

Chicago Blackhawks: Partnership Update

October 2021

SUMMARY

The Chicago Blackhawks are optimistic as we start our partnership work together, the beginning of what we hope will be a strong and long-term allyship. And we understand that the resolution that passed at the end of August to establish a partnership between the Chicago Blackhawks and Sac & Fox Nation was the very first step of a process to build relationships and trust with the entire tribe. We also heard and believe that transparency will be such an important piece of this partnership going forward. With that in mind, we are pleased to share our first update with the tribe on the work we have been focused on in the early days of our partnership.

HONORING SAC & FOX VETERANS

During our first visit in May, we had an opportunity to meet several of your veterans and visit the Veterans Memorial. We also learned of the many years of effort some of your veterans have been engaged in to secure a donated Black Hawk helicopter from the Department of Defense. We offered to support that effort by leveraging our relationships. We are thrilled to share that we've made tremendous progress! On September 10th, we were officially notified by the Department of Defense that the Sac & Fox Nation's application has been approved. In follow up conversations with the DOD we learned that the estimated cost to demilitarize and transfer the airframe would be approximately \$250,000 which the Chicago Blackhawks have agreed to cover as needed. We look forward to this project advancing once an airframe is identified and the ground at the Veterans Memorial is prepared.



(Measuring site for installation in October)



(Memorial Grounds w/Black Hawk future installation in front right of picture)

DEPARTMENT-LED GRANT APPROVED

We met with the staff and Council members to identify near-term priorities of the Departments this year. We are thrilled to share we have just approved the Foundation grant for this year, focused on meaningful work and initiatives to support education, health, language and social services that will support all tribal members. Included in this grant:

Education (\$20,000)	Launch a scholarship program for high school seniors; and Additional support for tutoring and school supplies
Health (\$20,000)	Support efforts to incentivize physical health and wellness
Language (\$20,000)	Support for the initiatives for language preservation
Enrollment (\$20,000)	Family assistance and burial support (including headstones)
RAP (\$20,000)	Social services and hardship assistance

If you have any questions, want to learn more, or get involved in this work, please feel free to reach out directly to Sara Guderyahn (Sguderyahn@Blackhawks.com)