

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD Navajo Nation Council - Third Year, 2017

AN ACT

RELATING TO NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019
BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE NAVAJO NATION HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Whereas:

- A. Statements of policy are written statements submitted to federal, state or local governments by a Navajo Nation official stating the official position of the Navajo Nation on proposed legislation or other action by the government. 2 N.N.C. § 100(W).
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyati' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyati' Committee to address statements of policy and to coordinate with federal programs. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A), (A)(9), 701 (A)(4).
- C. The Navajo Nation has a long-standing government to government relationship with the federal government and a central piece of the relationship is the trust responsibility that exists between the federal government and the Navajo Nation.
- D. The objective and mission of HIP is to provide safe, decent, and sanitary houses through repairs, renovations, replacement, and new housing for very-low income individuals and families.
- E. The HIP program is a secondary, safety-net housing program that seeks to eliminate substandard housing or a lack of housing on Indian reservations and Indian communities.
- F. HIP funds are distributed to the Navajo Nation through Public Law 93-638 contracts.
- G. The Navajo Nation requests an 8% increase to its funding allocation to administer the Housing Improvement Program.
- H. The requested increase will allow the Five Agencies to restore staff to full-time service levels of 80 hours per pay period. The current funding level allows for services at 64 hours per pay period. This reduced staffing level results in fewer intake applications being processed for eligible applicants. Additional justification for the requested increase is outlined in Exhibit A.

- I. The Navajo Nation HIP prepared a Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019) proposed 8% increase attached as Exhibit B.
- J. The Navajo Nation supports the FY 2019 Budget for the Housing Improvement Program. The FY 2019 Budget reflects an 8% increase over previous funding levels.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- A. The Navajo Nation supports the FY 2019 budget request from the Housing Improvement Program.
- B. The Navajo Nation urges the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs to support the Navajo Nation's request for additional funds in the FY 2019 budget.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of in 12 favor and 0 oppose, this 6th day of April, 2017.



Honorable Lorenzo C. Bates, Chairperson
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Walter Phelps
Second: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

23rd Navajo Nation Council
Naabik'iyati' Committee

DATE: April 6, 2017

Legislation 0056-17 (Main Motion)

Motion: Walter Phelps

Second: Herman Daniels

ALL DELEGATES:

	Yea	Nay
BATES, LoRenzo		
BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.		
BEGAY, Norman M.	✓	
BEGAYE, Nelson	✓	
BENNETT, Benjamin L.		
BROWN, Nathaniel	✓	
CHEE, Tom T.	✓	
CROTTY, Amber K.	✓	
DAMON, Seth	✓	
DANIELS, Herman	✓	
FILFRED, Davis		
HALE, Jonathan L.	✓	
JACK, Lee Sr.		
PERRY, Jonathan	✓	
PETE, Leonard H.		
PHELPS, Walter	✓	
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe		
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.	✓	
SMITH, Raymond Jr.		
TSO, Otto		
TSOSIE, Leonard		
WITHERSPOON, Dwight		
YAZZIE, Edmund		
YAZZIE, Peterson	✓	

BY COMMITTEE:

	Yea	Nay	TOTAL
BFC:			
CHEE, Tom T.			
DAMON, Seth			
JACK, Lee Sr.			
SLIM, Tuchoney Jr.			
WITHERSPOON, Dwight			
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BEGAY, Kee Allen Jr.			
DANIELS, Herman			
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RDC:			
BENNETT, Benjamin L.			
FILFRED, Davis			
PERRY, Jonathan			
PETE, Leonard H.			
PHELPS, Walter			
SHEPHERD, Alton Joe			
SPEAKER:			
BATES, LoRenzo			
<i>(Votes only in a tie)</i>			

GRAND TOTAL

12 | 0

CERTIFICATION:


