

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 62: Public Finance
Chapter 12: Community Assistance
§ 305. Procedures for approving funding
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The Council may appropriate funds from time to time for disbursement pursuant to this act, at its direction, as follows:

1. Funding shall be allocated by Council seat on an equitable basis, except that individual Council Member travel funds from a previous fiscal year may be carried over and added to each Councilor's respective community assistance funds each fiscal year at the Council's direction.
2. The Speaker of the Council shall create and make copies available to each Council Member of an application form on which eligible schools or community organizations may apply for assistance, which shall require a written attestation by the applicant and the sponsoring Council Member that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set forth in this act.
3. The Council, at its Executive and Finance Committee, shall consider for approval requests for disbursement of funds under this act to eligible community organizations or schools, the disbursement of which has been recommended orally or in writing by any Member of the Committee. Said approval may be made even in the absence of a written application by the applicant. Approval by the Committee shall create the presumption that the community organization or school is eligible to receive funds under this act.
4. Funds shall be distributed under this act only after receipt by the Speaker of the Council of an appropriate application form from the applicant, as set forth in paragraph 2 of this section, and approval of the disbursement as set forth in paragraph 3 of this section.
5. Approved disbursement of funds under this act shall be reported at the regular Council meeting following Committee approval. No action of the Council at its regular meeting is required for disbursement of funds under this act. Provided, the Council, at its regular meeting, may approve disbursement of funds to eligible applicants in extraordinary circumstances in which time is of the essence and approval of disbursement cannot reasonably wait until the next committee meeting.
6. Records relating to applications for funding, disbursement of funds to and expenditure of funds by community organizations and schools under this act shall be maintained by the

Speaker of the Council and available for public inspection, subject to reasonable document retention policies developed by the Speaker of the Council.

7. The Speaker of the Council is authorized to develop for entities receiving funds under this act policies and procedures consistent with this act, including

those relating to the accounting for disbursed funds by community organizations, schools, county and municipal governments, or in connection with hardships.

Historical Data

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