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TITLE: An Action Relating to Budget and Finance Committee; Approving \$250,868.63 from the Covid-19 Response Donation Fund to Eight Chapters to Reimburse their Covid-19 Response Expenses

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Tracking No. 0123-24

DATE: May 30, 2024

**RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;
APPROVING \$250,868.63 FROM THE COVID-19 RESPONSE DONATION
FUND TO EIGHT CHAPTERS TO REIMBURSE THEIR COVID-19
RESPONSE EXPENSES**

PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION:

to approve \$250,868.63 from the COVID-19 Response Donation Fund for 8 Chapters.

FINAL AUTHORITY and VOTE REQUIREMENT:

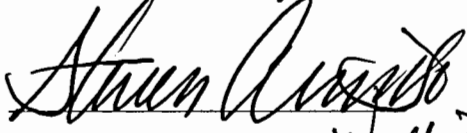
The Budget & Finance Committee has final authority. A simple majority vote of the BFC is required.

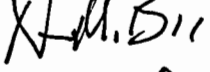
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Eligible for Action: 06/11/24

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024


3 Introduced by:

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5 Primary Sponsor 

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING
12 \$250,868.63 FROM THE COVID-19 RESPONSE DONATION FUND TO EIGHT
13 CHAPTERS TO REIMBURSE THEIR COVID-19 RESPONSE EXPENSES

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

18 A. In July of 2020, the Navajo Nation Council created the COVID-19 Response Donation Fund
19 in Resolution No. CJY-52-20. The purpose of the COVID-19 Fund is to collect donations
20 from all sources for the Navajo Nation's COVID-19 relief activities. CJY-52-20 is
21 incorporated herein by this reference.

22 B. CJY-52-20 directed the Budget and Finance Committee to approve a Fund Management Plan
23 for the COVID-19 Fund. In Resolution No. BFD-43-20 the Budget and Finance Committee
24 approved the Fund Management Plan, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 1**.

25 C. According to Section 1003(B)(3) of the Fund Management Plan, the Budget and Finance
26 Committee approves budgets for the expenditure of funds from the COVID-19 Fund.

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28 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

29 A. On behalf of the 8 Chapters listed in the attached **EXHIBIT 2**, the Division of Community
30 Development and the Department of Emergency Management are jointly requesting

1 approval for payments totaling \$250,868.63 from the COVID-19 Fund, as reimbursement to
2 said Chapters for their COVID-19 response activities and expenses. **EXHIBIT 2.**

3 B. Various memoranda and Chapter Resolutions, detailing the 8 Chapters' COVID-19 response
4 activities and expenses, are attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 3.** These Chapters spent a
5 significant amount of their own emergency funds for COVID-19 response activities in their
6 communities, because immediate help was needed for many Navajo families and individuals
7 who were suffering greatly from COVID-19 and related economic harms.

8 C. According to the Fund Management Plan for the COVID-19 Fund, the expenditure of the
9 donations may address the needs of any Navajo Nation governmental entity. FMP, Section
10 1002(A)(2), Section 1004(B), and Section 1004(C)(2). The 8 Chapters are indeed
11 "governmental entities" of the Navajo Nation, and are thus eligible for allocations from the
12 COVID-19 Fund.

13 D. The Office of the Controller has reported that there are sufficient funds in the COVID-19
14 Fund to cover the requested payments to the 8 Chapters. **EXHIBIT 4.**

15 E. Navajo Nation Budget Forms 1, 2, and 4 for the requested total amount of \$250,868.63 are
16 attached as **EXHIBIT 5.**

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18 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING \$250,868.63 FROM THE COVID-19 RESPONSE**
19 **DONATION FUND TO EIGHT CHAPTERS TO REIMBURSE**
20 **THEIR COVID-19 RESPONSE EXPENSES**

21 A. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves \$250,868.63 from the COVID-19
22 Response Donation Fund to the Division of Community Development ("DCD") for eight
23 Chapters' COVID-19 response expenses.

24 B. Upon the effective date of this Action, the Department of Emergency Management shall
25 transfer the approved \$250,868.63 from the COVID-19 Fund to the DCD, and DCD shall then
26 remit the designated payment amounts to each of the 8 Chapters, in the amounts shown in
27 **EXHIBIT 2.**

28 C. The eight Chapters receiving funds pursuant to this Action shall use the funds for continuing
29 COVID-related relief activities.

1 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(C).

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4 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

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

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