

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

CERTIFIED MOTION # 031915-04

Request for Funding from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Tribal Court Improvement Program
Child Welfare Tribal State Judicial Forum

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak, known in English as Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance and;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council is the elected legislative body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS the Tribal Government includes a justice system consisting of the Tribal Court as one of the three branches of Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS the mission of the Tribal Court is to implement the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians judicial system, consistent with self-determination and the sovereign powers of the Tribe, by building on the community values of respect, culture and spirituality, that allows for unity, fairness and due process in resolving issues, conflicts and disputes within the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families has announced funding availability under the Tribal Court Improvement Program to improve the handling of child welfare cases by tribal courts through engagement of the entire family in court proceedings related to child welfare, family preservation, family reunification, guardianship, and adoption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians authorizes and supports this grant application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families for a 36-month Tribal Court Improvement grant to improve the handling of child welfare cases.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LTBB Tribal Chair, Vice Chair, Tribal Administrator, or another designee from the Tribal Chair is authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for, receive, and administer funds under the grant.

CERTIFICATION

Received by the Executive Office on 3-11-15 by *Linda Lyons*

The Executive concurs and recommend this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 3-11-15 *Regina Vasco Bentley*
Executive, Tribal Chair/Vice Chair

Received by the Legislative Office on 3-11-15 by *Janet Higgins*

As Tribal Council Treasurer and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Certified Motion was duly approved by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held March 19 2015 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 1 absent as recorded by this certification as an official action on behalf of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Date: 3-19-15 *Marcella R. Reyes*
Marcella R. Reyes, Treasurer

Date: 3-19-15 *Julie Shananaquet*
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary