# Tracking No. <u>0058-21</u>

**DATE:** March 25, 2021

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAA'BIK'İYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,244,913.00 FOR THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E), (F), AND (J)

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is for the Navajo Nation to approve \$1,244,913.00 in supplemental funding out of the UUFB for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Law & Order Committee Website Posting Time/Date: 03-25 Posting End Date: **Budget & Finance Committee** Eligible for Action: 13-3 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION Naabik'íyáti' Committee 1 2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2021 Navajo Nation Council 3 INTRODUCED BY 4 5 6 Prime Sponsor) 7 8 TRACKING NO. **0058-21** 9 10 11 AN ACT 12 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND 13 FINANCE, AND NAA'BIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO 14 NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE 15 UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF 16 \$1,244,913.00 FOR THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL 17 INVESTIGATIONS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SERVICES 18 FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820 (E), (F), AND (J) 19 20 BE IT ENACTED: 21 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY 22 23 A. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee ("LOC") as a Navajo 24 Nation Council standing committee, and as such gave LOC oversight over all departments within the Navajo Division of Public Safety. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 25 26 600(C)(5). B. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee ("BFC") as a 27 28 Navajo Nation Council standing committee, and as such empowered BFC to review 29 and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the management of all funds. 2 N.N.C.

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§§ 300(A), and 301(B)(2).

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- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee, and proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 700(A).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation, with the authority to approve supplemental appropriations. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A), 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
- E. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), "[t]he Navajo Nation Council may adopt and approve supplemental appropriations to the Annual Comprehensive Budget during the fiscal year. Supplemental appropriations of General Funds within the current fiscal year are permitted, if and when additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections are projected and which are also in excess of the reserve amount set forth at § 820(J)."
- F. The Title 12 Supplemental Appropriation requirements include:
  - 1. All requests for annual operating funds and supplemental funds shall be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for budget impact analysis. 12 N.N.C. § 820(M).
  - 2. When the Controller identifies additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections, supplemental appropriations may be approved by the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
  - 3. Supplemental Appropriations made from non-recurring revenues shall only be made for non-recurring operations or purposes, as set forth at § 820(F). The Controller of the Navajo Nation shall be responsible for the designation of recurring and non-recurring revenues. 12 N.N.C. § 820(L).
  - 4. The Nation shall budget all recurring operating expenses, including capital maintenance, from recurring revenues. Long term debt shall not be used to finance recurring operating expenses. 12 N.N.C. §820(E).
  - 5. The Navajo Nation Code provides, "[t]he Nation shall restrict non-recurring revenues to budget non-recurring expenditures. In addition, non-recurring revenues will be budgeted only after an examination by the Controller to determine whether

 or not the revenues are subsidizing an imbalance between recurring revenues and expenditures, and expenditures may be authorized only if a long-term (three-five year) forecast shows that the operating deficit will not continue. Otherwise, non-recurring revenues will be added to the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund balance. This provision may be amended or waived by a two-thirds vote of the full Navajo Nation Council." 12 N.N.C. § 820(F).

#### SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. This request for supplemental funding seeks the amount of \$1,244,913.00 out of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance, to assist the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations ("NDCI") in continuing to provide its daily services in an efficient and effective manner, while complying with required COVID-19 protocols. NDCI reports that its FY2021 base funding allocation is not enough sufficient to meet NDCI's operational demands at all districts, due to increased financial burdens resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, with NDCI having to ensure proper safety protocols for its staff and community members according to CDC and Navajo Nation guidelines.
- B. The supplemental funding proposal, budget forms and related documents, including Appendix K "Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary," for NDCI are attached as **Exhibit A**.
- C. The Office of the Controller issued a memorandum dated March 17, 2021, to satisfy the requirements in 12 N.N.C. § 820(L), attached as **Exhibit B**. The Controller has identified the NDCI expenditures as RECURRING and therefore a waiver of 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), (F), and (J) is required.
- D. The Office of Management and Budget issued a memorandum dated March 24, 2021, to satisfy the requirements in 12 N.N.C. § 820(M), attached as Exhibit C.

