CHAPTER 4 – EDUCATION, HEALTH, RECREATION, AND SOCIAL WELFARE FUND

XX-401   GENERAL

The Tribal Council may annually appropriate such funds for the Education, Health, Recreation, and Social Welfare Fund ("EHRSW") Fund and its purposes as it deems necessary to meet the needs of the reservation. Of the initial JTAC interest payment received in the fall of 2011, a certain percentage will be allocated toward the EHRSW Fund based upon the amount of total JTAC funds received, the education, health, recreation, and social welfare-related funding requests received for this Fund, and with input from the JTAC Director and the JTAC Committee. Thereafter, a portion of the annual JTAC interest payment will be allocated toward the EHRSW Fund based upon the amount of total JTAC funds received that year, the education, health, recreation, and social welfare-related funding requests received, and with input from the JTAC Director and the JTAC Committee.

EDUCATION

The EHRSW Fund is used to fund educational scholarships, Tribal educational programs, schools, and Lakota language and culture for educational costs that will enhance the future of the Tribe and its members. The JTAC Board will also consider educational infrastructure development. Funding for the Tribe’s Education Department and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe’s Educational Scholarship Fund is authorized annually. Successful proposals should also take into consideration the factors listed in Article VIII Section 2 of the CRST Bylaws.

HEALTH

The EHRSW Fund is used to fund the Tribal Health Department for programs and activities that will positively affect the health of our Tribal members by providing consistent quality health care, by facilitating access to a complete continuum of care, and by employing respectful, culturally and professionally competent staff. The EHRSW Fund will support fiscally responsible health programs that are committed to the physical, mental, and spiritual health of our Tribal members. The JTAC Board will also consider health infrastructure development, management, and operation costs. Funding for the Tribe’s Health Department is authorized annually.

RECREATION

The EHRSW Fund is used to fund recreational infrastructure development and operations for Tribal members and their families living on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. The Fund is also used to support programs and activities that maintain our culture and language among Tribal members. Funding for Tribal recreational programs and projects is authorized annually.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The EHRSW Fund seeks to positively enhance and affect the individual development and supportive needs of tribal members through investment in organizations and programs meeting the social services needs. Successful proposals should also take into consideration the factors listed in Article VIII Section 3 of the CRST Bylaws. The Fund will be used to establish and maintain the Tribal
Human Services Department and support human service assistance and programming provided by other reservation-based organizations serving tribal members without duplication of services. Funding for the Tribe’s Human Services Department is authorized annually.

**XX-402 ACCEPTABLE USES**

The JTAC Board shall determine funding based in part upon the following acceptable uses listed below:

**EDUCATION**

The following are acceptable uses of the EHRSW Fund for education-related programs or projects. This list is not all inclusive and can be funded in any order.

a.) **Tribal Education Department operations.** The Tribal Education Department will implement the Tribal Council’s directions and provide the Tribal Council with recommendations on all aspects of education from Head Start through post-secondary schools. The Education Department may also use JTAC funds to support other Tribal educational programs including Lakota language programs to ensure that they are effective, appropriate, and relevant to preparing students for the future. Finally, the Education Department may utilize JTAC funds to provide assistance to the Tribe in exercising its inherent right of self-determination and self-government consistent with its educational goals and heritage.

b.) **Scholarships to enrolled members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe who reside within the boundaries of the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation to assist with educational costs for participation in undergraduate and graduate programs in accredited colleges, universities, or other accredited schools offering vocational and technical training.** In accordance with Section 103(1) of PL 106-511, JTAC funds may only be used for members of the Tribe who reside on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

c.) **Lakota programs where the interests of preserving the Lakota language and culture are advanced through the funding of educational proposals and the implementation of educational programs or teaching of classes by educational institutions.**

d.) **Infrastructure development of educational institutions, provided that the entity seeking funding strongly addresses an educational objective for the Tribe.**

**HEALTH**

The following are acceptable uses of the EHRSW Fund for health-related programs or projects. This list is not all inclusive and can be funded in any order.

1.) **Medical Providers** employed at Tribal Health Clinics. Services include for example, routine checkups, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions and dental services.

2.) **Specialist Consultations** for Physicians (and Nurse Practitioners or Physician Assistants in the physicians practice) who specialize in: surgery, cardiology, gastrology, pulminology, urology, obstetrical, ENT (Ear, Nose, Throat), orthopedics, nephrology, neurology, oncology,

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rheumatology, endocrinology and podiatry. When specific conditions exist, allergy/immunology, dermatology and infectious disease may be approved.

