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# S. 1321

To authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2001

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. NICKLES) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

To authorize the construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL**  
4 **CENTER AND MUSEUM.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6 ings:

7 (1) In order to promote better understanding  
8 between Indian and non-Indian citizens of the  
9 United States, and in light of the Federal Govern-  
10 ment's continuing trust responsibilities to Indian

1 tribes, it is appropriate, desirable, and a proper  
2 function of the Federal Government to provide  
3 grants for the development of a museum designated  
4 to display the heritage and culture of Indian tribes.

5 (2) In recognition of the unique status and his-  
6 tory of Indian tribes in the State of Oklahoma and  
7 the role of the Federal Government in such history,  
8 it is appropriate and proper for the museum referred  
9 to in paragraph (1) to be located in the State of  
10 Oklahoma.

11 (b) GRANT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer to  
13 award financial assistance equaling not more than  
14 \$33,000,000 and technical assistance to the Author-  
15 ity to be used for the development and construction  
16 of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum  
17 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

18 (2) AGREEMENT.—To be eligible to receive a  
19 grant under paragraph (1), the appropriate official  
20 of the Authority shall—

21 (A) enter into a grant agreement with the  
22 Secretary which shall specify the duties of the  
23 Authority under this section, including provi-  
24 sions for continual maintenance of the Center

1 by the Authority without the use of Federal  
2 funds; and

3 (B) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the  
4 Secretary, that the Authority has raised, or has  
5 commitments from private persons or State or  
6 local government agencies for, an amount that  
7 is equal to not less than 66 percent of the cost  
8 to the Authority of the activities to be carried  
9 out under the grant.

10 (3) LIMITATION.—The amount of any grant  
11 awarded under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 33  
12 percent of the cost of the activities to be funded  
13 under the grant.

14 (4) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION.—When calculating  
15 the cost share of the Authority under this Act, the  
16 Secretary shall reduce such cost share obligation by  
17 the fair market value of the approximately 300 acres  
18 of land donated by Oklahoma City for the Center, if  
19 such land is used for the Center.

20 (c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

21 (1) AUTHORITY.—The term “Authority” means  
22 the Native American Cultural and Educational Au-  
23 thority of Oklahoma, and agency of the State of  
24 Oklahoma.

1           (2) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the  
2 Native American Cultural Center and Museum au-  
3 thorized pursuant to this section.

4           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6           (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to  
8 grant assistance under subsection (b)(1), \$8,250,000 for  
9 each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

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