## SECTION THREE. APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves \$1,244,913.00 in supplemental funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance for the Navajo Department of Criminal

Investigations.

B. This supplemental appropriation of \$1,244,913.00 shall be from that amount of funds that exceeds the minimum fund balance of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as determined by the Office of the Controller.

#### SECTION FOUR. WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), AND (J)

The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F) and (J) in order to allow funds out of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to be used for recurring expenditures and government operations.

#### **SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE**

Should any provision(s) of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of the Act shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

#### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221.



### THE NAVAJO NATION SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY

RECOMMEND SUPLEMENTAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date

REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date

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## THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

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PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S) Supplemental Funding	Fiscal Year /Term 10/1/20-9/30/21	Amount 1,244,913	% of Total 100% 0%	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY	Fund Type Code	(A) NNC Approved Original Budget	(B)	(C) Difference (Column B - A
			0%	2001 Personnel Expenses	1	438,462	285,603	(152,859)
			0%	3000 Travel Expenses	1		346,010	346,010
			0%	3500 Meeting Expenses		17,200		(17,200)
			0%	4000 Supplies	1	2,600	335,200	332,600
			0%	5000 Lease and Rental	1	27,540	2,600	(24,940)
			0%	5500 Communications and Utilitie	s 1	14,100	27,540	13,440
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance	1	165,313	52,000	(113,313)
				6500 Contractual Services	1	34,785	165,313	130,528
				7000 Special Transactions	1		30,647	30,647
				8000 Public Assistance				0
				9000 Capital Outlay				0
				9500 Matching Funds				0
	( )=			9500 Indirect Cost				0
					TOTAL	\$700,000	1,244,913.00	544,913
				PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICL	ES.	(D)	(E)	
				Total # of Position	s Budgeted:	0	0	
	TOTAL:	\$1,244,913	100%	Total # of Vehicle	s Budgeted:	38	41	la .
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xternal Funds K210711	1s	1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		QTR
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
1. Goal Statement:								
Number of criminal cases received and opened								
Program Performance Measure:								
Respond to reported major crimes occurring on the Navajo Nation	200		200		200		200	
2. Goal Statement:								
number of criminal cases closed or suspended								
Program Performance Measure:		v						
Investigations of major crimes occurring on the Navajo Nation	85		85		85		85	
3. Goal Statement:								
Number of cases referred to the United States Attorney								
Program Performance Measure:					_			
Refer cases to U.S. Attorney for Federal Prosecution	50		50		50		50	
4. Goal Statement:								
Number of cases referred to Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office								
Program Performance Measure:								
Refer cases to the Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office for Tribal Prosecution	50		50		50		50	1 7 7
5. Goal Statement:								
Meet training requirements for 37 commissioned officers								
Program Performance Measure:		**						
Obtain training hours per commissioned officer in accordance with B.I.A. P.L. 93-638 requiremen	370		370		370		370	

### THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

(A)	DETAILE	D BUDGET:		(B)		(C)	(D)
external Funds 210711			Object Cod	e Description and Justification (LOD 7)		4,186,716 DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
	Section of the second	SONNEL EXPENSES					285,6
	Personnel	expenses for overtime and	holiday for individuals who are o	n-call to investigate or assist with additional technicl situation	s which arise during COVID-19 and regular routine	call-outs.	
2510	Overtime					123,000	
	.2520	Overtime Pay Regular		Total Cost			
		Regular Status Comm	27 x \$ 3,000	\$81,000			
		Regular Status Civ	14 - \$ 3,000	\$42,000			
				\$123,000			
2610	Danutas			Total Cost		69,000	
2010	Regular .2620	Double Holiday Comm	31 v \$1 500	\$46,500		03,000	
	.2020	Double Holiday Civ	15 x \$1,500	\$22,500			
				\$69,000	1		
2900	Fringe Be	enefits				93,603	
		Regular Status Comm	\$81,000 x 49.86%	\$40,386.60			
		Double Holiday Comm	\$46,500x 49.86%	\$23,184.90			
				\$63,571.50			
		Regular Status Civ	\$42,000 x 46.56%	\$19,555.20			
		Double Holiday Civ	\$22,500 x 46.56%	\$10,476.00			
				\$30,031.20	A 13		
					TOTAL	285,603	285,6

