

5. Cherokee Language Community Outreach and Enrichment: Programs of outreach and enrichment for fluent Cherokee speakers and for the general Cherokee citizenry to gain exposure to basic Cherokee language learning.

6. Cherokee Speaker Villages: Housing services for Cherokee language speakers designed to address both the housing needs of fluent Cherokee speakers and the strategic creation of Cherokee speaking communities to effectuate the purposes and policies of this Act and as set forth in the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act of 2022, and any amendments thereto, including:

a. The Bonnie Kirk Village located within the Durbin Feeling Language Campus in Tahlequah, OK;

b. Such other sites as shall be formally designated by the Principal Chief, subject to appropriation of capital or operating funds by the Council.

7. Cherokee Nation Speaker Services: Programs of health, employment, general welfare and housing support for fluent Cherokee language speakers and as set forth in the Housing, Jobs and Sustainable Communities Act of 2022, provided:

a. Speaker services is a supplemental program for fluent Cherokee language speakers and shall not operate to supplant eligibility for or services provided by any other Cherokee Nation program or service.

b. To effectuate the purposes and policies of the Speaker Services program, the Language Department shall maintain formal inter-departmental memoranda of understanding with relevant Cherokee Nation departments and entities, including but not limited to Health, Public Health, Human Services and the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation.

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B. Nothing in this Act prohibits the Council from creating language revitalization programs or services or prohibits the Principal Chief from executing language revitalization programs or services otherwise authorized by law.

Historical Data

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