

LEGISLATION SUMMARY SHEET

TRACKING NO. 0206-21

DATE: October 4, 2021

TITLE OF LEGISLATION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$1,838,798 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDNG FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE 110 CHAPTERS' EMERGENCY FUND ACCOUNTS

PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION: to approve \$1,838,798 in UUFB funds for the 110 Chapters to bring their Emergency Fund accounts to the \$25,000 amount.

OLC No. 21-343-1

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD:

Website Posting Time/Date:

Posting End Date:

Eligible for Action:

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Oct. 4, 2021 8:35pm
October 9, 2021
October 10, 2021

Budget & Finance Committee

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Resources & Development Committee

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Naabik'iyáti' Committee

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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2021

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO.

0206-21

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$1,838,798 IN SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR
THE 110 NAVAJO NATION CHAPTERS' EMERGENCY FUND ACCOUNTS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Navajo Nation established the Budget and Finance Committee ("BFC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with the authority to recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300(A) and 301(B)(2).

B. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development Committee ("RDC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such authorized RDC to oversee the Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9), 500(A), and 501(C)(1).

C. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a standing committee that considers proposed legislation requiring final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(9).

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) and 12 N.N.C. §820(L).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation Council may approve supplemental appropriations at any time during the fiscal year, if and when additional sources of revenues above and beyond the initial or current revenue projections are projected and are also determined to be in excess of the reserve amount required by §820(J). 12 N.N.C. §820(I.).
- B. The Navajo Nation shall budget all recurring operating expenses, including capital maintenance costs, from recurring revenues; and long-term debt shall not be used to pay for recurring operating expenses. 12 N.N.C. §820(I.).
- C. The Navajo 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(I’).
- D. The Controller (“OOC”) is responsible for designating what are recurring and non-recurring revenues. 12 N.N.C. §820(I.).
- E. 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).
- F. On behalf of the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters, the Division of Community Development (“DCD”) has submitted a Supplemental Funding Proposal Summary, dated August 6, 2021. With this form, DCD is requesting **\$1,838,798** out of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to provide the 110 Chapters enough funds to replenish their Emergency Fund accounts back to the established amount of \$25,000. See Appendix K attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.
- G. A comprehensive list showing each Chapters’ funding need is attached as **EXHIBIT B**. If the total requested amount of **\$1,838,798** is approved by the Navajo Nation Council, different Chapters will receive different dollar amounts as shown in Exhibit B - but all 110 Chapters will end up with the same amount of \$25,000 in their Emergency Fund accounts.
- H. On behalf of the Chapters, DCD has provided the required Navajo Nation Budget Forms,

1 attached as **EXHIBIT C** (3 pages total).

2 I. The OOC has not yet reviewed this supplemental funding request for the amount of **\$1,838,798**
3 as required by 12 N.N.C. §820(I). However, the OOC has provided a memorandum dated
4 August 20, 2021 regarding a previous DCD request for Chapters' emergency funds in the
5 amount of \$1,685,344. **EXHIBIT D.** The OOC can present an updated memorandum with a
6 review of this \$1,838,798 funding request, when this legislation is presented for consideration
7 by the Navajo Nation Council. The Controller has identified the Chapters' emergency funding
8 as non-recurring expenditures.

9 J. The Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") has not yet reviewed this \$1,838,798 funding
10 request, but the OMB can provide its memorandum, to satisfy the requirements in 12 N.N.C.
11 §820(M), when this legislation is presented for consideration by the Navajo Nation Council.
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13 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING \$1,838,798 FOR THE 110 NAVAJO NATION**
14 **CHAPTERS FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE**

15 A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves **\$1,838,798** from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund
16 Balance for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters Emergency Fund accounts. Each Chapter shall
17 receive the designated dollar amount as shown in **EXHIBIT B**, so as to bring each Chapter's
18 Emergency Fund account up to the established \$25,000 amount.

19 B. This supplemental appropriation of **\$1,838,798** shall be from that amount of funds that exceeds
20 the minimum fund balance of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as determined by
21 the OOC.
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23 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

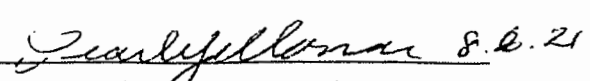
24 The provisions of this Act shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(B) and with
25 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(17).
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27 **SECTION FIVE. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

28 If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation or
29 by any Navajo Nation District Court, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the
30 remainder of this Act shall remain valid as the law of the Navajo Nation.

