

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Tracking No. 0060-22

Date: March 29, 2022

Re: **AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$4,000,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUFb") FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS' SUMMER 2022 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) TO ALLOW USE OF UUFb FUNDS FOR RECURRING CHAPTER EXPENSES**

Purpose of this Legislation:

to allocate \$4,000,000 from the UUFb for the 110 Chapters' Summer 2022 Youth Employment Programs; waiving 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) to allow use of UUFb funds for recurring Chapter expenses.

OLC No. 21-506-1

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson
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Health Education & Human Services Committee

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Resources & Development Committee

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Budget & Finance Committee

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee


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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Fourth Year, 2022

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES,
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE,
AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; APPROVING \$4,000,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED,
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUF") FOR THE 110 NAVAJO
NATION CHAPTERS' SUMMER 2022 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
PROGRAMS; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) TO
ALLOW USE OF UUF FUNDS FOR RECURRING CHAPTER EXPENSES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and empowered the Committee to review and recommend resolutions regarding employment matters. 2 N.N.C. §401(B)(6)(A).

B. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and gave the Committee oversight over the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9); 2 N.N.C. §500(A); 2 N.N.C. §501(C)(1).

C. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and authorized the Committee to review and recommend to the

1 Navajo Nation Council the management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9); 2 N.N.C.
2 §300(A); 2 N.N.C. §301(B)(2).

3 D. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council
4 standing committee, and all proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo
5 Nation Council is assigned to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee for its review and consideration.
6 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9); 2 N.N.C. §700(A).

7 E. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §102(A).
8 As such, the Council “. . . may adopt and approve supplemental appropriations to the Annual
9 Comprehensive Budget during the fiscal year. Supplemental appropriations of General Funds
10 within the current fiscal year are permitted, if and when additional sources of revenues above
11 and beyond the initial or current revenue projections are projected and which are also in
12 excess of the reserve amount set forth at §820(J).” 12 N.N.C. §820(L).

13 F. The Title 12 restrictions on supplemental appropriations, including all amounts from the
14 UUFB, include:

15 1. Payment of recurring government operating expenses shall be from recurring revenues,
16 and payment of nonrecurring expenses shall be from nonrecurring revenues such as UUFB
17 funds. 12 N.N.C. §820(E); 12 N.N.C. §820(F).

18 2. Specifically, the UUFB shall not be used for recurring government expenditures or
19 operations. 12 N.N.C. §820(J); 12 N.N.C. §820(L).

20 3. Nonrecurring revenues such as UUFB funds may be used only after the Controller
21 determines whether or not such revenues are subsidizing an imbalance between the
22 Navajo Nation's recurring revenues and expenditures, and government expenditures shall
23 only be authorized if a long-term (3-year to 5-year year) forecast shows that the operating
24 deficit will not continue; otherwise, nonrecurring revenues will be added to the
25 Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance. 12 N.N.C. §820(F).

26 4. The above provisions in Title 12 may be amended or waived by a two-thirds vote of the
27 full membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 12 N.N.C. §820(F); 12 N.N.C. §880.

28 5. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(F) all UUFB funding requests must be reviewed by the
29 Controller. Such review is also required because the Controller determines which
30 revenues and expenses are recurring and which are non-recurring. 12 N.N.C. §820(L).

1 6. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(M) all UUFB funding requests must be submitted to the
2 Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for a budget impact analysis.
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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

5 A. All 110 Navajo Nation Chapters have indicated a need for supplemental funds to pay for
6 their summer youth employment programs for the Summer of 2022. On behalf of the 110
7 Chapters, the Division of Community Development (“DCD”) is requesting \$4,000,000 in
8 UUFB funds to distribute among all 110 Chapters.

9 B. The required Budget Forms, including Appendix K “Supplemental Funding Proposal
10 Summary” for the Chapters’ proposed expenditures, are attached as **EXHIBIT A**.

11 C. DCD has prepared a comprehensive list of each Chapter’s needed amount to fund its Summer
12 2022 Youth Employment Program, showing the total amount needed of \$4,000,000 for all
13 110 Chapters. **EXHIBIT B**.

14 D. Diné Customary Law declares and teaches that: “[i]t is the right and freedom of the people
15 that our children are provided with education to absorb wisdom, self-knowledge, and
16 knowledge to empower them to make a living and participate in the growth of the Navajo
17 Nation.” 1 N.N.C. §204(F).

