

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

**7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740**

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 022224- 01

**Support and Authorization of the Provision of Legal Services By 252 BJA Subgrantee
in a 2024 Grant by Montana Legal Services to Michigan Indian Legal Services**

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak, known in English as Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians ("LTBB") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has a compelling interest to enhance access to civil legal assistance services for its citizens and to enhance criminal defense counsel services at Tribal criminal proceedings for them;

WHEREAS the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has announced a grant opportunity under the BJA Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grant Fiscal Year 2024 Competitive Grant to provide civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals;

WHEREAS Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) is a nonprofit organization experienced in providing legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines, including federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal justice systems;

WHEREAS the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) as a component of the United States Department of Justice has announced a grant opportunity under the BJA Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Grants, Training, and Technical Assistance Fiscal Year 2024 Competitive Grant to support civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals, through nonprofit organizations who are experienced in providing legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines, federally recognized Indian tribes, or tribal justice systems.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. that the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians supports the submission of an application under the BJA 2024 TCCLA grant by the Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) to strengthen civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income community members, including but not limited to public defender services, civil legal assistance addressing collateral consequences of conviction and arrest, and supporting annual veterans' clinics;
2. the Tribe authorizes MILS to implement the project of civil and criminal legal assistance within the communities served by MILS through the grant to MLSA;
3. MLSA will be the lead agency in the submission of this application and will assume full responsibility for the fiscal integrity as well as program development and implementation of this application; and
4. the Tribal Chairperson and designees are delegated the authority and responsibility to forward this resolution to the appropriate officials and to sign all documents necessary to effect this action.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on February 22, 2024 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Fred Kiogima				X
Tamara Munson	X			
William Ortiz	X			
Aaron Otto	X			
Melissa Pamp	X			
Jordan Shananaquet	X			
Leroy Shomin				X
Emily Proctor	X			
Marcella Reyes	X			

Date: 2/26/2024

Marcella R. Reyes
Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader

Date: 2/26/2024

Emily Proctor
Emily Proctor, Tribal Council Secretary

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Lakota Worthington

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 2-27-2024

Regina Gasco
Regina Gasco, Tribal Chairperson

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Marino Taylor