

CLASSIFICATION: #5. CEREMONIAL GROUND/CHURCHES

A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION CREATING A NEW SUBCHAPTER ENTITLED "PASSENGER VAN ASSISTANCE GRANT" IN MCNCA TITLE 5, CHAPTER TWO ENTITLED "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE"

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation:

SECTION ONE. NEW LAW. The following new law shall be codified in Title 5 of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said new law and its inclusion in pocket parts for the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Attorney General is hereby authorized: (1) to approve any changes related to the manner in which sections, articles, chapters and subchapters are designated in this law in order to be consistent with the format in the Code of Laws published in 2010 by West Publishing Company; (2) to include footnoted references to the legislative history in said pocket parts to the Code of Laws; and (3) to note in said pocket parts any editorial correction of minor clerical or grammatical errors in the following new law:

TITLE 5. CEREMONIAL GROUNDS/CHURCHES

CHAPTER 2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SUBCHAPTER 3. PASSENGER VAN ASSISTANCE GRANT

§ 2-301. Passenger Van Assistance Grant

- A. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Traditional Churches ("Churches") shall be eligible to obtain assistance for transportation through the Passenger Van Assistance Grant by submitting a letter (on church letterhead, if applicable) requesting said assistance by the pastor of church. If there is no pastor, a church officer, deacon or women's leader may same request.
- B. The National Council office will maintain a list of all eligible Muscogee (Creek) Traditional Churches that are fifty (50) years or older or Churches that can provide documentation demonstrating that eighty percent (80%) of their membership is Muscogee (Creek) citizens located within the Nation's jurisdictional boundaries and only those Churches on the list maintained by the National Council may receive assistance.
 - C. The National Council office shall accept request letters beginning October

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- D. The Nation's Fleet Department shall secure bids for and purchase ten (10) passenger vans each fiscal year and will notify Churches upon arrival of vans.
- E. The Church shall be responsible for the tag and insurance and must have both before the van is released to Church.
- F. Churches are eligible to receive assistance every ten years (this includes past and future assistance).
- G. The annual appropriation for the Passenger Van Assistance Grant shall be established at Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$295,000.00).
- H. Any request letters received after the ten (10) passenger vans have been awarded shall be held for consideration until the next fiscal year.
- **SECTION TWO.** <u>APPROPRIATION</u>. The sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$295,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account for the implementation of this Act and shall be included in the FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Budget and annually thereafter. All unexpended funds appropriated by implementation of this Act shall be returned to the Tribal Treasury and shall be available for future appropriation by the National Council.

SECTION THREE. <u>AUTHORIZATION</u>. The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$295,000.00) from the Interest on Permanent Fund Account to purchase ten (10) passenger vans for Muscogee (Creek) Traditional Churches.

SECTION FOUR. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This Act shall become effective immediately upon proper approval and execution in accordance with the requirements of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution.

ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 30th day of March, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature.

Lucian Tiger III, Speaker

National Council

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with <u>Fifteen</u> members attending this meeting on the $\underline{30}^{th}$ day of <u>March, 2019</u> and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of $\underline{14}$ in favor, $\underline{0}$ against and that said Law has not been rescinded or amended in any way and the above is the signature of the Speaker of the National Council.

Kristie A. Jackson, Recording Secretary Muscogee (Creek) National Council

APPROVAL

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this day of April 2019 to the above Law, NCA 19-044 authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

James R. Floyd, Principal Chi Muscogee (Creek) Nation