Appendix K

**THE NAVAJO NATION
SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROPOSAL SUMMARY**

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>108014-108123</u> Division/Branch: <u>Community Development/Executive</u> Phone No.: <u>(928) 871-7246</u>	Program Title: <u>Navajo Naiton Chapter Emergency Funds</u> Amount Requested: \$ <u>1,838,798</u> Prepared By: <u>Lydell Davis</u> Email Address: <u>ldavis@nndcd.org</u>
PART II. REASON FOR REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF NEED: Provide financial resources to the Navajo Nation Chapters that are in need of the Emergency funding. Emergency funding will be used for flood relief as monsoon season has left some communities in dire need of protective measures and remediation.	
PART III. LIST ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES BEING PURSUED AND CONTINGENCY PLAN IF REQUEST IS NOT FUNDED: 1. Undesignated, Unreserve Fund Balance - General Funds.	
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.	
<div style="text-align: center;">  REVIEWED BY: Division Director's Signature / Date </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> RECOMMEND SUPPLEMENTAL: Branch Chief's Signature / Date </div>

EMERGENCY FUND CHAPTER BALANCES AS OF 7/31/2021

EXHIBIT

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	Month End: 7/31/2021	\$25,000 Threshold	Difference (Column C - B)
Central Agency			
Black Mesa	22,100.00	25,000.00	2,900.00
Blue Gap/Tachee	21,443.00	25,000.00	3,557.00
Chinle	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Forest Lake	56,554.00	25,000.00	-
Hard Rock	32,674.00	25,000.00	-
Lukachukai	50,185.00	25,000.00	-
Many Farms	2,013.00	25,000.00	22,987.00
Nazlini	2,212.00	25,000.00	22,788.00
Pinon	263.00	25,000.00	24,737.00
Round Rock	3,295.00	25,000.00	21,705.00
Tsaile/Wheatfields	40,443.00	25,000.00	-
Tse Ch'izhi (Rough Rock)	21,300.00	25,000.00	3,700.00
Tselani/Cottonwood	21,340.00	25,000.00	3,660.00
Whippoorwill	23,504.00	25,000.00	1,496.00
Total	297,326.00		132,530.00

EMERGENCY FUND CHAPTER BALANCES AS OF 7/31/2021

	Month End: 7/31/2021	\$25,000 Threshold	Difference (Column C - B)
Eastern Agency			
Alamo	1,094.00	25,000.00	23,906.00
Baahaali	6,092.00	25,000.00	18,908.00
Baca-Prewitt	3,721.00	25,000.00	21,279.00
Becenti	12,969.74	25,000.00	12,030.26
Casamero Lake	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Chichiltah	7,745.00	25,000.00	17,255.00
Church Rock	(9,672.00)	25,000.00	34,672.00
Counselor	79,693.00	25,000.00	-
Crownpoint	(14,539.00)	25,000.00	39,539.00
Huerfano	20,662.00	25,000.00	4,338.00
Iyanbito	(16,195.00)	25,000.00	41,195.00
Lake Valley	7,499.00	25,000.00	17,501.00
Littlewater	19,876.00	25,000.00	5,124.00
Manuelito	5,737.00	25,000.00	19,263.00
Mariano Lake	2,216.00	25,000.00	22,784.00
Nageezi	6,058.00	25,000.00	18,942.00
Nahodishgish	13,610.00	25,000.00	11,390.00
Ojo Encino	20,454.00	25,000.00	4,546.00
Pinedale	4,329.00	25,000.00	20,671.00
Pueblo Pintado	20,876.00	25,000.00	4,124.00
Ramah	(4,296.00)	25,000.00	29,296.00
Rock Springs	24,767.00	25,000.00	233.00
Smith Lake	(14,162.00)	25,000.00	39,162.00
Thoreau	(99,689.00)	25,000.00	124,689.00
Tohajiilee	(67,286.00)	25,000.00	92,286.00
Torreón/Star Lake	14,844.00	25,000.00	10,156.00
Tsayatoh	10,141.00	25,000.00	14,859.00
Tse' li'Ahi (Standing Rock)	6,706.00	25,000.00	18,294.00
Tse Lichií (Red Rock)	9,383.00	25,000.00	15,617.00
White Horse Lake	2,040.00	25,000.00	22,960.00
White Rock	11,756.00	25,000.00	13,244.00
Total	86,429.74		743,263.26

