THE CHEROKEE NATION

# ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

**FISCAL YEAR 2023** 





CHEROKEE NATION'S
RESERVATION ENCOMPASSES
ROUGHLY 7,000 SQUARE
MILES WITHIN 14 COUNTIES
IN NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA.



\$3,142,949,907

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT



\$1,207,071,272

WAGES AND BENEFITS SUPPORTED



23,091

JOBS SUPPORTED<sup>1</sup>



14,567

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT



\$35,222,941

STATE REVENUE IN COMPACT FEES<sup>2</sup>

# **SHELTER**

# JUDICIAL

# TERO SPENDING

# **GAMING COMPACT**



Rehabilitated

120 homes and provided rental assistance to 2,368 families.



**6,514 court cases** were heard in our tribal courts, an increase of more than 440% since the McGirt ruling.



Cherokee Nation conducted more than \$150 million in business with Native-owned vendors during fiscal year 2023. This is a 39.7% increase since 2021.



Since 2005, Cherokee Nation has paid more than \$500 million in compact fees to Oklahoma.<sup>2</sup>

# **HEALTH SERVICES**



Served **1.59 million** patient visits and filled **1.8 million** prescriptions in 2023.



Responded to **5,320 emergency events** with CNEMS ambulance service.



Helped **1,246 cancer patients** obtain screenings, education and referrals.



Assisted **11,543 diabetes patients** with medical care and nutritional education.



**40,394 patient visits** for optometry.

# **HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION**



The tribe is investing **\$470 million** into a new, **400,000-square-foot**, six-story hospital that will replace the 40-year-old Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah. Construction is underway and \$39.9 million was spent on the project in fiscal year 2023.

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# FUNDING THE FUTURE

### **CHEROKEE LANGUAGE**



Many Native American languages are no longer spoken or written. The Durbin Feeling Language Center was built so that the Cherokee language will always be known. The Cherokee Nation invested **\$20.2 million** into its construction, which was completed in 2023.

# SCHOOL CLOTHING



Provided school clothing vouchers to **74,022 children**.\* Not including an additional 31,587 children who received school clothing vouchers using ARPA funds.

# **SUMMER MEALS**



Sent food vouchers to **10,041 children** for use during summer months.

# **SCHOOL FUNDING**



Gave **\$7.8 million** from motor vehicle tag revenue to Oklahoma public schools. Since 2003, Cherokee Nation has given **\$91.4 million** to Oklahoma public schools from car tag sales.

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD**



Invested **\$7.4 million** to build or expand four early childhood development centers.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**



**Awarded \$17.5 million** in scholarships to students pursuing higher education.

# **VOCATIONAL & EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**



**1,319** Native Americans received vocational training and educational assistance.\*

\*Does not include an additional 3,417 citizens who received vocational and/or reemployment training using ARPA funds.

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# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

\$189,112,164 IMPACT ON OKLAHOMA IN FISCAL YEAR 2023

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

# \$14,950,000 GRANTS TO PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

**\$4,125,000** — 165 organizations received \$25K each through our Community Partners grant.

# COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

\$1,725,000 — 69 Native American organizations received \$25K each through our Community Impact grant.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS GRANT

\$9,100,000 — 182 first responder organizations received \$50K through our Public Safety Partners program. Recipients included law enforcement agencies and rural fire departments.

#### **SAFE HOUSING**



**\$36,212,625** — Invested in assisting citizens with emergency housing needs.

#### **MUNICIPALITIES**



76 communities and municipalities received **\$25.7 million** in assistance for repairs and upgrades to buildings and parks.

#### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**



**\$2,282,643** — 10 schools received assistance for facility repairs.

#### **PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS**



**15,164 citizens** received \$2,000 in individual assistance, totaling **\$30.3 million**.

#### **SAFE WATER**



**\$8,776,849** — 30 municipalities and schools received assistance to update plumbing and water lines for access to safe water.

#### **CONNECTIVITY**



**\$8,265,522** — These funds improved rural community Internet for telework, telehealth and virtual learning.

