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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON D.C. 20410

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FOR RELEASE

Project Number OKLA-49-12

Office of Congressional Relations
Telephone Number (202) 755-7380

Approval by Secretary George Romney

Type: ☐ Loan ☐ Grant ☒ Contract ☐ Reservation ☐

Name of Program Low-Rent Public Housing - Indian Turnkey Mutual-Help

Amount Obligated Today \$ _____

Amount Previously Obligated \$ _____

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Total Amount \$ 665,596
1,389,918 (TDC)

Recipient and Location of Project Recipient: Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Okla.

Location of Project: Scattered throughout Bryan and Choctaw Counties, Okla.

Purpose and Brief Description of Project Construction of ^{40 additional} ~~85~~ single family homes for a total of 85.

State Law prohibits Housing Authorities from borrowing money at a rate in excess of 6%. Since the present Federal going rate of interest is 6 3/8%, Annual Contributions Contract cannot be signed until the Legislature changes the State interest ceiling.

Other Agencies/Contractors Involved Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U. S. Public Health

Service.

Additional Information The Contract obligates the Federal Government through Annual Contributions Contracts to pay the principal and interest of bonds over a period of time issued by the Local Housing Authority in the amount of 100% of the total development costs of \$1,389,918.

For Further Information:

Mr. Walter B. Hall, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
c/o Box 727
Hugo, Okla. 74743

HUGO NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES
PENDING

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CARL ALBERT, M. C. (Official) 4/14/70

Mr. Walter B. Hall
Housing Authority of the
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Hugo, Oklahoma

Thanks for your call and follow-up letter re: neighborhood facilities grant application. Have asked HUD for status report and have urged early approval. Regards.

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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April 14, 1970

Honorable Craig T. Distelhorst
Senior Assistant for
Congressional Relations
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington, D. C. 20410

Dear Mr. Distelhorst:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just received from Mr. Walter B. Hall, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. You will note his concern about the recall of the Authority's application for a Neighborhood Facilities Grant (Project OKLA-N-35).

I will appreciate your checking into the status of this application and advising us at the earliest possible date. We feel this center is critically needed to serve the Choctaw Indians and others in the Hugo area.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

Enclosure

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CHOCTAW NATION
OF OKLAHOMA

P. O. Box 727
HUGO, OKLAHOMA 74743

April 9, 1970

Honorable Carl Albert, M.C.
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D. C. 20515

RE: Neighborhood Facilities Grant
Application
Project OKLA-N-35

Dear Carl:

We have contacted you previously about the proposed Community Center for the Choctaw Nation to be located in Hugo and we thought after your last letter to Ft. Worth that everything was under control. The Ft. Worth office called us saying that they had approved the application and it was now in the Washington office for final approval.

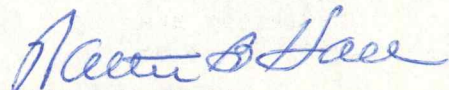
The next information we had was that someone from the Land Branch in Ft. Worth had visited Hugo and made pictures of our proposed site showing children from the school across the street at play. With these pictures they convinced the Fort Worth office that the Land was now a park and this application should be recalled.

This property has been used for a playground for the children as it was a vacant block, and someone constructed a wading pool and tennis court. However, it is not under the supervision of anyone. The City Council states it definitely does not belong to the City, and the Hugo Lions Club will not claim it and wants to dispose of this property as soon as possible. In fact, they have retained an attorney to clear their title, which has been held in trust by the City of Hugo, for the express purpose of being able to give a good title to the Choctaw Housing Authority.

The Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation discussed this in their meeting, Tuesday, April 7, and all definitely think that something is wrong with the way this application has been handled and requested that I solicit your aid in securing approval of this project. We have requested a total grant of \$180,000. to be matched by a sum of \$60,000. for the local share.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Walter B. Hall

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CC: Hudgins.Thompson.Ball. Assoc.