18 E. The Navajo Nation honors Diné Customary Law by assisting high school and college
19 students with temporary employment during their summer breaks. Chapter summer youth
20 employment programs offer these students the opportunity to gain work experience during
21 their summer breaks, and to earn funds to pay for their school expenses.

22 F. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many Navajo Nation youth were largely unable to secure
23 summer employment during the Summers of 2020 and 2021; therefore, this \$4,000,000 in
24 funding is badly needed to assist them with jobs and income this Summer.

25 G. The Office of the Controller was asked to provide a memorandum as required by 12 N.N.C.
26 §820(L). This memorandum shall be provided to the assigned Committees and the Navajo
27 Nation Council when this legislation is up for consideration.

28 H. The Office of Management and Budget was asked to provide a budget impact analysis as
29 required by 12 N.N.C. § 20(M). This analysis shall be provided to the assigned Committees
30 and the Navajo Nation council when this legislation is up for consideration.

1 **SECTION THREE. ALLOCATING \$4,000,000 FROM THE UUFb TO THE DIVISION**
2 **OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 110 CHAPTERS’**
3 **SUMMER 2022 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

4 A. The Navajo Nation hereby allocates \$4,000,000 out of the UUFb to the Division of
5 Community Development to be used for the 110 Chapters’ summer youth employment
6 programs for 2022, as shown in the attached EXHIBIT A and EXHIBIT B.

7 B. This supplemental appropriation shall be from those funds that exceed the minimum fund
8 reserve balance in the UUFb required by 12 N.N.C. §820(J), as determined by the Controller.

9 C. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(O) the \$4,000,000 shall be deposited with each of the 110
10 Chapters as follows: “fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation shall be divided equally among
11 all chapters and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be divided proportionately among
12 the chapters using a percentage equal to that figure which the number of registered voters in
13 each chapter bears to the whole of registered Navajo Nation votes as determined by the most
14 current voter registration figures available as of the date of the appropriation.”

15 D. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §820(N) the amount received by each of the 110 Chapters under the
16 overall \$4,000,000 allocation approved herein shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year, so
17 long as each Chapter accounts for any funds that remain after the conclusion of its Summer
18 2022 Youth Employment Program and then budgets such funds in the next fiscal year for its
19 Summer 2023 Youth Employment Program.

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21 **SECTION FOUR. WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) TO**
22 **ALLOW USE OF UUFb FUNDS FOR RECURRING CHAPTER**
23 **EXPENSES**

24 The Navajo Nation hereby waives 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) to allow
25 use of the UUFb for the 110 Chapters’ summer youth employment programs for Summer 2022,
26 as shown in EXHIBIT A and EXHIBIT B. These waivers are necessary because the proposed
27 Chapter UUFb expenditures are considered recurring government expenses.

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29 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

30 This Act shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(17).

1 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

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

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

PART I. Business Unit No.: 108014-108123		Program Title: 110 Navajo Nation Chapters (Youth Employment)		Division of Community Development	
Prepared By: Lydell Davis		Phone No.: (928) 871-7246		Email Address: ldavis@nndcd.org	
PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S)		Fiscal Year /Term	Amount	% of Total	
Undesignated Unreserved Fund (UUFB)		FY'22	4,000,000.00	100%	
PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY					
		Fund Type Code	Original Budget	Proposed Budget	Difference or Total
2001	Personnel Expenses				
3000	Travel Expenses				
3500	Meeting Expenses				
4000	Supplies				
5000	Lease and Rental				
5500	Communications and Utilities				
6000	Repairs and Maintenance				
6500	Contractual Services				
7000	Special Transactions				
8000	Public Assistance	1		4,000,000	4,000,000
9000	Capital Outlay				
9500	Matching Funds				
9500	Indirect Cost				
TOTAL			\$0.00	4,000,000.00	4,000,000
PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES					
			(D)	(E)	
Total # of Positions Budgeted:			0	0	
Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:			0	0	
PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.					
SUBMITTED BY:		APPROVED BY:			
Sonlatsa Jim-Martin, ASC Department Manager		Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director			
Program Manager's Printed Name		Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name			
02/23/2022		2-23-22			
Program Manager's Signature and Date		Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date			

