



**DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*  
**RICHELLE MONTOYA** *VICE PRESIDENT*

**The Navajo Nation | Yideeskáądi Nitsáhákees**

April 7, 2023

**TRANSMITTAL**

TO : Calvin Castillo, Executive Director  
 Division of Community Development (DCD)

FROM : CSM  
 Cordell Shortey, Contracting Officer  
 Contracts & Grants Section (CGS) / OMB

SUBJECT : Jeddito Chapter House, Cornfields Chapter House, KinDahLichii Chapter House, and Ganado Chapter House - ARPA Funds Allocated to Delegate James Region

**I. Information on Contract (per Original Award):**

Jeddito Chapter House, Cornfields Chapter House, KinDahLichii Chapter House, and Ganado Chapter House		U.S. Treasury American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)	21.027
Title of Contract		Funding Agency	CFDA No. - Federal
CD-61-22	\$ 5,410,000.00	2022	03/11/2021 to 12/31/2026
Grant No.	Amount	Fiscal Year	Term - Begin and End Date

**II. Data Entered in FMIS Regarding:**

- New Contract or Grant Company No. 8059 Business Unit (K#) K211595 to K2115109
- Contract Mod No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Amt of Award \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT FROM TO
- Budget Period - Extend End Date: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_
- Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorizing Document - Attached:**

- Contract / Agreement - Date executed \_\_\_\_\_
- NNC / Committee Resolution - No. & Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Other, specify: NN Council Resolution CD-68-22

**III. Comments by CGS:**

Budget received on March 10, 2023 is authorized for implementation pursuant to FY 2023 NN BIM Appendix L Section II. B. and concurred by Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund (NN FRF) Office by memorandum of February 27, 2023. Delay in processing is due to incorrect object codes being budgeted, NN FRF Office corrected budget on April 5, 2023.

Attachment  
 Copy: Contract files  
 Contract Accounting / OOC / DPM  
 Tom Platero, Executive Director - NN FRF Office

*Handwritten signature*

Revised February 2023



**DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** Dominic Beyal, Executive Director  
 Navajo Nation Office of Management & Budget

Cordell Shortey, Contracting Officer  
 Navajo Nation Office of Management & Budget

**FROM :** *Lisa Jymm*  
 Lisa Jymm, Deputy Executive Director  
 Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office

**DATE :** February 27, 2023

**SUBJECT :** CD-61-22 – Allocation of \$7,110,000 in Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds per Delegate Vince James Delegate Region.

The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office (NNFRFO) is requesting business units equaling \$7,110,000 per CD-61-22, Exhibit A, as listed in the table below:

No.	Description	Category	\$
1	Jeddito Chp House Wiring	2.18	\$350,000.00
2	Jeddito Chp Bathroom Additions	1.14	\$400,000.00
3	Jeddito Chp House Renovation	2.22	\$260,000.00
4	Jeddito Chp Cemetery Construction and Renovation	6.1	\$185,000.00
5	Jeddito Chp Housing Renovations	2.18	\$595,000.00
6	Steamboat Chp Warehouse Project	1.14	\$220,000.00
7	Steamboat Chp Scattered Water Line II	5.15	\$1,480,000.00
8	Cornfields Chp PPE/Food Supply Storage Building	1.14	\$150,000.00
9	Cornfields Chp Heating Source Assistance program	2.2	\$95,000.00
10	Cornfields Chp Navajo Station Phase IV Powerline Extension	2.18	\$225,000.00
11	Cornfields Chp Septic Tank Operation and Maintenance Cost	5.5	\$95,000.00
12	Cornfields Chp Cemetery Fencing	6.1	\$75,000.00
13	Cornfields Chp Technology Upgrade	3.5	\$35,000.00
14	Cornfields Chp Food Assistance Program	2.1	\$65,000.00
15	KinDahLichii Chp Renovation	1.4	\$498,000.00
16	KinDahLichii Chp Bathroom Additions	1.14	\$682,000.00
17	Ganado Chp Waterline Extension Project	5.13	\$1,700,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$7,110,000</b>

K211595  
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Page 2 of 2  
Memo dated 2/27/23  
RE: \$7.1M for Delegate James' Region

Due to the change in administration, FRFO is in the process of providing these project documents contained in this resolution to the newly appointed DCD Division Director for his review, acknowledge and signature. Attached are copies of the resolution with updated signatures and documents.

FRFO will be forwarding these documents to OMB, upon obtaining the signature of the current DCD Director Calvin Castillo, to set-up the new business units in FMIS/JDE.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone at (928) 309-5535 or by email at [ljymm@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:ljymm@navajo-nsn.gov). Thank you.