 Honorable LoRenzo Bates
 Speaker

BUDGET ACTIVITY/SUBACTIVITY

2015 ENACTED

2016 ENACTED

2019 Proposed
8% Increase

2019 Request

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

HUMAN SERVICES

A0H93-Housing Improvement Program

982

970

1,000

1,970

Background: (Provide background information that outlines the need for an increase)

The primary objective and mission of Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is to provide safe, decent, and sanitary houses through repairs, renovation, replacement or new construction for very-low income individual(s)/families who live in substandard housing or do not own a house and have no other resources for housing assistance. The HIP program provides housing services to applicants who meet the eligibility criteria in revised 25 CFR, Part 256, which is the neediest of the needy. The HIP's funding methodology is formula driven based on number of eligible applicants received each year.

Narrative: (Outline what the increase is expected to do; outline how funds are to be distributed [e.g., proposal based, pilot site specific, across the board distribution]; include any data sets/metrics that support the need for the increase that can be tracked to show results for implementation.)

The proposed 8% increase budget request will be utilized based on standard methodology to increase the number of pay periods and work hours, plus fringe benefits, worker's compensation, general liability premium for five (5) Eligibility Technicians. The increase funding will restore the five (5) Agency Office staff to provide full-time services to clientele and work forty (40) hours per week. Due to decreased and lack of administrative funds, five (5) Eligibility Technician currently work sixty-four (64) hours per pay period. The HIP funding distribution methodology is base on enrolled eligible applicants. Decreased work hours resulted in low application intake and decreased customer service. HIP Central and Agency Offices maintain monthly application intake tracking.

The proposed budget increase will be utilized as outline below:

Administration Personnel:

\$30,158

Increase number of pay periods and work hours, plus fringe benefits, worker's compensation, and general liability premium for five (5) Eligibility Technicians.

$\$1,000,000 \text{ less } \$969,842 = \$30,158$

Total Increase Amount: \$30,158

HIP's 2019 request for additional funds for Administration / Direct Services:

1. Administration Personnel plus Operating Cost:

Salary, plus fringe benefits, worker's compensation, general liability for Program Manager, Accounting Technician, (5) Eligibility Technicians; plus

\$254,138

2. Operating cost.

\$25,862

3. Direct Services Cost:

Purchase construction materials for additional houses, plus Labor cost, equipment rental, delivery/freight charges, ready-mix gravel, sand/gravel, waste bins for demo/debris, etc.

Estimated Cost per Home: \$120,000 x 6 houses:

\$720,000

Total Need for Additional Funds: \$1,000,000

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BUDGET ACTIVITY/SUBACTIVITY	2015 ENACTED	2016 ENACTED	2019 Proposed 8% Increase	2019 Request
A0H93-Housing Improvement Program	982	970	1,000	1,970

HIP provides housing repairs and/or renovation of existing houses, construction of modest replacement houses, or construction of new houses for the neediest of the needy population.

The Proposed 8% Increase Request will be utilized as outline below:

Admin. Personnel & Fringe benefits: 1-Program Manager, 1-Accountant, 5-Eligibility Technicians; to restore five (5) Agency Office staff to provide full-time services and work forty (40) hours per week	\$254,138
Operating Cost: Travel, mileage, AutoCAD software, internet services	\$25,862
Direct Services Cost: \$120,000 x 6 houses = \$720,000	\$720,000
Total Need Request Amount:	\$1,000,000



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Agency
Before Hogan &
After 3-Bedroom





HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Community Housing & Infrastructure Department Housing Improvement Program

The primary objective and mission of Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is to improve the quality and stability of life for eligible individual(s)/families by addressing substandard housing and homelessness. HIP provides safe, decent, and sanitary houses through repairs, renovation, replacement or new construction for very-low income individual(s)/families living in substandard housing or who are without housing and have no other resources for assistance. The eligible applicants must meet the eligibility criteria in revised 25 CFR, Part 256. The HIP funding distribution is base on the **number of certified eligible applicants**, which determines the amount of funding under a formula base criterion. The HIP utilizes its federal award for Administration cost (20%) and Direct Services (80%).

