

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
of the 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2022

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;
APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE
FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED
MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2023 COMPREHENSIVE
BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee ("HEHSC") is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Division of Social Services ("DSS"). 2 N.N.C. §400(A); 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- B. Each Oversight Committee, including the HEHSC, shall review and make recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility, regarding the Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the HEHSC held hearings and took relevant testimony regarding the FY2023 Budget for the DSS.
- B. During these budget meetings, the HEHSC reviewed and considered the FY2023 Budget for the DSS, as proposed by the Branch Chiefs and as requested by the DSS, and as commented upon by members of the public.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR
THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND RELATED
MATTERS

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee hereby approves the proposed FY2023 Budget for the Division of Social Services, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- B. The HEHSC hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs' proposed FY2023 Budget amount for the DSS, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- C. The HEHSC recommends changes to the General Fund Budget, as described in **Exhibit C**.
- D. The HEHSC recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D**.
- E. The HEHSC recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the DSS be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2023 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.
- F. The HEHSC hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the proposed FY2023 Budget for the DSS, as well as all Committee recommendations, as set forth in the attached **Exhibits A - E**.
- G. As necessary and appropriate, the HEHSC hereby authorizes the HEHSC Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the HEHSC's recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee, regarding the proposed FY2023 Budget for the DSS.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).

SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE

If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Twin Arrows, (Navajo Nation) Arizona, at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, on this 10th day of August 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Slater', is written above the printed name.

Carl R. Slater, Pro Tem, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Of the 24th Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.
Second: Honorable Pernell Halona

Exhibit B

The Navajo Nation General Fund Comparative Summary

Fiscal Year 2023

Branch:		EXECUTIVE BRANCH		Division/Office:		Division of Social Services	
(A) Business Unit Number	(B) Program Title	(C) Branch Chief's Proposed FY2023 General Fund Budget	(D) Oversight Committee's Recommended FY2023 General Fund Budget	(E) Plus or Minus \$ Difference (Column D - Column C)			
117001	Office of the Executive Director	1,227,950					
117008	School Clothing Program	1,295,663	4,168,250.00	2,872,587.00			
117010	Chinle Day Care Center	5,000					
117011	Ft. Defiance Day Care Center	36,000					
117012	Shiprock Day Care Center	5,000					
117022	Department of Family Services	1,637,570					

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Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget

Exhibit C

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Exhibit D

Fiscal Year 2023

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Recommended Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns

Branch: EXECUTIVE BRANCH		Division/Office:	Division of Social Services
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Brief Narrative of Recommended Condition of Appropriation (COA) or Legislative Concern (LC)	
1.	Division of Social Services	Condition of Appropriation: DSS Administration shall work with DOJ to develop a plan for emergency reimbursable stop-gap funding to cover lapses in direct services for grant-funded programs under DSS, including domestic violence shelters; DSS Administration shall report to HEHSC by the end of 2nd Q FY2023 with its plan and proposed legislation.	
1.	Division of Social Services	Legislative Concern: DSS Administration should expand staffing within the Chinle Agency and NN-wide to ensure that services are being delivered; DSS should report to HEHSC by the end of the 1st Q FY2023 regarding this effort.	
2.	Division of Social Services	Legislative Concern: DSS Administration should fully implement 24/7 operation of the Little Tree Domestic Violence Shelter by the end of 1st Q FY2023.	
3.	Division of Social Services	Legislative Concern: DSS Administration should assess the entire Division's computer equipment needs with priority for programs that are required to report to state agencies, such as DALTCS; DSS should provide a report on such assessment to HEHSC by the end of 1st Q FY2023.	

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Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets**

Branch:		Executive	Division/Office:	Social Services/Office of the Executive Director	
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Amount of Unmet Need	Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2023 General Fund Budget		
117001	Office of the Executive Director				
117008	School Clothing Program	4,168,250	21,673 Navajo School Clothing and Supplies applications for academic year 2022 were not served. Additional funds is requested to assist 16,673 students by \$250.00 per student. The assistance is available to Navajo students attending school on and off the Navajo Nation.		
117010	Chinle Day Care Center				
117011	Ft. Defiance Day Care Center				
117012	Shiprock Day Care Center				
117022	Department of Family Services	500,000	The Department of Family Services (DFS) has 16 field offices with over 100 employees. The field offices are in need of new office furniture because the current furniture is dilapidated. Annually, DFS serves approximately 10,000 children and 1,700 adults and elders. DFS administration office and its field offices had remained in operation throughout the pandemic.		
TOTAL:		4,668,250			

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2022

Legislation #0124-22: An Action Relating to the Health and Human Services Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for Division of Social Services and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY2023 Comprehensive Budget

Sponsor: Delegate Daniel E. Tso

Co-Sponsor: Delegate Carl R. Slater

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Amendment:

Motion: Honorable Pernell Halona

Second: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.

Yea: Paul Begay Jr.; Pernell Halona; Daniel E. Tso; Edison J. Wauneka

Nay:

Not Voting: Carl R. Slater (Presiding Vice-Chair)

Excused: Charlaine Tso

Absent:

Vote: 4-0-0

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Paul Begay, Jr.

Second: Honorable Pernell Halona

Yea: Paul Begay Jr.; Pernell Halona; Daniel E. Tso; Edison J. Wauneka

Nay:

Not Voting: Carl R. Slater (Presiding Vice-Chair)

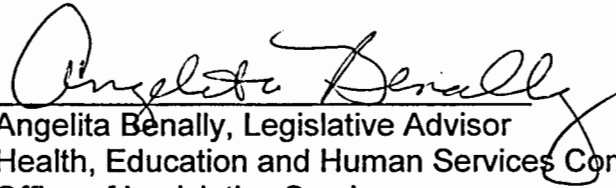
Excused: Charlaine Tso

Absent:

Vote: 4-0-0



Carl R. Slater, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Angelita Benally". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor
Health, Education and Human Services Committee
Office of Legislative Services