CC: Germaine Jones, Deputy Contracting Officer, OMB  
Christine Chavez, Director, Contract Acctg/OOC



NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLAN

EXHIBIT  
A

COUNCIL DELEGATE: Delegate Vince R. James

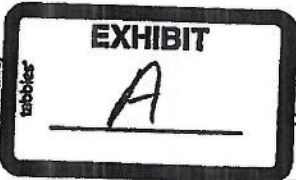
CHAPTERS: Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat

FUNDING RECIPIENT	SUBRECIPIENT	EXPENDITURE PLAN / PROJECT	ADMIN OVERSIGHT	FRF CATEGORY	DOJ REVIEW #	AMOUNT
		TOTAL AMOUNT from PAGE 01				\$ 3,960,000.00
K2115103 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Septic Tank Operation and Maintenance Cost	Division of Community Development	5.5	HK00225	\$ 95,000.00
K2115104 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Cemetery Fencing	Division of Community Development	6.1	HK0228	\$ 75,000.00
K2115105 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Technology Upgrade	Division of Community Development	3.5	HK0229	\$ 35,000.00
K2115106 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Food Assistance Program	Division of Community Development	2.1	HK0231	\$ 65,000.00
K2115107 Division of Community Development	*KinDahLichii Chapter	KinDahLichii Chapter Renovation	Division of Community Development	1.4	HK0253	\$ 498,000.00
K2115108 Division of Community Development	*KinDahLichii Chapter	KinDahLichii Chapter Bathroom Additions	Division of Community Development	1.14	HK0256	\$ 682,000.00
K2115109 Division of Community Development	*Ganado Chapter	Ganado Chapter Waterline Extension Project	Department of Water Resources	5.13	HK0306	\$ 1,700,000.00
		UN-ALLOCATED AMOUNT				\$ 1,692,340.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>						<b>\$ 8,802,340.00</b>

\*Per CJN-29-22, Section Three (E), the "Navajo Nation Central Government may award funding to LGA-Certified Chapters through sub-recipient agreements to implement and manage specific projects, but shall maintain Administrative Oversight over such funding and Delegate Region Project Plans."



NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLAN



COUNCIL DELEGATE: Delegate Vince R. James

CHAPTERS: Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat

FUNDING RECIPIENT	SUBRECIPIENT	EXPENDITURE PLAN / PROJECT	ADMIN OVERSIGHT	FRF CATEGORY	DOJ REVIEW #	AMOUNT
K211595 Division of Community Development	NONE IDENTIFIED	Jeddito Chapter House Wiring	Division of Community Development	2.18	HK0215	\$ 350,000.00
K211596 Division of Community Development	NONE IDENTIFIED	Jeddito Chapter Bathroom Additions	Division of Community Development	1.14	HK0216	\$ 400,000.00
K211597 Division of Community Development	NONE IDENTIFIED	Jeddito Chapter House Renovation	Division of Community Development	2.22	HK0217	\$ 260,000.00
K211598 Division of Community Development	NONE IDENTIFIED	Jeddito Chapter Cemetery Construction and Renovation	Rodger Paul, Chapter President	6.1	HK0218	\$ 185,000.00
K211599 Division of Community Development	NONE IDENTIFIED	Jeddito Chapter Housing Renovations	Division of Community Development	2.18	HK0226	\$ 595,000.00
Division of Community Development	*Steamboat Chapter	Steamboat Chapter Warehouse Project	Division of Community Development	1.14	HK0219	\$ 220,000.00
Division of Community Development	*Steamboat Chapter	Steamboat Chapter Scattered Water Line II	Department of Water Resources	5.15	HK0220	\$ 1,480,000.00
K2115100 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter PPE/Food Supply Storage Building	Division of Community Development	1.14	HK0221	\$ 150,000.00
K2115101 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Heating Source Assistance Program	Division of Community Development	2.2	HK0223	\$ 95,000.00
K2115102 Division of Community Development	*Cornfields Chapter	Cornfields Chapter Navajo Station Phase IV Powerline Extension	Division of Community Development	2.18	HK0224	\$ 225,000.00
					<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 3,960,000.00</b>

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# THE NAVAJO NATION

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JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



January 6, 2023

Hon. Otto Tso  
Office of the Speaker  
Post Office Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: CD-61-22, *An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Honorable Vince R. James' Delegate Region (Chapters: Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat)*

Dear Speaker Tso,

The Nez/Lizer Administration supports the Chapters' endeavors to work collaboratively with their respective Council Delegate in completing the process to access funding made available with the \$211,256,148 allocated for regional expenditure plans under CJN-29-22.

The process to secure funding also involves collaborative efforts between the Chapters, the Division of Community Development, Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund (NNFRF) Office and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (NNDOJ). Per BFS-31-21, each proposed expenditure must obtain NNDOJ verification that each proposed project is an eligible expense within ARPA/NNFRF regulations. Each of the projects within CD-61-22 has met all the requirements.

