



A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING ARP FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved and ratified by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan of 2021 provided certain funds for governmental purposes other than lobbying activity through Section 603, entitled Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, and provided additional funds through Section 9901 entitled Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and provided that such funds must be used to cover costs incurred by December 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 74-2024, the Comanche Business Committee approved a “preliminary spending outline” for ARP funds; and

WHEREAS, this “preliminary spending outline” included individual assistance, government revenue replacement, home repairs/weatherization, food assistance, education, construction costs, administrative and support staff for administering the ARP funds, and other allowable expenses; and

WHEREAS, up to seventy-eight households applied on or before the application was closed on September 16, 2021 but these households did not receive funds because the spending on home repairs/weatherization vastly exceeded the amount in the preliminary outline due to greater participation by Tribal members than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, a line item in the budget for the American Rescue Plan (0945) entitled Home Improvement Program was previously used for home repairs/weatherization, and has a remaining balance of \$39,493.97;

WHEREAS, a line item in the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund budget (0944) for Home Improvement currently has a balance for \$2,995,706.52; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Business Committee wishes to provide home repairs and/or weatherization for those households that applied before the deadline and do not otherwise qualify for assistance from the Comanche Nation using these funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comanche Business Committee hereby approves the use of the remaining balance in the Home Improvement Program under the American Rescue Plan budget (0945) for home repairs and/or weatherization for Tribal members that meet the original qualifications for assistance, submitted complete applications prior to the September 16, 2021 deadline, and do not qualify for other Tribal home improvement programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Comanche Business Committee hereby approves the use of the remaining balance in the Home Improvement Program under the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund budget (0944) for home repairs and/or weatherization for Tribal members that meet the original qualifications for assistance, submitted complete applications prior to the September 16, 2021 deadline, and do not qualify for other Tribal home improvement programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once all eligible Tribal members receive assistance, the Comanche Business Committee will re-allocate any remaining funds to other ARP-eligible uses; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this Resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 20th day of August 2024, at the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of ___ for, ___ against, and ___ abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

ATTEST:

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

Robert Tippeconnie, Secretary/Treasurer