.

The Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program, MBCI's Transit Program, has operated since 1981. Its Transit Maintenance Center opened in January 2013 and provides maintenance for the Choctaw fleet as well as for other transit operators in the EZTAG region.

FEMA Statement: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians', Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program, has neither applied for nor received funding from FEMA or any other Federal Agency. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program agrees that if it receives Federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or through a pass-through entity through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, a different Federal agency, or insurance proceeds for any portion of a project activity approved for FTA funding under this Grant Agreement, it will provide written notification to FTA, and reimburse FTA for any Federal share that duplicates funding provided by FEMA, another Federal agency, or an insurance company.

PRIOR FEDERAL FUNDING: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program has not previously received federal funding for this project. Funding for this project has not been obligated in another grant application.

OPERATING EXPENSES requested for this application are in the categories of the following Activity Line Items (ALI):

1. Operating Assistance (30.09.08 EMERGENCY RELIEF -OPERATING 100%)

The Operational Expenses requested in this application were determined by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' (MBCI), Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program, by analyzing the current expenditures to date during this pandemic as well as historical data for Salaries,

Administrative Leave, Personal Protective Equipment, Hand Sanitizer, Cleaning Supplies and Equipment Repairs as well as evaluating MBCI's unmet needs to date. A Cost Analysis was performed to estimate costs for a two year time frame. MBCI understands that the expenses requested in this application are subject to review for their reasonableness as part of the agency's next Triennial/State Management Review.

Insurance Statement: The MBCI has filed an business interruption initial proof of claim with Tribal First; acknowledgement of the claim has been received, but no response. The Tribe expects claims not to be covered; based on how similar claims have been handled under similar policy provisions around the country.

Direct Recipient Statement: The MBCI is a designated recipient of the Section 5311 funds.

The grant is exempt from the STIP programming requirements for Indian tribes. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe and authorized to apply for the FTA federal funding at 100%.

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 is applying an approved Indirect cost rate(s).

Indirect Rate Details: Type: Fixed Carry Forward To and From: 10/01/17 09/30/18 Rate: 16.16 %

Location: All Applicable To: All Programs

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
Anita	Stokes	Accountant	anita.stokes@choctaw.org	601.650.7427
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 formula (CARES Act)	5311-7	20509	\$707,244
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$0
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$707,244

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
MS-2020-011-01-00	300-00 (300-A1) OPERATING ASSISTANCE	\$707,244.00	\$0.00	\$707,244.00	1
MS-2020-011-01-00	30.09.08 EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$707,244.00	\$0.00	\$707,244.00	1

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FY2020 CARES Act Sec 5311(c) Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Formula Apportionment

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
MS-2020-011-01-00	6857-2020-1-P1	8/20/2020	1/20/2020	9/30/2022

Project Description

5311 (c) Tribal CARES Act Funding is being requested in the amount of \$707,244, the Federal share of this funding is 100% with no local match. The 5311 (c) Tribal CARES Act funding will be utilized for operating assistance activities and capital acquisition.. Operating assistance funding will be utilized by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance Program for staff salaries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as administrative leave for employees due to the pandemic.

Project Benefits

5311 (c) Tribal CARES Act Funding will be utilized to pay salaries for transit and maintenance employees that have been placed on administrative leave as well as the salaries of the employees that have continued to work during the pandemic. Funding will also assist the purchase of supplies and equipment needed in association with the pandemic.

Additional Information

The project location will be within our service area in the EZTAG region.

Location Description

MS Band of Choctaw Indians service area.

Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
280000	Mississippi

Congressional District Information

State	District	Representative
Mississippi	3	gregg harper
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Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: Not Provided
Description: N/A

UPWP

Date: Not Provided
Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: Not Provided
Description: N/A

Project Control Totals

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MS-2020-011-01-00	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	\$707,244.00	\$0.00	\$707,244.00	1

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 30.09.08 - EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	1

Extended Budget Description

5311 Tribal formula (CARES Act) funding will cover operating assistance expenses for existing service beginning 01/20/2020 until 09/30/2020, including cost of salaries for employees affected and/or responding to the coronavirus event. Funding will also be used to cover expenses related to Community Regional Transportation and Maintenance program's response to coronavirus event including but not limited to fare income lost, disinfecting supplies, modifications to vehicles and facilities to encourage prevention of exposure to COVID-19.

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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Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Start Date	1/20/2020	Start Date
End Date	9/30/2022	End Date

Project Environmental Findings

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

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects called categorical exclusions (CEs) which are known not to have, either individually or cumulatively, 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. Class II(c) does not require documentation.

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	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OPERATING ASSISTANCE (300-00)	30.09.08	EMER RELIEF - OPERATING ASSIST - 100% Fed Share	1	\$707,244.00	\$707,244.00

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 12/21/2020

Comment Sent to DOL for info only on December 21, 2020.

Part 6: Agreement

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

GRANT AGREEMENT (FTA G-26, October 1, 2019)

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(26), October 1, 2019, <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:

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Recipient ID: 6857

DUNS No: 077646446

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Application Budget

Total Application Budget: \$707,244.00

Amount of Federal Assistance Obligated for This FTA Action (in U.S. Dollars): \$707,244.00

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): \$707,244.00

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