The ARPA/NNFRF process is still evolving since the inception of this funding. Within the United States Treasury and the Navajo Nation, processes have been updated at various times. An example is the Treasury guidelines referenced within Navajo Nation Council resolutions CJY-41-21 and CJN-29-22; the Treasury guidelines exhibit was updated by the United States Treasury on September 20, 2022. Accordingly, the legal guidance provided by NNDOJ and Office of Legislative Counsel is modified to comply with the Treasury guidelines.

One such modification of legal guidance involved the processing of regional expenditure plans. Originally, the guidance was that all projects had to equal \$8,802,340 to be considered as completed and ready for legislative action. This guidance was modified in December 2022 to allow partial funding of the \$8,802,340 allocations so that proposed ARPA/NNFRF projects ready for legislative action could be processed by Office of Legislative Counsel. Because of the time constraints for the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council to act on proposed legislation, programs did not have sufficient time to provide written verification to Chapters regarding the change in legal guidance.

# THE NAVAJO NATION

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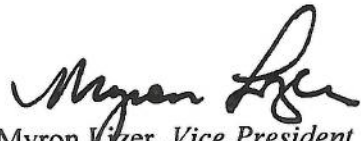
JONATHAN NEZ | PRESIDENT MYRON LIZER | VICE PRESIDENT



Pursuant to the authority vested in the Navajo Nation President, I am signing Resolution CD-61-22 into law.

Sincerely,

  
Jonathan Nez, *President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

  
Myron Lizer, *Vice President*  
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FOURTH YEAR, 2022

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;  
APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND DELEGATE REGION  
PROJECT PLAN FOR HONORABLE VINCE R. JAMES' DELEGATE REGION  
(CHAPTERS: JEDDITO, CORNFIELDS, GANADO, KINLICHEE, STEAMBOAT)

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the delegated responsibility to hear proposed resolution(s) that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
- C. Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-29-22, incorporated herein by reference, mandates that Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund ("NNFRF") Delegate Region Project Plans be approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution and signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) and 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CJN-29-22, AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ALLOCATING \$1,070,298,867 OF NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR: CHAPTER AND REGIONAL PROJECTS; PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, E911, AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECTS; CYBER SECURITY; PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS; HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE; WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS; BROADBAND PROJECTS; HOME ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND ELECTRIC CAPACITY PROJECTS; HOUSING PROJECTS AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING FACILITIES; BATHROOM ADDITION PROJECTS; CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FUNDING; AND REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING, was signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation on July 15, 2022.



B. CJN-29-22, Section Three, states, in part and among other things, that:

1. The Navajo Nation hereby approves total funding for the NNFRE Chapter and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan from the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund in the total amount of two hundred eleven million two hundred fifty-six thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars (\$211,256,148) to be divided equally between the twenty-four (24) Delegate Regions in the amount of eight million eight hundred two thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$8,802,340) per Delegate Region . . . and allocated through Delegate Region Project Plans approved by Navajo Nation Council resolution and signed into law by the President of the Navajo Nation . . . . See CJN-29-22, Section Three (B).
2. The Delegate Region Project Plan funding will be allocated to the Navajo Nation Central Government, specifically the Division of Community Development or other appropriate Navajo Nation Division or Department, to implement the projects rather than directly to the Chapters. See CJN-29-22, Section Three (D).
3. The Navajo Nation Central Government, specifically the Division of Community Development or other appropriate Navajo Nation Division or Department, shall manage and administer funds and Delegate Region Project Plans on behalf of Non-LGA-Certified Chapters. The Navajo Nation Central Government may award funding to LGA-Certified Chapters through sub-recipient agreements to implement and manage specific projects, but shall maintain Administrative Oversight over such funding and Delegate Region Project Plans. See CJN-29-22, Section Three (E).
4. Each Navajo Nation Council delegate shall select Fiscal Recovery Fund eligible projects within their Delegate Region to be funded by the NNFRE Chapter and Regional Projects Expenditure Plan through a Delegate Region Projects Plan. The total cost of projects selected by each Delegate shall not exceed their Delegate Region distribution of eight million eight hundred two thousand three hundred forty dollars (\$8,802,340). See CJN-29-22, Section Three (F).
5. Each Delegate Region Project shall identify its Administrative Oversight entity and its Oversight Committee(s) and be subject CJY-41-21's NNDOJ initial eligibility determination. See CJN-29-22, Section Three (L)(5) and (L)(6).

- C. All projects listed in the Hon. Vince R. James' Delegate Region Projects Plan, attached as **Exhibit A**, have been deemed Fiscal Recovery Fund eligible by NNDOJ. In addition, Hon. Vince R. James' Delegate Region Projects Plan does not exceed the amount of \$8,802,340, as set forth in CJN-29-22, Section Three (F).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Hon. Vince R. James' Delegate Region Chapters and communities to approve and adopt the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Hon. Vince R. James' Delegate Region (Chapters: Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat) as set forth in **Exhibit A**.

