

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-123 OF THE OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA RE: NAAF Grant

WHEREAS: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS: the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) has issued its 2025 Request for Applications to support food sovereignty, business development, agricultural education, technical assistance, and advocacy for Native farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS: the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, with support and facilitation from Cedar Tree Law, intends to submit a full application under the Training Native Food Sovereignty Advocates track for funding in the amount of seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$725,000) to implement an integrated initiative that includes land acquisition, ag-tech infrastructure, producer training, and the establishment of a tribally owned grain mill and agricultural cooperative; and

WHEREAS: as a condition of application and/or funding award, the Omaha Tribe acknowledges its obligation to:

- Provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity solely for claims arising under the terms of the grant agreement, within three (3) months of award notification;
- Submit its most recent audited financial statements, including any audit findings and corrective action plans;
- Adhere to all applicable NAAF rules, including the 15% cap on indirect costs, service focus on Native producers, and timely compliance with all reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS: the Tribe affirms that the proposed project advances NAAF's core funding priorities by:

- Expanding Native control of agricultural land and production systems,
- Delivering education and capacity building through precision ag technologies,

- Supporting food sovereignty, enterprise readiness, and climate resilience among Native producers; and

WHEREAS: formal Tribal Council approval is necessary to demonstrate leadership commitment, satisfy application requirements, and authorize the necessary actions related to grant compliance, limited sovereign immunity, and financial disclosures;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Omaha Tribal Council hereby authorizes the submission of a full grant application to the Native American Agriculture Fund under the 2025 Training Native Food Sovereignty Advocates Grant Track, requesting up to \$725,000 in funding to carry out the Tribe's agricultural revitalization initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the Omaha Tribe agrees to provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity solely for purposes directly arising from the execution and administration of the grant agreement, and to submit its most recent audited financial statements and related documentation in accordance with NAAF guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:


that the Chairman, Secretary, and any duly authorized Tribal officers are empowered to execute all necessary assurances, certifications, and grant documents and to carry out any duties required to implement and administer the project upon award.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 29 day of April, 2025, and was adopted by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 5 was present.


MEMBERS VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Jason Sheridan			Abstain
Jerome Hamilton			Absent
Dustin Lovejoy	X		
Alan Harlan	X		
Leander Merrick	X		
Galen Aldrich Sr			Absent
Cheyenne Robinson	X		

Submitted by:


Cheyenne Robinson, MBA, MLS
Omaha Tribal Council Secretary

4-29-25
Date

Attest:


Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Omaha Tribal Council

4/29/25
Date