Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 31: Heritage and Culture
Chapter 8: Cherokee Artist Resiliency Act
§ 805. Cherokee Artist Resiliency Fund
Cite as: 31 CNCA § 805

A. **Artist Resiliency Act Three Year Plan:** In order to effectuate the purposes and policies of this Act the Principal Chief shall delegate the administration of the Artists Resiliency Fund to an appropriate executive department, and/or to Cherokee Nation Businesses by agreement and is thereafter authorized to develop a three-year plan coinciding with the funding cycles authorized in Section 2 of this Act, said plan shall describe broad aims and approximate funding allocations for the following authorized and administratively discretionary programs or activities:

a. **Art Acquisition:** Purchase art from Cherokee Artists, said acquisitions to constitute no less than 50% of total amount authorized under this Act for each three fiscal year cycle described in this act.

b. **Production and Market Access Support:** Provide economic assistance, including in-kind assistance, to Cherokee Artists to assist them in accessing commercial art markets to effectuate the purposes and policies of the Act, including but not limited to:
i. Travel,
ii. Marketing and branding,
iii. Supplies and equipment,
iv. Production, including but not limited to film production.
v. Development and maintenance of a Cherokee Artist Resource Collection database to document all Cherokee artists for posterity and marketing purposes

c. **Contract Teaching:** Contract with Cherokee Artists to teach artistic forms.

d. **Youth Programs:** Develop and administer special youth programming and outreach programs and competitions.

e. **Capital Projects:** Rehabilitation or construction of facilities to support the purposes and policies of the Act, such as art galleries or teaching spaces, provided such expenditures to not exceed 50% of the funds authorized under this Act for any three-year funding cycle

f. **No limitation on other Programs & Services:** The provision of other programs and services in support of Cherokee Artists not authorized under Section 3.A (a)-(e) of this act, but consistent with the purposes and policies of the Act, are authorized with a minimum 60 day written notice and comment period to the Council's committee on Language and Culture.

B. **Cherokee National Treasure Preference:** Programs or activities administered under this act may include a preference in the expenditure of funds for the aforementioned activities to Cherokee Artists designated as Cherokee National Treasurers.

C. **Specifically Authorized Public Art:** Beginning in FY 2026, the Council authorizes the Principal Chief, by his or her delegated administrator of this act, to solicit proposals for and approve a proposal responsive to said solicitation in a manner compliant with all extant law, regulations and policy applicable to art procurement, and acquire pieces of public art using funds available under the Cherokee Artist Resiliency Fund or any other lawful funding source, consistent with these descriptions:

a. **Principal Chief John Ross Statue:** A statue depicting Cherokee Nation Principal Chief John Ross with accompanying panels or other labeling at minimum providing biographical information and interpretation of his period of service as Principal Chief as well as his impact on the social, political, military and economic aspects of Cherokee Nation, to be located on the "Chief John Ross Ellipse and Memorial Site," within the meaning of the "Cherokee Nation

Council House and Capitol Complex District Public Wellness and Beautification Act of 2026," LA 14-26.

b. **Sequoyah Statue:** A statue depicting Sequoyah with accompanying panels or other labeling, at minimum providing biographical information and interpretation of his invention of the Cherokee Syllabary, his contribution to Cherokee society as an "Old Settler," his contribution to the reunification of political factions of the Cherokee Nation following removal and the continuance of the Cherokee Nation as a single body politic from 1839 forward, to be located on Cherokee Nation property on the northwest corner of U.S Highway 62 and South Muskogee Avenue, at approximately 1930 S Muskogee Avenue, Tahlequah.

Historical Data

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