

DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Dear VOCA Board,

This letter is in support of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) and their application for 2018 Victims of Crime Act funding. This grant program will continue to ensure the delivery of a variety of advocacy and supportive services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual violence and other violent crimes. Additionally, it will also ensure the continuation of coordinated community response teams (CCRT), working collaboratively to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

As Associate District Judge I preside over the domestic docket. In many cases one of the parties is a victim of domestic violence by the hands of the other party. Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Family Violence Prevention Program (FVPP) ensures that the victim has support through the court case and beyond.

The advocates work tirelessly to provide much needed services to victims/survivors of domestic, sexual violence and other violent crimes. The grant provides advocates to work with victims when they are trying to obtain an Order of Protection from their abuser. The advocates provide much needed support and comfort to the victims.

The Okmulgee County Court system strongly support(s) the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Family Violence Prevention Program and their continued efforts to improve responses to victims/survivors of crime.

Sincerely,

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Associate District Judge