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3120 Program ,3123 Mileage: 7 veh x 2,000 mi/mo x 0.31 * 12 mo.  3120 Program ,3123 Mileage  329 Vehicles x 2,000 mi/mo x 50.28 x 12 π	80 <u>80 </u> 277.8	
S52,080   S3,125   S55,20   S3,125   S55,20   S3,125   S55,20   S3,125   S55,20   S15,724   S262,080   S15,724   S262,080   S15,724   S262,080   S15,724   S262,080   S15,724   S262,080   S15,725   S277,80	277.8	05
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PART II. I (A)	DETAIL	LED BUDGET:		(B)		(C)	(D)
External Funds K210711			Object Code	Description and Justification (LOD 7)		4,186,716 DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
Let i	Desktop custodia	JPPLIES supplies, folders, envelopes, pens sl supplies, printing/binding/photoco Supplies General Office Supplies	, pencils, binders and other daily s pying, books, periodicals, subscrip 8 dist x \$5,250	supplies for the office. Computer toner, postal, shipping stion, vehicle parts and supplies.  \$42,000.00	, medical supplies, uniforms, firearms & ammunition,	42,000	335,200
4200	Non Ca	pital Assets				35,200	
4410	.4210 .4230 Supplie .4420 .4440 .4450 .4480	General Operating Supplies Non Cap Computer Software Postage, Courier, Shipping Firearms & Ammo Custodial Supplies	8 dist x \$2200 8 dist x \$2200 8 dist x \$5500 52 staff x 500 8 dist x \$2500 8 dist x \$5000 8 dist x \$5000	\$17,600.00 \$17,600.00 \$35,200.00 \$44,000.00 \$26,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$40,000.00 \$44,000.00		258,000	
	.4500	Medical Supplies	8 dist x \$10500	\$84,000.00			
					TOTAL	. 335,200	335,20

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	ne/Title:	INFORMATION:	Navajo Department of C	riminal Investigations	Business Unit No.:	116011	
PART II. (A)	DETAILE	D BUDGET:		(B)		(C)	(D)
External Funds K210711			Object Code De	escription and Justification (LOD 7	7)	4,186,716 DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
	A CARLO WINDOW	E & RENTAL					2,600
5310	Building spa Building / S		age space, postal space, equipment and s	upply rental fees for training or other leasing for th	ne district(s)	2,600	
	to the second second	Meeting Space		\$500			
	1.0	Storage Space		\$1,500			
	.5350 O	Other Space Rental		\$600			
				\$2,600			
	Agency profession of the profession of the contract of the con	MUNICATION & UTILITIE					27,540
Sales I	The second secon		arges, services for DSL, internet, wireless	, and two-way radio			
5520	Telephone			040.000		11,200	
	and the state of t	Basic Services		\$10,000 \$200			
		Optional Charges Hardware/Install		\$1,000			
	.556U H	laroware/install		\$1,000			
5570	Internet					8,640	
3370	Internet .5580 D	OSL	6 dist x 120 x 12	\$8,640		0,040	
5610	Wireless					7,700	
	.5620 C	Cellular \$600 x 12		\$7,200		1 7 7 7	
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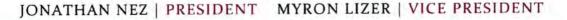
	ne/Title:	Navajo Department of C	Criminal Investigations	Business Unit No.:	116011	
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External Funds K210711		Object Code D	escription and Justification (LOD	7)	4,186,716 DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
6300	6000 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE Repairs and maintenance fees for equipmate Technology .6310 Computer Hardware R&M	ment and other computers and or upg	rade of hardware \$52,000		52,000	52,000
	6500 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES Bring training to staff to enhance and me Other Contractual Services .6921 Other Services (Autopsy)	et training hour requirements. Pay for 65313.38+100000	Towing Fees, Comprehensive Toxicologies, Com \$165,313	prehensive Drugs, Autopsies and other mediological te	stings. 165,313	165,313
			\$165,313.38			
				ТОТ	AL 217,313	217,313