**SECTION THREE. APPROVAL OF HON. VINCE R. JAMES' DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLAN**

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Fiscal Recovery Fund Delegate Region Project Plan for Hon. Vince R. James' Delegate Region (Chapters: Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kinlichee, Steamboat) set forth in **Exhibit A**.
- B. The Delegate Region Project Plan approved herein shall comply with all applicable provisions of CJY-41-21, CJN-29-22, and BFS-31-21.
- C. Any inconsistencies between this legislation, the Delegate Region Project Plan, and the individual project appendix, shall be resolved in favor of the project appendix reviewed by Department of Justice during their eligibility determination(s).

**SECTION FOUR. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this legislation or to the Delegate Region Project Plan approved herein shall only be adopted by resolution of the Navajo Nation Council and approval of the President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (17) and 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

**SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE**

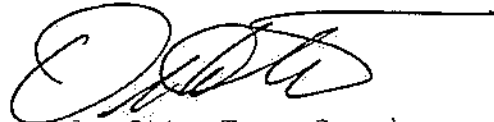
This legislation shall be effective upon its approval pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B), 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (17), and 2 N.N.C. §§ 1005 (C) (10), (11), and (12).

**SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

If any provision of this legislation is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a Navajo Nation District Court without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those provisions of this legislation not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.



Honorable Otto Tso, Speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

12.30.2022

DATE.

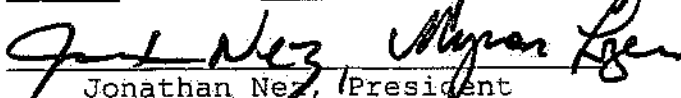
Motion: Honorable Paul Begay  
Second: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

Speaker Otto Tso not voting



ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 6th day of January, 2023

  
Jonathan Nez, President  
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Nez, President  
Navajo Nation

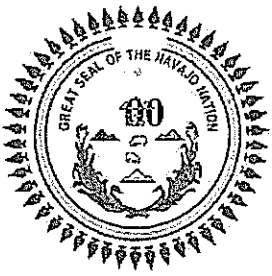
3. I, hereby, exercise line-item veto pursuant to the budget line-item veto authority delegated to the President by vote of the Navajo People in 2009, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Nez, President  
Navajo Nation

# Cornfields Chp Septic Tank Operation and Maintenance Cost

NNDOJ  
Initial Eligibility  
Determination





**NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

DOREEN N. MCPAUL  
Attorney General

KIMBERLY A. DUTCHER  
Deputy Attorney General

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**  
**FOR NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS**

RFS/IIK Review #: HK0225

Date & Time Received: 11/21/22 14:12

Date & Time of Response: 5 December, 2022; 9:41 am

Entity Requesting FRF: Cornfields Chapter

Title of Project: Septic Tank Operation and Maintenance Cost

Administrative Oversight: Division of Community Development

Amount of Funding Requested: \$95,000

**Eligibility Determination:**

- FRF eligible  
 FRF ineligible  
 Additional information requested

**FRF Eligibility Category:**

- (1) Public Health and Economic Impact       (2) Premium Pay  
 (3) Government Services/Lost Revenue       (4) Water, Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure

U.S. Department of Treasury Reporting Expenditure Category: 5.5, Clean Water:

Other Sewer Infrastructure \_\_\_\_\_

**Returned for the following reasons (Ineligibility Reasons / Paragraphs 5. E. (1) - (10) of FRF Procedures):**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Form  | <input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure Plan incomplete                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting documentation missing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Funds will not be obligated by 12/31/2024       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project will not be completed by 12/31/2026                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Signatory                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible purpose  | <input type="checkbox"/> Inconsistent with applicable NN or federal laws |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Submitter failed to timely submit CARES reports                                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional information submitted is insufficient to make a proper determination |  |

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of DOJ Reviewer: Adjua Adjei-Danso



Signature of DOJ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimers: An NNDOJ Initial Eligibility Determination will be based on the documents provided, which NNDOJ will assume are true, correct, and complete. Should the Project or Program change in any material way after the initial determination, the requestor must seek the advice of NNDOJ. An initial determination is limited to review of the Project or Program as it relates to whether the Project or Program is a legally allowable use – it does not serve as an opinion as to whether or not the Project or Program should be funded, nor does it serve as an opinion as to whether or not the amount requested is reasonable or accurate.

Appendix A

Per

BFS-31-21





The project will have construction funds encumbered no later than December 31, 2024 and will be fully expended by December 31, 2026.

document attached

(d) Identify who will be responsible for implementing the Program or Project.