EXHIBIT A

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA


FY 2022

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:		Business Unit No.: 108014-108123		Program Name/Title: 110 Navajo Nation Chapters (Youth Employment)							
PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:											
The employment of the youth in the communities of the Navajo Nation.											
PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:											
1. Goal Statement:											
Assist Navajo Nation High School/College students with temporary employment											
Program Performance Measure/Objective:											
Hire students during their break.		1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		4th QTR			
		Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
2. Goal Statement:											
Students will be able to gain training and work experience.											
Program Performance Measure/Objective:											
Chapters will provide work plans.		1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		4th QTR			
		Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
3. Goal Statement:											
Program Performance Measure/Objective:											
4. Goal Statement:											
Program Performance Measure/Objective:											
5. Goal Statement:											
Program Performance Measure/Objective:											
PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED.											
Sonlatsa Jim Martin, ASC Department Manager				Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director							
Program Manager's Printed Name				Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name							
02/23/2022				2-23-22							
Program Manager's Signature and Date				Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date							

THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: Program Name/Title: 110 Navajo Nation (Youth Employment) Business Unit No.: 108014-108123			
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)
8000 ASSISTANCE	Funds for Summer Youth Employment for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters using the 50/50 formula.		4,000,000
8705	CHAPTER 8715: Grant Eastern Agency Fort Defiance Agency Shiprock Agency Western Agency Chinle Agency Total:	1,053,097.13 974,037.55 763,916.14 683,569.16 525,380.03 4,000,000.00	4,000,000
TOTAL		4,000,000	4,000,000

**THE NAVAJO NATION
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>108014-108123</u>		Program Title: <u>110 Navajo Nation Chapter (Youth Emp)</u>	
Division/Branch: <u>Division of Community Development</u>		Amount Requested: <u>\$4,000,000.00</u>	Prepared By: <u>Lydell Davis</u>
Phone No.: <u>(928) 871-7246</u>		Email Address: <u>ldavis@nndcd.or</u>	
PART II. REASON FOR REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF NEED: Provide the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters the funds to hire youth from their respective communities.			
PART III. LIST ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES BEING PURSUED AND CONTINGENCY PLAN IF REQUEST IS NOT FUNDED: Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance (UUFB).			
PART IV. AFFIRMATION IS PROVIDED THAT THE BUDGET AND PROPOSAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE AND THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH CHIEF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL AS A PRIORITY.			
 REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date		<u>2-23-22</u> RECOMMEND SUPPLEMENTAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date	

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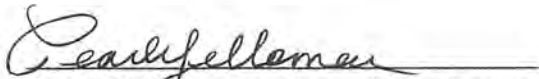
JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



DCDA-M22067

MEMORANDUM

TO : DCD Department and Program Staff
All Concerned

FROM : 
Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director
Division of Community Development

DATE : February 18, 2022

SUBJECT : **Delegation of Authority**

In my absence from the office on February 22, 2022 at 8:00am to February 25, 2022 at 5:00pm, Mr. James Adakai shall be delegated the authority of the Executive Director for Division of Community Development. This delegation includes handling administrative matters and signatory authority, except those matters he feels requires my attention.

Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:



James Adakai, Deputy Division Director
Division of Community Development

c.

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EXHIBIT B

EASTERN AGENCY	
Alamo	35,552
Baca/Prewitt	39,890
Becenti	30,259
Breadsprings	32,905
Casamero Lake	28,132
Chichiltah	43,391
Churchrock	52,265
Counselor	27,143
Crownpoint	36,942
Huerfano	44,982
Iyanbito	31,264
Lake Valley	25,184
Littlewater	29,472
Manuelito	31,297
Mariano Lake	31,934
Nageezi	34,179
Nahodishgish	26,892
Ojo Encino	28,617
Pinedale	37,378
Pueblo Pintado	25,686
Ramah	38,634
Red Rock	45,183
Rock Springs	41,750
Smith Lake	28,266
Standing Rock	29,220
To'hajiilee	36,105
Thoreau	39,622
Torreon	36,239
Tsayatoh	33,123
Whitehorse Lake	27,629
Whiterock	23,962
SUBTOTALS:	1,053,097

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FORT DEFIANCE AGNECY	
Comfields	32,185
Coyote Canyon	35,485
Crystal	30,996
Dilcon	37,110
Fort Defiance	65,330
Ganado	39,271
Houck	37,277
Indian Wells	33,140
Jeddito	31,934
Kinlichee	40,510
Klagetoh	32,503
Low Mountain	30,560
Lower Greasewood	34,045
Lupton	29,639
Mexican Springs	32,319
Naschitti	37,562
Nahata Dziil	34,648
Oak Springs	29,153
Red Lake	29,086
Sawmill	33,894
Saint Michaels	56,909
Steamboat	35,669
Teesto	32,202
Tohatchi	37,780
Twin Lakes	42,018
Whitecone	30,728
Wide Ruins	32,085
SUBTOTALS:	974,038