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PART II.	DETAIL	LED BUDGET:		- 43			130
(A) External Funds K210711			Object Code Descrip	(B) otion and Justification (LOD	77)	(C) 4,186,716 DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	(D) Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
		PECIAL TRANSACTIONS					30,64
	Provide	and support training, meandato	ry professional dues, and insurances. Program	needing items for community outreach a	as well as using during man-hunts or search and rescue or		
7110	Progran	ns				28,000	
	.7180	Catering	8 dist x \$1,500	\$12,000.00			
	.7190	Refreshments	8 dist x \$2,000	\$16,000.00 \$28,000.00			
7710	Incuran	ce Premiums				2,647	
7710	.7765	Policy Payment				2,047	
	.7700	Regular Status Comm	(\$81,000 + \$40,386.60)/100*\$0.41	497.69			
		Double Holiday Comm	(\$46,500 + \$23,184.90)/100*\$0.41	285.71			
		Regular Status Civ	(\$42,000 + 19,555.20)/100*\$0.41	252.38			
		Double Holiday Civ	(\$22,000 + \$10,476)/100*\$0.41	133.15			
		bouble Holiday Civ	(\$22,000 + \$10,470)/100 \$0.41	1,168.92			
	.7767	Worker's Comp					
		Regular Status Comm	(\$81,000)/100*\$0.77	623.70			
		Double Holiday Comm	(\$46,500)/100*\$0.77	358.05			
		Regular Status Civ	(\$42,000)/100*\$0.77	323.40			
		Double Holiday Civ	(\$22,500)/100 <b>*</b> \$0.77	173.25			
			(4-2-1-1)	1,478.40			
					ТОТ	AL 30,647	30,64



### THE NAVAJO NATION





#### Memorandum:

To:

2 NNC § 164 Reviewers

Delegates & 2 NNC '164 Reviewers

Navajo Nation Government

(Rob Willia)

From:

Robert Willie, Accounting Manager

Office of the Controller

Date:

March 17, 2021

Subject:

Legislation- Department of Navajo Criminal Investigations

The Office of the Controller has reviewed the above referenced document.

- 1. The balance of the UUFB is \$28,533,151 as of March 17, 2021.
- 2. This request is for unmet needs for the program in the amount of \$1,244,913 to the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations. The requested budget includes overtime, holiday pay and fringe benefits, travel costs, office supplies, building space, telephone services and wireless charges, catering/refreshment and insurance.
- 3. This request would be considered **RECURRING** for operational unmet needs therefore would need waiver language to utilize the Undesignated, Unreserved Fund Balance.

If you should have any questions you can contact me at tribal extension X6125.

#### THE NAVAJO NATION

EXHIBIT C

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Reviewers/Office of Legislative Counsel

FROM:

Dominic Beyal, Executive Director Office of Management and Budget

DATE:

March 24, 2021

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SUBJECT:

Supplemental request for the Department of Navajo Criminal Investigations in the

amount of \$1,244,913 from the Undesignated, Unreserved Fund Balance (UUFB).

Pursuant to 12 NNC 820 (M) OMB reviewed the subject document and provides the following information. This budget request was forwarded by the Office of Legislative Counsel.

