

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0141-20

DATE: June 18, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$447,166) TO THE NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E) AND 820 (F) OF THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is approve the \$447,166 in supplemental funding to the Navajo Election Administration.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

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APPROPRIATIONS ACT

BE IT ENACTED:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee is empowered to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §301 (B)(2).
- B. A proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9).
- C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing of body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

1 D. The Navajo Nation Council has the authority to approve supplemental appropriations. 12  
2 N.N.C. § 820(L). Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820 (L), “[t]he Navajo Nation Council may  
3 adopt and approve supplemental appropriations to the Annual Comprehensive Budget  
4 during the fiscal year. Supplemental appropriations of General Funds within the current  
5 fiscal year are permitted, if and when additional sources of revenues above and beyond  
6 the initial or current revenue projections are projected and which are also in excess of the  
7 reserve amount set forth at § 820(J).”

8 E. The Title 12 Finance Act Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:

- 9 1. All requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds shall be submitted  
10 to the Office of Management and Budget for budget impact analysis. 12 N.N.C.  
11 § 820(M).
- 12 2. When the Controller identifies additional sources of revenues above and beyond  
13 the initial or current revenue projections, supplemental appropriations may be  
14 approved by the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
- 15 3. Supplemental Appropriations made from non-recurring revenues shall only be  
16 made for non-recurring operations or purposes, as set forth at § 820(F). The  
17 Controller of the Navajo Nation shall be responsible for designation recurring and  
18 non-recurring revenues. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
- 19 4. The Nation shall budget all recurring operating expenses, including capital  
20 maintenance, from recurring revenues. Long term debt shall not be used to finance  
21 recurring operating expenses. 12 N.N.C. §820(E).
- 22 5. The Navajo Nation Code provides, “[t]he Nation shall restrict non-recurring  
23 revenues to budget non-recurring expenditures. In addition, non-recurring revenues  
24 will be budgeted only after an examination by the Controller to determine whether  
25 or not the revenues are subsidizing an imbalance between recurring revenues and  
26 expenditures, and expenditures may be authorized only if a long-term (three-five  
27 year) forecast shows that the operating deficit will not continue. Otherwise, non-  
28 recurring revenues will be added to the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund balance.  
29 This provision may be amended or waived by a two-thirds vote of the full Navajo  
30 Nation Council.” 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).



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2 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

- 3 A. The Navajo Election Administration Office has requested a supplemental  
4 appropriation for the purpose of holding elections throughout the Navajo Nation.  
5 B. The supplemental funding will fund payments to poll officials, election supplies,  
6 printing ballots, postage for absentee ballots, photocopying, hardware installation,  
7 tabulator parts and supplies, catering for poll workers, and advertising.  
8 C. This supplemental appropriation is requested in the total amount of Four Hundred  
9 Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred and Sixty-Six Dollars (\$447,166). The budget  
10 documents are attached as **Exhibit A**.  
11 D. The budget forms have been presented to the Office of Budget and Management and  
12 is awaiting the required review in accordance with 12 N.N.C. 820 (M).  
13 E. The budget forms have been presented to the Office of the Controller and is awaiting  
14 the required review in accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 820 (L).  
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16 **SECTION 3. WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E) AND 820 (F) REGARDING**  
17 **MATCHING RECURRING REVENUES WITH RECURRING EXPENSES (12**  
18 **N.N.C. § 820(E)) AND LIMITING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM**  
19 **THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND TO NON-RECURRING**  
20 **EXPENDITURES (12 N.N.C. § 820(F))**

21 The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E) and 820 (F) in order to  
22 allow UUFB funds to be used for recurring expenditures.  
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24 **SECTION 4. APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE**  
25 **UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF**  
26 **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-**  
27 **SIX DOLLARS (\$447, 166) TO THE NAVAJO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION**  
28 **OFFICE**

- 29 A. This supplemental appropriation of \$447,166 shall be from that amount of funds that  
30 exceeds the minimum fund balance of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as

1 determined by the Office of the Controller and as indicated the documents in **Exhibit**  
2 **A.**

3 B. The Navajo Nation hereby approves supplemental funding from the Unreserved,  
4 Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$447,166 for emergency funds as  
5 indicated in the documents in **Exhibit A.**  
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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

**PART I. Business Unit No.:** 101021 **Program Title:** Election Administration Office  
**Division/Branch:** Legislative **Amount Requested:** \$447,166 **Phone No.:** 871-7263  
**Prepared By:** Jonah Roanhorse **Email Address:** jonahroanhorse@navajo-nsn.gov

**PART II. REASON FOR REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF NEED:**

The program's funding through the appropriation is limited to a base of \$1,190,257 which is insufficient for a primary election and approximately 6 months of program operational costs.

The unmet needs included is poll officials payments, election supplies, absentee ballot postage, printing of ballots & forms & xeroxing, tabulator parts & supp hardware install, catering for workers, advertising (print & radio).

Administrative shortfall is office supplies, operational supplies, custodial supplies, equipment rental, gifts & awards, refreshments and recruitment expenses. Additionally, the estimated ballot cost for the general election and absentee ballot postage is included due to the general election occurring thirty-four days after the fiscal year ends. The ballots have to be printing at a minimum of fifteen day prior to early absentee walk-in voting which begins on October 5. This is five days into the next fiscal year and financial activity and books are closed early in September.

