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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, as Agreed to by the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0229-24

DATE: October 21, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, AS AGREED TO BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Priority List for FY 2023 and 2024.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

Final Authority: Law and Order Committee

Vote Required: Simple Majority

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Al Mike III

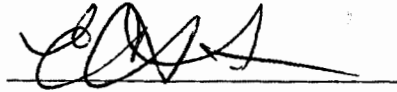
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~~PROPOSED~~ STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0229-24

AN ACT

**RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING
THE JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND PRIORITY LIST
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024, AS AGREED TO BY THE JUDICIAL
BRANCH AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee as a standing committee with the authority to fund public safety facilities from the Navajo Sales Tax revenue. 2 N.N.C. §600(A); CJA-03-13, Section 5, 30 (2013); and BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, Sections I and II (2011).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund. Allocations from the Fund are approved pursuant to the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan. 24 N.N.C. §620(B).

B. The Law and Order Committee approves a Judicial/Public Safety Facilities “Fund Priority List” which “shall identify and prioritize five (5) Judicial Branch, Public Safety or combined Judicial/Public Safety facilities at specified locations that may receive funding from the

1 Fund.” BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT
2 PLAN, Section III.C. (2011).

3 C. On November 9, 2023, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety entered into an
4 Agreement for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, identifying their five priority projects, and now
5 request the Law and Order Committee’s review and approval of the Fund Priority List
6 attached as **Exhibit 1**.

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8 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING THE FUND PRIORITY LIST**

9 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund
10 Priority List for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 as shown in the Final Agreement between the
11 Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety, attached as **Exhibit 1**. BFD-66-11
12 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN, Section III.
13 C. (2011).

14 B. The five (5) priority projects eligible for the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund for fiscal
15 years 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

- 16 1) Shiprock, Navajo Nation, New Mexico – Tse Bit’ai Judicial Branch/Public
17 Safety/Correctional/Medical Examiner Facilities.
- 18 2) Fort Defiance Navajo Nation, Arizona/New Mexico – Division of Public Safety,
19 Window Rock Judicial District, Correctional and NDPS Headquarters Facilities.
- 20 3) Chinle, Navajo Nation, Arizona – Police/Investigations/Corrections Training
21 Academy.
- 22 4) Dilkon, Navajo Nation, Arizona – Police/Investigations/Corrections.
- 23 5) Dził Yijiin, Navajo Nation, Arizona – Judicial Branch/Public Safety/Correctional
24 Facilities.

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26 **SECTION FOUR. FUND ADMINISTRATION**

27 With the assistance of the Controller, the Judicial Branch and the Division of Public Safety shall
28 ensure that all allocated funds for the five priority projects indicated in this legislation are
29 properly administered, and that all expenditures are for the purposes set forth in the Fund
30 Management Plan. BFD-66-11 approving the JUDICIAL/PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FUND

1 MANAGEMENT PLAN, Section III. A. and B. (2011).

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3 **SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

4 This Act shall become effective according to 2 N.N.C. §189(A) and Resolution No. BFD-66-11.

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6 **SECTION SIX. SAVING CLAUSE**

7 If any provision of this Act is determined invalid by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation,
8 or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the
9 provision(s) not determined invalid shall remain as Navajo Nation law.