



## NCA 22-114

### CLASSIFICATION: #5. CEREMONIAL GROUNDS/CHURCHES

#### A LAW OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING MCNCA TITLE 5, § 2-115 ENTITLED "Funding" TO ALLOW FOR DONATIONS TO THE MUSCOGEE-SEMINOLE-WICHITA (MSW) INDIAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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

#### SECTION ONE. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

- A. The MSW Indian Baptist Association consists of thirty-four (34) churches, of which twenty-six (26) are Muscogee (Creek) churches.
- B. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference consists of eighty-two (82) churches. There are thirty-one (31) churches within the Northeast Region, with twenty-two being Muscogee (Creek) churches.
- C. The MSW Indian Baptist Association has requested financial assistance in the amount of \$182,940.00 for renovations and repairs for its Assembly Grounds in Henryetta, Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference has requested financial assistance in the amount of \$50,800.00 for repairs and electrical work at its Northeast Region Center in Preston, Oklahoma and food for the 2023 OIMC Annual Conference Session.
- D. The funds for passenger van assistance were not utilized this fiscal year, because new passenger vans were not available due to the pandemic.
- E. The available funds can be used for donations to the MSW Indian Baptist Association and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.
- F. Donations are limited to \$2,000.00 per organization per fiscal year and the total amount of donations to organizations shall not exceed \$120,000.00 in any fiscal year of the Nation; therefore, a waiver is required to appropriate the requested amounts of donations.
- G. Due to churches and ceremonial grounds being limited to \$50,000.00, the National Council believes the MSW Indian Baptist Association and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference should be limited to \$50,000.00 each, as well.

**SECTION TWO. AMENDMENT.** This amendment shall be codified in Title 5 § 2-115, of the Code of Laws of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; provided that for purposes of codification of said amendment and its inclusion in pocket parts of 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 sub-chapters are designated 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 amendment, without further National Council approval:

**§ 2-115. Funding**

A. Funding for Ceremonial Grounds and/or Churches shall be established at the following per fiscal year beginning Fiscal Year 2022 and annually thereafter:

1. One Hundred Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$160,000.00) for the Green Corn and supportive ceremonial assistance;
2. One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the Ceremonial Ground Land Acquisition Assistance;
3. Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the Heating Expense Grant;
4. Forty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Summer Church Camp and Mission Trip Grant;
5. Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$325,000.00) for the Church Passenger Van Assistance Grant;
6. Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$365,000.00) for the Ceremonial Ground and Church Grant;
7. One Hundred Seventy Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$170,000.00) for the Ceremonial Ground Camp and Church Camp House Grant;
8. Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Lawnmower grant;
9. Fifty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$58,000.00) for Christmas Assistance; and
10. One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) for the Emergency Assistance.

B. Funding for the Ceremonial Ground maintenance assistance shall be established at Ninety-Six Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$96,000.00) every four years beginning with Fiscal Year 2023.

**C. For FY 2022, funds that have not been encumbered or utilized as of September 28, 2022 from § 2-115 A.6., shall be used for donations to the MSW Indian Baptist Association in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$182,940.00) and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference in the amount of Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and No/100**

**Dollars (\$50,800.00). This subsection C. shall only apply to the time limit in this section.**

**SECTION THREE. APPROPRIATION.** The sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$182,940.00) to the MSW Indian Baptist Association and Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$50,800.00) to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference is hereby appropriated from the **Passenger Van Assistance Account (# 1100-00-99-600524-000-0000-67110)** for the implementation of this Act. 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 FOUR. AUTHORIZATION.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief or his designee to expend the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty and No/100 Dollars (\$182,940.00) to the MSW Indian Baptist Association and Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$50,800.00) to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference from the **Passenger Van Assistance Account (# 1100-00-99-600524-000-0000-67110)**.

**SECTION FIVE. WAIVER.** The National Council, with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full council, hereby waives the requirement in MCNCA Title 35 § 12-103, B.

**SECTION SIX. ACCOUNTABILITY.** The MSW Indian Baptist Association/Dr. Roley McIntosh, Moderator, shall be accountable for the funds allocated by submitting to the Office of Controller original receipts within thirty (30) days after repairs and renovations are completed. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference/Rev. David Wilson, Asst. to the Bishop, shall be accountable for the funds allocated by submitting to the Office of Controller original receipts within thirty (30) days after repairs and electrical work are completed and the 2023 Annual Conference Session has concluded. Failure to comply may require full restitution of any and all funds received and Payee may be prohibited from receiving any future funds.

**SECTION SEVEN. EFFECTIVE DATE.** 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 **28<sup>TH</sup>** day of **September,**  
**2022.**

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



William Lowe, Speaker  
National Council  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

**CERTIFICATION**

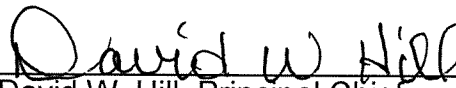
I, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council comprised of Sixteen members with **Sixteen** members attending this meeting on the **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2022** and that the above is in conformity with the provisions therein adopted by a vote of **11** in favor, **2** against, **2** abstentions, 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.



Alicia Stroble, Recording Secretary  
Muscogee (Creek) National Council

**APPROVAL**

I, the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby affix my signature on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2022 to the above Law, **NCA 22-114** authorizing it to become a Law under Article VI., Section VI., of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



David W. Hill, Principal Chief  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

