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 RESPOND • RECOVER • REBUILD

\$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.