- Because of the limited availability of funds, OMB advises the Branch Chiefs to prioritize all supplemental funding proposals pursuant to the FY 2021 Budget Instructions Manual (Section XII, D), and the Appropriations Act. This activity should be completed by the branches to determine priorities.
- 2. OMB recommends compliance with the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act regarding Supplemental Appropriations (Section 820, L). This has not been done. Compliance includes:
  - a. Branch Chief's concurrence of the supplemental request (NN President).
- 3. Per the FY21 BIM (Section XII, D) states the appropriate Branch Chief shall review and provide recommendations. In this case, because the Department of Criminal Investigations is organizationally located in the Division of Public Safety, which is under the Executive Branch, the Branch Chief is the President.
- 4. Further, the signators of the Budget Forms are acknowledged to be the manager/supervisor of the program and business unit as well as the Division or Branch Chief. In this case, it would be the Corrections Director and Public Safety Division Director. Instead, Navajo Nation Council Delegates are the signators.
- 5. The figure for the 6910 object code is not sufficiently explained/justified.

Contact OMB/Lisa Jymm at (928) 871-6230 if there are any questions and/or concerns regarding this memorandum.

xc: OMB file

Jesse Delmar, DPS Division Director
Paulson Chaco, Chief of Staff, OPVP
Pearline Kirk, Controller, OOC
Robert Willie, Manager, General Accounting, OOC





#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO : Honorable Otto Tso, Delegate

24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Luralene D. Japane

Luralene D. Tapahe, Principle Advocate

Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE**: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: AN ACT RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT,

BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAA'BIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,244,913.00 FOR THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SERVICES FOR THE NAVAJO NATION; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §§

820 (E), (F), AND (J)

I have prepared the above referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of a proper challenge. Also, please understand that the Speaker is authorized to refer this proposed resolution to other committees than those stated in the title.

You are advised and encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

If the proposed legislation 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. Ahe'he'.

# THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: \_0058-21\_\_ SPONSOR: Otto Tso

TITLE: An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naa'bik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$1,244,913.00 for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations to Continue Providing Effective Services for the Navajo Nation; Waiving 12 N.N.C §§ 820 (E), (F), and (J)

Date posted: <u>March 25, 2021 at 9:53PM</u>

Digital comments may be e-mailed to **comments@navajo-nsn.gov** 

Written comments may be mailed to:

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

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#### THE NAVAJO NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW SUMMARY

LEGISLATION NO.: <u>0058-21</u>

**SPONSOR:** Honorable Otto Tso

TITLE: An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$1,244,913.00 for the Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations to Continue Providing Effective Services for the Navajo Nation; Waiving 12 N.N.C §§ 820 (E), (F), and (J)

Posted: March 25, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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#### Public Comment to Legislation No. 0058-21

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this comment as a member of the public. I am registered with the Klagetoh Chapter. I felt the need to voice my comment because a traditionally "638"-funded program is seeking tribal funding from the UUFB.

To begin with, the legislation may be legally insufficient because it is first referred to the Resources and Development Committee and entirely sidesteps the correct overhead committee which is the Law and Order Committee. Because LOC is the oversight committee to DPS/Dept. of Criminal Investigations, RDC might not have the proper authority to consider this legislation.

Next, the request for supplemental funding is not adequately supported. As its only reason, the legislation makes the general statement that its FY 2021 base funding allocation was "not enough sufficient to meet NDCI's operational demands at all districts due to increased financial burdens resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic." If this statement, without any proof, is enough for a NN program (especially a 638-funded program) to be awarded 1.2 million from the People's general funds, then a long line may form to the Navajo Nation Council. Programs will want to get their slice of the pie knowing that the standard or bar is very low. All you need to do is make a blanket assertion and blame "COVID-19." A lay person might think if NDCI is using COVID-19 as a reason then they must need funding because of high death counts. There must be costs related to autopsies. Yet, only \$165,313 (or 13%) of the 1.2 million requested is slated to be used for contractual services related to autopsies, according to the attached program budget forms. But the program made sure it included \$28,000 for catering and refreshments.

The Navajo Nation Council protects the People's purse. It shouldn't be so lax in shelling out tribal funds coming from the UUFB.

Thank you for considering this public comment.

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