

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPLY FOR THE 2024 OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC) EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL PET SHELTER AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT SOLICITATION TO THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## **RESOLUTION 2024-72**

Sponsored by Rusty Creed Brown

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Tribe's governing body is the Delaware Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) is accepting applications for the Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant. With this solicitation, OVC seeks to provide funding for shelter and transitional housing and other assistance to victims of domestic violence and their companion animals, which under this program means pets, service animals, emotional support animals, and horses; and

WHEREAS, with the Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant solicitation, OVC acknowledges the decision to leave an abusive situation can be made more difficult for the victim when it involves leaving a pet behind. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), 71 percent of pet-owning women entering domestic violence shelters reported that the abuser threatened, harmed, or killed the family pet. This often leaves victims having to choose leaving an abusive relationship or staying for the safety of their pet; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe of Indians desires to participate in this grant program to the greatest extent possible to remove the barrier of having to choose between leaving an abusive relationship or protecting their beloved pet. With this grant FCS will be able to continue providing pet supplies, vet care, boarding costs, and pet deposits to victims receiving transitional housing services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize and approve the application submission for the Emergency Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant solicitation funding opportunity, maximum funding amount of (unknown dollar amount) and designates the Executive Director of Tribal Operations as the Authorizing Official to sign all documents relating to the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) announced Emergency Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant solicitation. This grant does not require matching funds.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was co	nsidered by the Delay	ware Tribal Council of the Delaware
I hereby certify that the foregoing was co Tribe of Indians and adopted this	_ day of JUNE	2024 with a vote of <u>5</u> yes,
ono, and o abstaining.		

Brad KillsCrow, Chief

Attested by: Lindsey Harris, Secretary