Cornfields Chapter.

document attached

(e) Explain who will be responsible for operations and maintenance costs for the Project once completed, and how such costs will be funded prospectively:

Homeowners are responsible for maintenance once it's completed.

document attached

(f) State which of the 66 Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditure categories in the attached U.S. Department of the Treasury Appendix 1 listing the proposed Program or Project falls under, and explain the reason why:

The project is covered under Expenditure Category, 5.5 Infrastructure: Water and Sewer; Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure. This project will help address groundwater contamination resulting from faulty septic units and those that would connect failing septic systems to centralized wastewater treatment. Without regular clean outs, septic tanks will likely fail, and groundwater contamination logically follows. DOJ response to Directive in CJN-29-22 on FRF - Eligibility of Septic Tank Cleaning,

document attached

Part 3. Additional documents.

List here all additional supporting documents attached to this FRF Expenditure Plan (or indicate N/A):

Expenditure Categories Table Indicating 5.5. Chapter Resolution.

Chapter Resolution attached

Part 4. Affirmation by Funding Recipient.

Funding Recipient affirms that its receipt of Fiscal Recovery Funds and the implementation of this FRF Expenditure Plan shall be in accordance with Resolution No. CJY-41-21, the ARPA, ARPA Regulations, and with all applicable federal and Navajo Nation laws, regulations, and policies:

Chapter's Preparer:

*Arquanda Earle*  
signature of Preparer CONTACT PERSON

Approved by:

*Nguyen Chantel Sr*  
signature of Chapter President or Vice President

Approved by:

*Arquanda Earle*  
signature of Chapter Manager or CSC

Approved by:

*Arquanda Earle*  
signature of D203 Fracture ASC

Approved to submit for Review

*[Signature]* 11/1/2022  
signature of DCL Director

Appendix J:  
Project Budget  
Summary  
Per  
CJN-29-22

**THE NAVAJO NATION  
PROJECT BUDGET SCHEDULE**

<b>PART I. Business Unit No.:</b> <u>New</u> Project Title: <u>Cornfields Chapter Septic Tank Operation and Maintenance Cost</u> Project Description: <u>Maintenance on septic tank for community members, which will provide a realiable an have sanitaiton service. families as we continue to navigate these uprecedented times.</u> Check one box: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Revision <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Reallocation <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Modification													<b>PART II. Project Information</b> Project Type: <u>Septic Cleaning</u> Planned Start Date: <u>09/30/2022</u> Planned End Date: <u>12/31/2026</u> Project Manager: <u>Alfreda Earle</u>													
<b>PART III.</b> List Project Task separately, such as Plan, Design, Construct, Equip or Furnish.	<b>PART IV. Use Fiscal Year (FY) Quarters to complete the information below. O = Oct.; N = Nov.; D = Dec., etc.</b>																		Expected Completion Date if project exceeds 8 FY Qtrs. Date <u>12/31/2026</u>							
	<b>FY 2023</b>												<b>FY 2024</b>													
	1st Qtr.			2nd Qtr.			3rd Qtr.			4th Qtr.			1st Qtr.		2nd Qtr.		3rd Qtr.		4th Qtr.							
The project will have construction funds encumbered no later than Dec. 31, 2024 and will be fully expended by Dec. 31, 2026.  Hire a contractor to do maintance on septic tanks	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S		
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>PART V.</b>	\$			\$			\$			\$			\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>			
Expected Quarterly Expenditures							15,000.00			15,000.00			15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00		20,000.00		\$95,000.00					

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PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

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BUDGET FORM 1

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>      New      </u>		Program Title: <u>Cornfields Chapter</u>		Division/Branch: <u>      DCD      </u>					
Prepared By: <u>      Alfreda Earle      </u>		Phone No.: <u>      (928) 759-5912      </u>		Email Address: <u>      aearle@nnchapters.org      </u>					
PART II. FUNDING SOURCE(S)	Fiscal Year /Term	Amount	% of Total	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY		Fund Type Code	(A) NNC Approved Original Budget	(B) Proposed Budget	(C) Difference or Total
NN Fiscal Recovery Funds	<u>1/30/22-2/31/23</u>	95,000.00	100%	2001 Personnel Expenses					
				3000 Travel Expenses					
				3500 Meeting Expenses					
				4000 Supplies		0	5,000.00	5,000.00	Att
				5000 Lease and Rental					
				5500 Communications and Utilities					
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance					
				6500 Contractual Services					
				7000 Special Transactions					
				8000 Public Assistance	0	0	95,000.00	95,000.00	Att
				9000 Capital Outlay			95,000	95,000	
				9500 Matching Funds					
				9500 Indirect Cost					
				TOTAL			0.00	95,000.00	95,000.00
				PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES			(D)	(E)	
				Total # of Positions Budgeted:			0	0	Att
				Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:			0	0	
TOTAL:							95,000.00	100%	
PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.									
SUBMITTED BY: <u>Alfreda Earle</u>				APPROVED BY: <u>Paula Johnson</u>					
Program Manager's Printed Name				Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name					
<u>Alfreda Earle</u>				<u>Paula Johnson 11.1.22</u>					
Program Manager's Signature and Date				Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date					

James Adakai 2-10-23  
James Adakai, Deputy Director  
Division of Community Development

J. M. [Signature]

Calvin Castillo 2/10/23  
Calvin Castillo, Division Director  
Division of Community Development

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PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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BUDGET FORM 2

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Business Unit No.:          New

Program Name/Title: Comfields Chapter Septic Tank O+M Costs

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

PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

1st QTR		2nd QTR		3rd QTR		4th QTR	
Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual

1. Goal Statement:

Provide Financial Hardship and bring some measure of relief to many families as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times.