**PART III. LIST ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES BEING PURSUED AND CONTINGENCY PLAN IF REQUEST IS NOT FUNDED:**

The other alternative is to seek funds from the carryover.

**PART IV. AFFIRMATION IS PROVIDED THAT THE PROPOSAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE AND THE APPROPRIATE  
BRANCH CHIEF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

Hoag Lee 2-27-20  
REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date

[Signature] 3-13-2020  
RECOMMEND APPROVAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date





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PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIAPage 2 of 4  
BUDGET FORM 2

## PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Business Unit No.: 101021Program Name/Title: Election Administration Office

## PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

2 NNC 876 To implement and carryout provisions of the election code and conduct electionsDC-68-89

## PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

## 1. Goal Statement:

Elections

Program Performance Measure:

To prepare for and conduct all elections

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## 4. Goal Statement:

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## 5. Goal Statement:

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## PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED.

Murray Lee, Interim Director

Program Manager's Printed Name

Murray Lee 2-27-20

Program Manager's Signature and Date

Hon. Seth Damon, Speaker of the NN Council

Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name

[Signature] 3/3/2020

Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date



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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION**

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**BUDGET FORM 4**

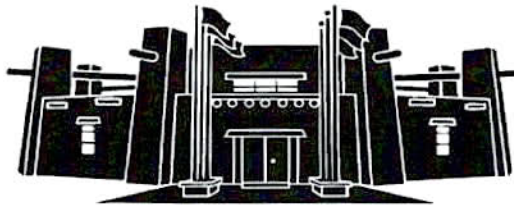
| PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: |   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Program Name/Title:          |   | Election Administration Office        |                                    | Business Unit No.: 101021 |
| PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:    |   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| (A)                          | (B)   | (C)                                   | (D)                                |                           |
| Object Code (LOD 6)          | Object Code Description and Justification (LOD 7)                               | Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6) | Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4) |                           |
|                              | <b>3500 MEETING EXPENSES</b>  |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Poll Officials pay for election day work, training and CPJ mileage.             |                                       |                                    | 104,940                   |
| 3810                         | Meetings  |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 3811                         | Stipend - M/L   | 104,940                               |                                    |                           |
|                              | 440 PO x \$120 = \$52,800   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | 440 PO training x \$60 = \$26,400   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | 110 CPJ training x \$60 = \$6,600   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 3813                         | Mileage   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | 110 CPJ x 2 RT x 150 mi. x \$0.58/mi. = \$19,140                                |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | <b>4000 SUPPLIES</b>  |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Operational supplies, postage and printing.                                     |                                       |                                    | 261,640                   |
| 4410                         | Operating Supplies  |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 4420                         | General Operating Supplies  | 261,640                               |                                    |                           |
| 4450                         | Postage, Courier, Shipping  |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 4530                         | Printing/Binding/Photocopying   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | 110 chapters x \$100 = \$11,000   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Ballots: 8,500 x \$1.55/ea. = \$13,175; Ballots: 10,500 x \$1.55/ea. = \$16,275 |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Forms: 4 ea. X \$360/ea. X 2 purchases = \$3,040                                |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Primary Ballots: 75,000 x \$1.30/ea. = \$97,500                                 |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | 33,000 xerox x \$0.15/ea. = \$4,950   |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | General Ballots: 89,000 x \$1.30/ea. = \$115,700                                |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | <b>5500 COMMUNICATIONS &amp; UTILITIES</b>                                      |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Telephone and DSL temporary installation.                                       |                                       |                                    | 936                       |
| 5520                         | Telephone   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 5550                         | Hardware/Install  | 936                                   |                                    |                           |
|                              | 9 lines x \$104/ea. = \$936   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |   | <b>367,516</b>                        |                                    | <b>367,516</b>            |

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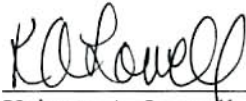
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|                              | <b>6000 REPAIRS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>                           |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Tabulator parts and services.                                   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 6110                         | Supplies  |                                       |                                    | 4,625                     |
| 6120                         | Furn&Equip R&M Supplies 15 x \$75/ea. = \$1,125                 | 1,125                                 |                                    |                           |
| 6130                         | Services  |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 6140                         | Furn&Equip R&M Services 10 x \$350/ea. = \$3,500                | 3,500                                 |                                    |                           |
|                              | <b>7000 SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS</b>                                |                                       |                                    |                           |
|                              | Catering and advertising.                                       |                                       |                                    | 75,025                    |
| 7110                         | Program   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 7150                         | Catering \$625  | 625                                   |                                    |                           |
| 7410                         | Media   |                                       |                                    |                           |
| 7440                         | Print Advertising 8 full page x \$2,250 x 2 outlets = \$36,000  | 74,400                                |                                    |                           |
| 7450                         | Radio Advertising \$30 x 8/ds. X 4 outlets x 40 days = \$38,400 |                                       |                                    |                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |   | <b>79,650</b>                         |                                    | <b>79,650</b>             |



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Kristen A. Lowell, Principal Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: June 18, 2020

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As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

**Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want.** You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees' powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution.



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SPONSOR: Edison J. Wauneka

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