WHEREAS,
the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes is an organization which
unites the tribal governments of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee
(Creek), and Seminole Nations, representing over 400,000 Indian people
throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS,
The Indian Community Development Block Grant Program (ICDBG) has been
extremely important to tribes located in HUD’s Region VI Southern Plains Office
of Native American Programs (SPONAP) in areas of economic and social
development; and

WHEREAS,
These tribes have come to rely upon the guidance and assistance offered by the
SPONAP in the technical assistance offered prior to grant preparation, as well as
the administration and implementation of these grants; and

WHEREAS,
The application process in years prior to 2001 was reasonably presented and easy
to understand; and

WHEREAS,
In 2001 the Notice of Funding Availability was changed from the familiar format
average 16 pages, and combined into the 700 plus page Super NOFA, causing
extreme difficulty in understanding and extracting ICDBG information; and

WHEREAS,
The tribes wish to have the language changed to ensure that the grant applications
shall be rated and ranked at the local area ONAP level and not by a national
ranking panel as the present language allows for; and

WHEREAS,
The tribes have come to depend on the local ONAP office to notify them if they
are out of compliance in any areas of grant management.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes hereby endorses and
supports the desires of tribes located in HUD’s Region VI to have the ICDBG
program removed from the Super NOFA; desires to have the grant applications
continue to be rated and ranked at the HUD area level; desires to have the ONAP office authorized to give 30 day notification of delinquencies prior to grant application deadline; and desires to have the continued technical assistance from the SPONAP in all aspects of grant management.

Adopted by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma meeting at Durant, Oklahoma on July 13, 2001, by a vote of 24 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Chadwick Smith Signed
Chadwick Smith, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

Greg E. Pyle Signed
Gregory E. Pyle, Chief
Choctaw Nation

Perry Beaver Signed
Perry Beaver, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jerry Haney Signed
Jerry Haney, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation

Bill Anoatubby Signed
Bill Anoatubby, Governor
Chickasaw Nation