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

Assist community members with septic tank maintenance so they can have better sanitation service by the end of the quarter.

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2. Goal Statement:

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

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3. Goal Statement:

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

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4. Goal Statement:

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

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5. Goal Statement:

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

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PART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY REVIEWED.

Alfreda Earle  
Program Manager's Printed Name

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Program Manager's Signature and Date

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Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name

[Signature] 11.1.22  
Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date

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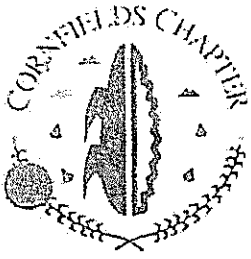
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DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

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BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:				
Program Name/Title: <u>Cornfields Chapter - Septic Tank Operation &amp; Maintenance</u>		Business Unit No.: <u>                    </u> <u>New</u>		
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)	
LOD 6 - 2000	Assistance <u>ATT</u>			
LOD 6 - 8500	Infrastructure (non cap) <u>ATT</u>			
	8550 - Water/Wastewater <u>ATT</u>			
	200 x 450 = 90,000.00 <u>ATT</u>	90,000	90,000 <u>ATT</u>	
LOD 6 - 4000	Supplies <u>ATT</u>			
LOD 6 - 4120	Office Supplies <u>ATT</u>			
	4130 - General office supplies	5,000 <u>ATT</u>	5,000 <u>ATT</u>	
TOTAL		95,000	95,000	



Chapter Resolutions  
and Other  
Supporting  
Documents



# CORNFIELDS CHAPTER

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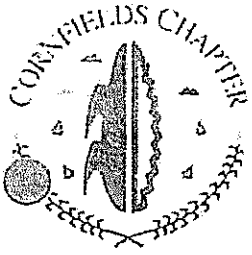
## RESOLUTION OF THE CORNFIELDS CHAPTER

Approve and Request the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, the Naabik'iyati' Committee, Navajo Nation Council, and the Budget and Finance Committee to Support and Approve the Cornfields Chapter Expenditure Plans for: Powerline Project, Community/Veterans Fencing Project, Assistance, Home Renovation/Improvement Project, Housing Projects, Technology Equipment, Medical Supply Storage Building and Special Duty/Premium Pay.

### WHEREAS:

1. Cornfields Chapter is a recognized as certified chapter of the Navajo Nation and is vested with the authority and responsible to plan and implement all things that are in the best interest of its community; and
2. Cornfields Chapter realize that pursuant to CAP-34-98, the Local Governance Act allows all chapters to make decisions over local matters; this authority will improve community decision making, allow communities to excel and flourish, enabling Navajo Nation leaders to lead towards a prosperous future of its community; and improve the strength and sovereignty of the Navajo Nation; and
3. Cornfields Chapter is delegated to act within its authority to review all local matters affecting the Community members consistent with Navajo Nation law, including custom and tradition with compel the Chapter to govern with responsibility and accountability to the community members; and
4. Cornfields Chapter, at its recent Planning Meeting on August 02, 2022 discussed the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds; and
5. Cornfields Chapter, knows that the Fiscal Recovery Funds are specifically intend to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, and respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing hazard and premium pay to eligible workers, and make necessary investments in water, sewer, and/or broadband infrastructure; and
6. Pursuant to CJN-29-22 the Navajo Nation Central Government may award funding to LGA-Certified Chapters through sub-recipient agreements to implement and manage specific projects. Cornfields Chapter would like to exercise its LGA authority to receive the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund and manage the projects; and





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7. Cornfields Chapter believes it is in the best interest of the community and its chapter to support and approve the Cornfields Chapter Expenditure Plans for the benefit of its community, especially during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

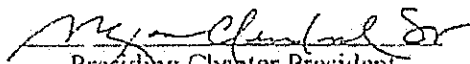
## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Cornfields Chapter hereby approves and request the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, the Naabik'iyati' Committee, Navajo Nation Council, and the Budget and Finance Committee to Support and Approve the Cornfields Chapter Expenditure Plans for: Powerline Project, Community/Veterans Fencing Project, Assistance, House Renovation/Improvement Project, Housing Projects, Technology Equipment, Medical Supply Storage Building and Special Duty/Premium Pay.