HIP continues to build homes for the neediest of the needy individual(s)/families with limited funding is receives each year. HIP constructed six (6) to seven (7) houses per fiscal year. HIP constructs quality-housing units, a total of twenty-two (22) new houses were completed at 100%, FY-2013 to 2015, utilizing tribal work force.

Fiscal Year (FY)	Funding Allocation	Number of Families Served	Number of Eligible Applicants
2017	\$569,504 (partial-CR)	pending	725
2016	\$969,842	6 (on-going)	785
2015	\$982,436	9	954
2014	\$992,041	6	804
2013	\$1,060,389	7	702

The average cost of a new house is estimated at \$120,000 and it's based on the family size and demolition to existing house. The cost consists of housing materials (foundation, rough-in framing, trim-out framing, electrical, plumbing, kitchen cabinets, and ramps/stoop), ready-mix concrete, sand/gravel, waste bins for demolition/debris, delivery/freight charges, equipment rental, labor work force, plus administrative cost.

Major Program Impact: The Department of Personnel Management (DPM) will no longer extend the Eligibility Technicians and labor work force positions beyond September 30, 2017 as temporary status. DPM instructed HIP to change all temporary positions to a regular status regardless of amount of funding allocation due to revised personnel policies for temporary employment. HIP budgeted temporary status employees for five (5) Eligibility Technicians and labor work force for the past eight (8) years. The changes will impact the program tremendously, the result listed below:

- Payroll/fringe benefits cost will increase for all administration and construction personnel.
- Reduced Eligibility Technicians positions from five (5) to two (2) as regular employees.
- Reduced Carpenter positions from 12 to (6-8) as seasonal employees.
- Incomplete housing projects into the next fiscal year.
- Proposed to close three (3) Agency Offices and maintain two (2) offices.
- Reduced services to the Navajo citizens.
- Decrease of number of housing applications.
- Decreased the number of housing projects.

SUB-STANDARD HOMES:



ACCOMPLISHMENT: Quality Homes



Demolition of old homes





United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Navajo Regional Office

P. O. Box 1060

Gallup, New Mexico 87305

IN REPLY REFER TO:

N303 - Branch of Indian Self-Determination Services

APR 04 2017

Honorable Russell Begaye
The Navajo Nation
Office of the President
P.O. Box 9000
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Attention: Cordell Shortey, Contracting Officer
Contracts and Grants Section, OMB

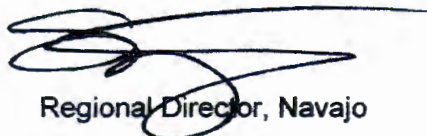
Dear President Begaye:

Thank you for submitting the revised Sections of M 1. 2. and 6. of the Navajo Nation's Successor Annual Funding Agreement (SAFA) Proposal for Calendar Year (CY) 2017. All revised portions of the SAFA were reviewed in accordance with 25 CFR §900 - Contracts under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Subpart D - Review and Approval of Contract Proposals and Subpart E - Declination Procedures. The Navajo Region did not find any declination issue and therefore the proposal is approved.

Enclosed is the Housing Improvement Program (HIP), Contract No. A16AV00407, Modification No. 4, to award \$569,504.00, which represents the first round Pro Rate Fiscal Year 2017 Tier I Funding for HIP at 57.54% with Across the Board reduction of .686%. The funds are obligated and available for draw down through the Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) system.

We appreciate the Navajo Nation's cooperation and support for a successful contract year. Should you have questions please contact Ms. Orlinda Platero, Indian Self Determination Officer at (505) 863-8311 or Ms. Shawna DuBoise, Awarding Official at 505-863-8228.

Sincerely,



Regional Director, Navajo

Enclosure: Contract and Modification

cc: N303: Shawna DuBoise, Indian Self Determination Specialist
N310 Attn: Ms. Karlene Zajicek, AOTR
Navajo Nation Housing Improvement Program Attn: Laverne Benally, Director