

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 62: Public Finance

Chapter 14: Cherokee Nation USA Trust Settlement Investment Authorization Act of 2025

§ 505. Substantive Provisions

Cite as: 62 CNCA § 505

A. Authorized use of settlement funds: Beginning in fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2030, expenditure of Settlement Funds is authorized for:

1. Cherokee Nation Justice Center: \$50,000,000, plus any interest realized on said funds invested pursuant to Cherokee law, is authorized for the construction of a facility suitable for housing various operations relating to the administration of criminal and civil justice within the Cherokee Nation reservation, including the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court and District Court, to be located in Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation Reservation, provided:

a. The Principal Chief shall provide the Council, the presiding District Court Judge and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court a report summarizing the planned location, basic architectural rendering and estimated cost of the facility described herein for a period of review and comment of no less than 45 days before commencing physical construction of the facility.

b. "Construction of a facility" shall include construction of the facility, furnishing, equipment and art in accordance with Cherokee Nation law.

c. Said facility shall be known as the "Cherokee Nation Justice Center."

2. Cherokee Nation District Courthouse: \$10,000,000, is authorized for the construction or remodel of a facility suitable for housing various operations relating to the administration of criminal and civil justice within the Cherokee Nation reservation, including a Cherokee Nation District Court, to be located within the Cherokee Nation Reservation, other than in Tahlequah, at a location to be designated by executive action at a later date, provided

a. The Principal Chief shall provide the Council, the presiding District Court Judge and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court a report summarizing the planned location, basic architectural rendering and estimated cost of the facility described herein for a period of review and comment of no less than 45 days before commencing physical construction of the facility.

b. "Construction of a facility" shall include construction of the facility, furnishing, equipment and art in accordance with Cherokee Nation law.

c. Said facility shall be known as the "Cherokee Nation District Courthouse."

3. Sovereign Wealth Fund: Notwithstanding provisions in the Cherokee Nation Sovereign Wealth Fund Improvement Act (LA 33-21) requiring a greater amount, the balance of the Settlement Funds not authorized and expended pursuant to Section 6(1) of this Act by September 30, 2030, shall be deposited in the Sovereign Wealth Fund in fiscal year 2031.

Historical Data

LA 07-25, eff. February 10, 2025.