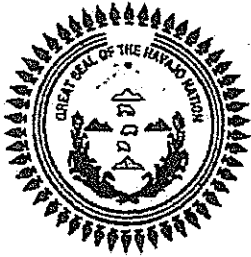
Furthermore, the Cornfields Chapter would like to exercise its LGA authority to receive the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund and manage the projects.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the Cornfields Chapter duly considered the foregoing resolution at a duly called meeting at Cornfields Chapter, Navajo Nation (ARIZONA) at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 00 opposed and 07 abstained on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

  
Presiding Chapter President  
CORNFIELDS CHAPTER

Motion: Mr. Murray Lee  
Second: Mr. Bennett Dineyazhe



**NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
Honorable Delegates, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council  
Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Division Director, Division of Community Development  
Tom Platero, Executive Director, NNFRF Office  
All Navajo Nation Chapters

**FROM:** *M. Rodis*  
Mel Rodis, Assistant Attorney General  
Tax & Finance Unit

**DATE:** July 27, 2022

**SUBJECT:** DOJ Response to Directive in CJN-29-22 on FRF-Eligibility of Septic Tank Cleaning

This memorandum is in response to the directive in Council Resolution CJN-29-22, which was signed into law by President Nez on July 15, 2022. Specifically, Council Resolution CJN-29-22 directed the Navajo Nation Department of Justice (DOJ) to “inform Delegates, Chapters, and the Division of Community Development, in writing, whether septic tank cleaning is an eligible FRF expenditure and whether septic tank clean outs can be included in Delegate Region Project Plans.” Although there is no governing authority that explicitly addresses septic tank clean outs, they are likely an eligible expenditure of Fiscal Recovery Funds, as more fully detailed below.

Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are intended for the following purposes and must fall into one of the following four (4) eligible use categories:

- (1) To support the COVID-19 public health and economic response by addressing COVID-19 and its impact on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- (2) To provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work;
- (3) To provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic; or
- (4) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Memo to Honorable Speaker Seth Damon; Honorable Delegates, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council; Dr. Yellowman,  
Division of Community Development; Tom Platero, NNFRF Office; All Navajo Nation Chapters  
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The U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) issued a Final Rule further discussing eligible uses of FRF and has also issued an Overview of the Final Rule and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). As a starting point to any analysis Treasury has advised that, “[t]he best way to begin evaluation of whether a specific use is an eligible use of [FRF] funds is to consider which of the four eligible use categories the use may fall into....The [FRF] program provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs within these eligible use categories. In general, recipients should think about what services they are trying to provide, and for which groups or populations, and assess whether this use of funds would fit within the parameters of the eligible use category as outlined in the Overview and the final rule.”<sup>1</sup>

Under eligible use category number 4 - to make necessary investments in water and sewer - Treasury’s Final Rule states that any project that would be eligible under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) would be eligible uses of FRF. Beyond CWSRF and DWSRF, Treasury states that FRF can also be used to fund projects that are “necessary.”<sup>2</sup> “Necessary” means: 1. Responsive to an identified need to achieve or maintain an adequate minimum level of service; and 2. is a cost effective means for meeting that need.<sup>3</sup>

The questions posed by Council therefore depend on whether septic tank clean outs can be funded by the CWSRF, DWSRF, or are otherwise “necessary” as defined by Treasury. The following provision regarding decentralized wastewater systems, including individual onsite systems, supports a determination by the Navajo Nation that constructing, repairing, or replacing private septic systems is an eligible FRF expenditure.

“The final rule continues to allow the use of SLFRF funds for projects eligible under the CWSRF, consistent with the interim final rule. Under the CWSRF, a project must meet the criteria of one of the following CWSRF eligibilities to be eligible for assistance. Section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) [33 U.S.C. 1383(c)] provides that the CWSRF can provide assistance: ... (iv) for the construction, repair, or replacement of decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the construction of new decentralized systems (e.g., individual onsite systems and cluster systems), as well as the upgrade, repair, or replacement of existing systems.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Treasury FAQs from April 27, 2022. FAQ 4.1 “How do I know if a specific use is eligible?”

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at FAQ 6.1. In Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, projects under the fourth eligibility category were limited to only those that could be funded with CWSRF or DWSRF. However, in response to public comment, the Final Rule expressly states that additional projects could be funded if they meet Treasury’s definition of “necessary.” Treasury FAQ on this topic reads, “[W]ith broadened eligibility under the final rule, SLFRF funds may also be used to fund additional types of projects — such as additional stormwater infrastructure, residential wells, lead remediation, and certain rehabilitations of dams and reservoirs — beyond the CWSRF and DWSRF, if they are found to be “necessary” according to the definition provided in the final rule and outlined on page 38 of the Overview.”

<sup>3</sup> Treasury Final Rule at 266.