EMERGENCY FUND CHAPTER BALANCES AS OF 7/31/2021

	Month End: 7/31/2021	\$25,000 Threshold	Difference (Column C - B)
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Fort Defiance Agency			
Bahastl'ah' (Twin Lakes)	8,726.00	25,000.00	16,274.00
Cornfields	1.00	25,000.00	24,999.00
Coyote Canyon	18,851.83	25,000.00	6,148.17
Crystal	19,299.00	25,000.00	5,701.00
Dilkon	(46,802.00)	25,000.00	71,802.00
Fort Defiance	19,275.00	25,000.00	5,725.00
Ganado	3,370.00	25,000.00	21,630.00
Greasewood Springs	7,418.00	25,000.00	17,582.00
Houck	1,659.00	25,000.00	23,341.00
Indian Wells	6,288.00	25,000.00	18,712.00
Jeddito	4,756.00	25,000.00	20,244.00
Kin Dah Lichii (Kinlichee)	4,177.00	25,000.00	20,823.00
Klagetoh	25,803.00	25,000.00	-
Low Mountain	859.00	25,000.00	24,141.00
Mexican Springs	23,388.00	25,000.00	1,612.00
Nahata Dziil	11,219.00	25,000.00	13,781.00
Naschitti	9,063.00	25,000.00	15,937.00
Oak Springs	15,335.00	25,000.00	9,665.00
Red Lake #18	18,283.00	25,000.00	6,717.00
Sawmill	4,058.00	25,000.00	20,942.00
St. Michaels	50,130.00	25,000.00	-
Steamboat	10,188.00	25,000.00	14,812.00
Teesto	137.00	25,000.00	24,863.00
Tohatchi	7,328.00	25,000.00	17,672.00
Tse' Si Ani (Lupton)	4,338.00	25,000.00	20,662.00
White Cone	20,792.00	25,000.00	4,208.00
Wide Ruins	13,562.00	25,000.00	11,438.00
Total	261,501.83		439,431.17

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	Month End: 7/31/2021	\$25,000 Threshold	Difference (Column C - B)
Northern Agency			
Aneth	48,116.00	25,000.00	-
Beclabito	56,886.00	25,000.00	-
Cove	16,729.00	25,000.00	8,271.00
Gadii' Ahi/To'koi	19,962.00	25,000.00	5,038.00
Mexican Water	(44,963.00)	25,000.00	69,963.00
Nenahnezad	36,798.00	25,000.00	-
Newcomb	7,112.00	25,000.00	17,888.00
Red Mesa	7,732.00	25,000.00	17,268.00
Red Valley	62,518.00	25,000.00	-
Rock Point	6,091.00	25,000.00	18,909.00
San Juan	20,835.00	25,000.00	4,165.00
Shiprock	31,749.00	25,000.00	-
Teec Nos Pos	19,004.00	25,000.00	5,996.00
Tiis Tsoh Sikaad (Burnham)	13,175.00	25,000.00	11,825.00
Toadlena/Two Grey Hills	17,045.00	25,000.00	7,955.00
Tolikan (Sweetwater)	13,507.00	25,000.00	11,493.00
Tooh' Haltsooi (Sheep Springs)	13,699.00	25,000.00	11,301.00
Tse Alnaozt'ii (Sanostee)	(16,686.00)	25,000.00	41,686.00
Tse Daa Kaan (Hogback)	1,366.00	25,000.00	23,634.00
Upper Fruitland	10,624.00	25,000.00	14,376.00
Total	341,299.00		269,768.00

EMERGENCY FUND CHAPTER BALANCES AS OF 7/31/2021

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Western Agency			
Bodaway-Gap	12,700.00	25,000.00	12,300.00
Cameron	25,301.00	25,000.00	-
Chilchinbeto	15,610.00	25,000.00	9,390.00
Coalmine Canyon	15,585.00	25,000.00	9,415.00
Coppermine	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Dennehotso	16,660.00	25,000.00	8,340.00
Kai' Bii To (Kaibeto)	(631.00)	25,000.00	25,631.00
Kayenta	37,962.00	25,000.00	-
LeChee	(159.80)	25,000.00	25,159.80
Leupp	2,346.00	25,000.00	22,654.00
Navajo Mountain	28,856.00	25,000.00	-
Oljato	69,229.00	25,000.00	-
Shonto	5,612.00	25,000.00	19,388.00
To' Nanees' Dizi'	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
Tolani Lake	1,185.00	25,000.00	23,815.00
Tonalea/Red Lake	NO RESPONSE	25,000.00	#VALUE!
Ts'ah Bii Kin (Inscription House)	(1,788.00)	25,000.00	26,788.00
Tsidii To'ii (Birdsprings)	4,075.00	25,000.00	20,925.00
Total	232,542.20		253,805.80
Grand TOTAL	1,219,098.77		1,838,798.23