3.) **Specialized Services:** MRI, CT, HIDA scan, EEG, and mammography and surgical suite services

4.) **Diabetes Programs:** Prevention, identification, education, and treatment

5.) **Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs:** Four Bands Healing Center prevention programs and operations including staffing. Identification, prevention, education, and treatment (inpatient and outpatient) and aftercare.

6.) **Community Health Representative Program**

7.) **Health Education Program**

8.) **Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program**

9.) **Public Health Nursing Program**

10.)**Dental:** Prevention, identification, and treatment.

11.) **Physical Therapy:** Health fitness programs

12.) **Behavioral Health:** Mental health and social services

13.) **Well Child Health**

14.) **Outreach Services**

15.) **Health Infrastructure Development:** management and operations

16.) **Environmental Health and Sanitation**

17.) **Traditional Medicine:** Enhancement and preservation

**RECREATION**

The following are acceptable uses of the EHRSW Fund for recreation-related programs or projects. This list is not all inclusive and can be funded in any order:

a.) **Recreational Infrastructure Development and Operations:** Recreational facilities for family activities. Examples: Movie Theatre, Bowling Alley, Water Park, Swimming Pool, Multi-purpose building, Roller Skating rink, Baseball fields, Basketball courts, Playground equipment, Skate parks, Ice skating rink, Cheyenne River Youth Affairs Building, etc...

b.) **Lakota Cultural Activities:** Cultural activities to ensure the preservation of our culture and language that are effective, appropriate, and relevant to ensuring that our families maintain and strengthen the Lakota language and culture. Examples: Hand games, storytelling, star knowledge, appropriate field trips, Lakota immersion and culture camps, elder councils, etc.

c.) **Cheyenne River Youth Affairs Organization:** Staffing for youth affairs director, grant writer and pertinent staff necessary to coordinate activities for the children throughout the reservation. Funding to host activities for children throughout the reservations. Funding for incentives for children accelerating in our Lakota language, school academics, and attendance. Funding to create athletic leagues and financially supporting those leagues for children, camps, activities and events etc...

d.) **Youth and Elder Organization Programs:** Funding for utility costs, maintenance, and program funding etc.

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The following are acceptable uses of the EHRSW Fund for social welfare-related programs or projects. This list is not all inclusive and can be funded in any order:

1.) Tribal Human Services Department that will implement the Tribal Council's directions and provide the Tribal Council with recommendations on all aspects of human services with particular focus on: Elderly services (Wisdom Keepers), Health & Welfare Services, heating assistance (LIHEAP), burial assistance, and Child and Family Services

2.) Workforce Development – employment skills and increase resource services for low-income people by focusing on individual development and a positive self-image

3.) Poverty Reduction efforts – individual development activities

4.) Family and Child Care Services – program operations and staffing expenses

5.) Leadership Development efforts – youth and adults sponsorships

XX-403 ACCESSING FUND

EDUCATION

Generally the education component of EHRSW Fund are allocated to the CRST Education Department based upon the budget and proposal submitted to the JTAC Office by the CRST Education Director. Any individuals who wish to access JTAC Education Funds for higher education expenses should apply through the CRST Higher Education Department. Any entities who wish to access JTAC EHRSW Funds for education-related uses should first meet with the Tribal Education Committee to discuss their concept to make sure there is no duplication of services already being provided or planned by the Tribal Education Department. Once the Tribal Education Committee approves of the concept presented, the entity should submit its budget and proposal to the JTAC Office, using the process described in Section XX-108 of this Ordinance. All applications are subject to the limitations contained therein, as well as the limitations described in Section XX-109 of this Ordinance.

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Any entities, including community, youth, or elder organizations, who wish to access JTAC EHRSW Funds for recreational purposes should submit their proposals directly to the JTAC Office using the application process described in Section XX-108 of this Ordinance. All applications are subject to the limitations contained therein, as well as the limitations described in Section XX-109 of this Ordinance.

HEALTH

Any entities who wish to access JTAC EHRSW Funds for health-related uses should first meet with the Tribal Health Committee to discuss their concept to make sure there is no duplication of services already being provided or planned by the Tribal Health Department. Once the Tribal Health Committee approves of the concept presented, the entity should submit its budget and proposal to the JTAC Office, using the process described in Section XX-108 of this Ordinance. All applications are subject to the limitations contained therein, as well as the limitations described in Section XX-109 of this Ordinance.
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Generally, the Social Welfare component of the EHRSW Fund is allocated to the CRST Tribal Human Services Department based upon the budget and proposal submitted to the JTAC Office by the CRST Human Services Director. Other organizations will submit proposals directly to the JTAC Office using the application process described in Section XX-108. All applications are subject to the limitations contained therein, as well as the limitations described in Section XX-109 of this Ordinance.