<sup>4</sup> Treasury Final Rule at 276-78.

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Treasury's Final Rule also states, "[c]onsistent with the CWSRF, the installation, repair, or replacement of private septic units continues to be an eligible use of SLFRF funds under the final rule. For example, eligible projects include those that address groundwater contamination resulting from faulty septic units and those that would connect failing septic systems to centralized wastewater treatment."<sup>5</sup> Treasury does not add much additional guidance but mentions private septic tanks in the Overview to the Final Rule, which states, "[r]ecipients may fund a broad range of water and sewer projects, including those eligible under the [CWSRF] or the [DWSRF], *and certain additional projects*, including a wide set of lead remediation, stormwater infrastructure, and *aid for private wells and septic units*."<sup>6</sup> (Emphasis added.)

DOJ previously reviewed an FRF application for a septic system installation program expenditure plan to utilize FRF allocated under Council Resolution CJY-41-21. DOJ determined that such project was FRF-eligible. That project consisted of constructing and installing new septic systems to outlying homes on the Navajo Nation that are too far from a centralized wastewater system to be connected. DOJ determined that such project was an eligible use of FRF. Specifically, DOJ determined that the project was eligible given the CWSRF's focus on septic system upgrades, repairs, or replacement, and the construction/installation of new systems.

Unfortunately, ARPA, Treasury guidance on FRF, and the CWSRF, do not explicitly address septic tank clean outs. Therefore, there is some uncertainty. However, as noted, the CWSRF allows funding decentralized wastewater systems, including individual onsite systems, for constructing, repairing, or replacing private septic systems, which supports a determination that septic tank clean outs are likely eligible. To the extent that septic tank clean outs constitute "operation and maintenance costs," EPA views such costs associated with individual septic systems as not eligible under the CWSRF; however EPA views capital costs associated with management programs, such as purchasing pump-trucks as eligible.<sup>7</sup> It is therefore important to further define the program seeking FRF funding to ensure CWSRF eligibility.

Even if septic tank clean outs are outside the scope of the CWSRF, they still could be eligible as "necessary." Specifically, septic tank clean outs are responsive to an identified need for an adequate minimum level of service and maintenance - which includes cleaning, and is a cost effective means for meeting that need. Without regular clean outs, private septic tanks will likely fail, and groundwater contamination logically follows – the cost of which to clean up would be an eligible expense.

Additionally, septic tank clean outs may also be eligible under the eligible use category number 3 - provision of government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic. Treasury FAQs provide, "[i]f a use does not appear to be eligible under the water, sewer, and

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<sup>5</sup> Treasury Final Rule at 282-83.

<sup>6</sup> Treasury Overview of Final Rule at 7.

<sup>7</sup> See EPA See EPA's website on CWSRF, found at [https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf-decentralized-wastewater-treatment#:~:text=Related%20Topics%3A-,Clean%20Water%20State%20Revolving%20Fund%20\(CWSRF\)%3A%20Decentralized%20Wastewater%20Treatment,%2C%20cluster%20systems%2C%20lagoons](https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf-decentralized-wastewater-treatment#:~:text=Related%20Topics%3A-,Clean%20Water%20State%20Revolving%20Fund%20(CWSRF)%3A%20Decentralized%20Wastewater%20Treatment,%2C%20cluster%20systems%2C%20lagoons).

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broadband infrastructure, premium pay, or public health and negative economic impacts eligible use categories, then recipients should consider using funds under the revenue loss eligible use category. The revenue loss eligible use category provides recipients broad latitude to use funds for the provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue due to the pandemic.”<sup>8</sup> In Treasury’s Final Rule with respect to government services, “generally speaking, services provided by the recipient governments are “government services” under the interim final rule and final rule, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. Government services include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services.”<sup>9</sup>

Septic tank clean outs are not prohibited under Treasury guidance. Although the Nation does not typically provide cleaning services for private septic tanks nor does the Nation typically provide financial assistance for homeowners to pay for private contractors to provide septic tank cleaning services, the Nation does provide funding for financial assistance to individual Navajo members for firewood, fuel, food, and other forms of emergency assistance. Full and overflowing septic tanks constitute a sanitation concern. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, the Nation has invested in improving public health conditions for its members.

In conclusion, FRF eligibility determinations require a careful analysis of the specific details of a proposed expenditure. To make a conclusive determination regarding the FRF eligibility of a proposed septic tank cleaning program, DOJ recommends that one or more Council Delegates work with the FRF Office and the Division of Community Development to develop an FRF expenditure plan and supporting documents for further review.

XC. Doreen N. McPaul, Attorney General, The Navajo Nation  
Dana Bobroff, Chief Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Stacy Allison, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the President and Vice President

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<sup>8</sup> Treasury FAQ 4.1. “How do I know if a specific use is eligible?”.

<sup>9</sup> Treasury Final Rule at 259-260.