PART I. Business Unit No.: 108014-108123			NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER EMERGENCY REPLENISHMENT FUNDS			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	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY			
UUFB		FY22	1,838,798.23	100%	Fund Type Code	(A) NNC Original Budget	(B) Proposed Budget	(C) 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	1,838,798	1,838,798
					9000 Capital Outlay			
					9500 Matching Funds			
					9500 Indirect Cost			
					TOTAL	\$0.00	1,838,798.23	1,838,798
PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES					(E)			
TOTAL: \$1,838,798.23					Total # of Positions Budgeted: 0			
					Total # of Vehicles Budgeted: 0			
PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.								
SUBMITTED BY: Sonlatsa Jim-Martin, Department Manager II			APPROVED BY: Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director			Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name		
Program Manager's Signature and Date <i>Sonlatsa Jim-Martin</i> 10.4.21			Program Manager's Signature and Date <i>Pearl Yellowman</i> 10.4.21			Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date		



PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Business Unit No.: 108014-108123

Program Name/Title: NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER EMERGENCY REPLENISHMENT FUNDS

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

CAP-34-08: To direct the Chapter Administration and management control system, by promoting efficiency and accountability to the Chapter membership, and to effectuate plans of action to improve the standard of living for the Chapter membership.

PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

1. Goal Statement:

Secure NN Chapters with financial resource for community emergency response.

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

Implement emergency management plan with financial resource appropriated.

2. Goal Statement:

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

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, Department Manager II

Program Manager's Printed Name

10.4.21

Program Manager's Signature and Date

Pearl Yellowman, Executive Director

Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name

10.4.21

Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date

THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

FY 2022

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: Program Name/Title: NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER EMERGENCY REPLENISHMENT FUNDS 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)
8705	8000 ASSISTANCE Chapter 8715 Grant Funds to assist the Chapters in the upcoming 2021-2022 winter months. ENA Chapters 743,263.26 FDA Chapters 439,431.17 NNA Chapters 269,768.00 WNA Chapters 253,805.80 CLA Chapters 132,530.00 <hr/> 1,838,798.23	1,838,798	1,838,798
TOTAL		1,838,798	1,838,798



THE NAVAJO NATION

JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



Memorandum:

To: 2 NNC § 164 Reviewers
Delegates & 2 NNC '164 Reviewers
Navajo Nation Government

From: *Robert Willie*
Robert Willie, Accounting Manager
Office of the Controller

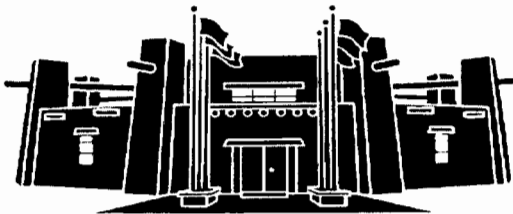
Date: August 20, 2021

Subject: Supplemental Funding Request for Division of Community Development

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

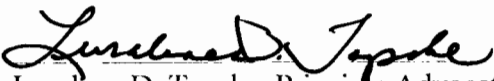
1. The balance of the UUFB is \$25,786,238 as of June 30, 2021.
2. This request is for a total of \$1,685,344 to the Navajo Nation Chapters business units 108014 to 108123. This request is to secure Navajo Nation Chapters with financial resources for community emergency response. Currently the Navajo Nation is going through the 2022 budget process the forms being utilized state FY 2021 but the fiscal year term is 10/01/21 to 09/30/22 which is FY 2022.
3. This request would be considered **NON-RECURRING** for emergency needs of the chapter.

If you should have any questions, you can contact me at tribal extension X6308.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Speaker Seth Damon
Navajo Nation Council
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Luralene D. Tapahe, Principle Advocate
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: October 4, 2021

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; APPROVING \$1,838,798 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE FOR THE 110 CHAPTERS' EMERGENCY FUND ACCOUNTS**

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 submitted to OLC, this legislation as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with any action of government, this legislation may be subject to review by the Navajo Nation courts in the event of proper legal challenge.

Please ensure that this legislation is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review this proposed legislation to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

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. Nevertheless, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council may assign this legislation to committee(s) other than those shown in the title, pursuant to his authority under 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

If you find this document unacceptable for any reason, please immediately contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel (at extension 7166) and advise me of the changes you would like made to this proposed legislation. Thank you.

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0206-21_

SPONSOR: Seth Damon

TITLE: An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee, Resources and Development Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$1,838,798 in Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters' Emergency Fund Accounts

Date posted: Ocothber 04, 2021 at 8:35PM

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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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