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SHIPROCK AGENCY	
Aneth	44,329
Bechabito	28,316
Burnham	27,143
Cove	27,194
Gadiiahi	27,512
TseDaaKaan (Hogback)	39,890
Mexican Water	29,153
Nenahnezad	40,477
Newcomb	28,249
Red Mesa	38,986
Red Valley	33,726
Rock Point	38,651
Sanostee	42,721
San Juan	30,343
Sheep Springs	29,338
Shiprock	104,978
Sweetwater	32,637
TeeaNosPos	35,334
Two Grey Hills	32,503
Upper Fruitland	52,436
SUBTOTALS:	763,916

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WESTERN NAVAJO AGENCY	
Birdsprings	28,802
Bodaway/Gap	37,361
Cameron	32,135
Chilchinbeto	31,984
Coalmine Canyon	30,728
Coppermine	31,733
Dennehotso	38,081
Inscription House	30,845
Kaibeto	37,110
Kayenta	59,505
Lechee	35,318
Leupp	37,998
Navajo Mountain	28,869
Ojato	43,659
Shonto	39,003
Tolani Lake	27,261
Tonalea	40,477
Toh Naness Dizi	72,700
SUBTOTALS:	683,569

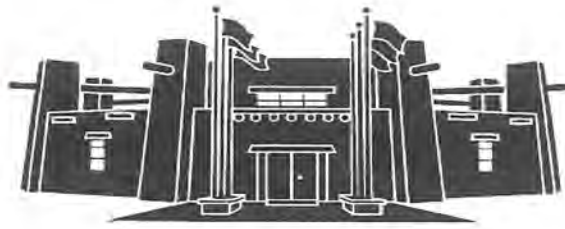
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CHINLE AGENCY (14)	
Black Mesa	26,659
Chinle	79,064
Forest Lake	26,708
Hardrock	30,862
Lukachukai	36,725
Many Farms	40,393
Nazlini	32,168
Pinon	45,502
Rough Rock	30,577
Round Rock	33,056
Tachee/Blue Gap	32,704
Tsaile/Wheatfields	40,343
Tselani/Cottonwood	38,333
Whippoorwill	32,286
SUBTOTAL	525,380

GRAND TOTALS:	4,000,000
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Registered Voters as of February 7, 2022

Eastern Agency	1,053,097
Fort Defiance Agency	974,038
Shiprock Agency	763,916
Western Agency	683,569
Chinle Agency	525,380
Total:	4,000,000



MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Eugene Tso, Member
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

From: 
Luralene D. Tapahe, Principal Advocate
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date: March 29, 2022

Subject: **AN ACT RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$4,000,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ("UUFBS") FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS' SUMMER 2022 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS; WAIVING 12 N.N.C. §820(E), §820(F), §820(J), and §820(L) TO ALLOW USE OF UUFBS FUNDS FOR RECURRING CHAPTER EXPENSES**

Per your request, the Office of Legislative Counsel has prepared the above-referenced proposed legislation and related summary sheet. Based on existing Navajo Nation law and other applicable laws, and upon review of all supporting documents regarding your request that were submitted to OLC, this legislation as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any action of government, this legislation may be subject to judicial review in the event of a legal challenge.

Please review this legislation to make sure it is drafted to your satisfaction, and that all necessary and appropriate supporting documents have been provided and all attached Exhibits are correct.

OLC has reviewed the appropriate standing committees' authorities to consider this legislation, based on the standing committees' powers and responsibilities set forth in Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code. Based on its review, OLC has listed those committees in the title of this legislation. However, the Speaker may assign this legislation to any committee(s) other than those shown in the title, pursuant to his authority under 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If you find anything unacceptable, please let me know immediately and advise me of your desired changes. I can be reached at phone no. (928)871-7166 or by email at: LuraleneTapahe@navajo-nsn.gov

Thank you for your cooperation.

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LEGISLATION NO: _0060-22_

SPONSOR: Eugene Tso

TITLE: An Act Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$4,000,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters' Summer 2022 Youth Employment Programs; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(E), § 820(F), § 820(J), and § 820(L) to Allow Use of UUFB Funds for Recurring Chapter Expenses

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