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

RFS/HK Review #: HK 0809

Date & Time Received: 04/08/24 at 12:54

Date & Time of Response: 4/15/24 at 17:00

Entity Requesting FRF: Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Department, Division of Natural Resources

Title of Project: NAMLRD Broadband Infrastructure upgrade

Administrative Oversight: Division of Natural Resources

Amount of Funding Requested: \$1,028,164.00

Eligibility Determination:

- FRF eligible
 FRF ineligible
 Additional information requested

FRF Eligibility Category:

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

U.S. Department of Treasury Reporting Expenditure Category: _____
6.1, Provision of Government Services

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

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| <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: _____

Please note that we have modified the expenditure code to 6.1 (Provision of Government Services). If you would prefer for the project to be considered pursuant to statutory category of Category 4 - Broadband Infrastructure, please resubmit the request with the following additional information:

Treasury's Final Rule added a requirement that broadband funding must be used to address the affordability needs of low-income consumers in accessing broadband networks. Specifically, the Final Rule states that service providers for completed broadband infrastructure investment projects that provide service to households must either participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program, or provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers in the proposed service area, for as long as the broadband infrastructure is in use. The Documents do not address affordability. Therefore, additional information is required to determine if the Project is a legally allowable use of Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Only in the event you want the project to be considered pursuant to category 4, please provide a response to the following question:

1. Will the Project provide service to households that either participate in the Federal Communications Commission's Affordable Connectivity Program or provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income consumers in the proposed service area, for as long as the broadband infrastructure is in use?

Name of DOJ Reviewer: Veronica Blackhat, AAG-NRU

Signature of DOJ Reviewer: 

Disclaimers:

If additional information has been requested and you wish to provide it, please resubmit all the required forms updated to include the additional information. Full resubmission will expedite the Initial Eligibility Determination process. Therefore, please include a new RFS form indicating resubmission, revised Appendix A, Budget Form 1, and other supporting documents. **Please email your resubmission to arpa@nndoj.org.** Please be aware that under Resolution BFS-31-21 a Project or Program can only be reviewed twice, therefore it is critical that you include all the requested additional information for your second submission.

An NNDOJ Initial Eligibility Determination is 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.

**THE NAVAJO NATION
FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS REQUEST FORM & EXPENDITURE PLAN
FOR NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT UNITS**

Part 1. Identification of parties.

NN Government Unit requesting FRF: Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Department, Division of Natural Resources Date prepared: 3/29/24
indicate Department, Program, Office, Division, or Branch

NN Government Unit's mailing address: P.O. Box 1875 phone/email: (928) 871-6982
Window Rock, Arizona 86515 website (if any): www.aml.navajo-nsn.gov

Form prepared by: Valerie Fowler, Programs & Projects Specialist phone/email: (928) -283-3188
Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Department (NAMLRD) vfowler@navajo-nsn.gov
CONTACT PERSON'S name, title and Department, Program, Office, etc. CONTACT PERSON'S info

Title & type of Project: NAMLRD broadband infrastructure upgrade

NN Government Unit's Director or Manager: Karen L. Bedonie phone & email: 871-6982, karenbedonie@navajo-nsn.gov

Division Director (if any): W. Mike Halona phone & email: 871-6592, w.mike.halona@navajo-nsn.gov

Branch Chief: _____ phone & email: _____

Funding Recipient will be working with: Division of Natural Resources on the Project and
indicate Branch and/or Division
the same will be submitting the Funding Request Package for Initial Eligibility Determination Review, and will have Administrative Oversight over this FRF Expenditure Plan.

List names or types of Subcontractors or Subrecipients that will be paid with FRF (if known):
Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, Navajo Technical Services document attached

Amount of FRF requested: 1,028,164.00 FRF funding period: April 2024 to December 2026
indicate Project starting and ending/deadline date

Part 2. Expenditure Plan details.

(a) Describe the Program(s) and/or Project(s) to be funded, including how the funds will be used, for what purposes, the location(s) to be served, and what COVID-related needs will be addressed:

Requested funds will be used towards necessary investments in broadband infrastructure of the NAMLRD. Funds will help the NAMLRD to expand high-speed internet access on the Navajo Nation Reservation, especially in the underserved areas of Shiprock, NM, Tuba City, AZ and Window Rock, AZ. Funds will allow the NAMLRD to integrate technology into its activities, currently the last internet upgrade was about 20 years ago. Administrative Funds will be used to support the administrative, managerial, financial, organization, legal and reporting to complete the broadband project and services.

document attached

(b) Explain how the Program or Project will benefit the Navajo Nation, Navajo Communities, or the Navajo People:

Upgrading network connectivity has the potential to enhance the performance and speed of the NAMLRD network, resulting in quicker file transfers, enhanced application performance, and an overall improved user experience. Some advantages of this upgrade include accelerated connections, enhanced video conferencing capabilities with platforms like Zoom and Teams, as well as improved Wi-Fi coverage.

document attached

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APPENDIX A

(c) Provide a prospective timeline showing the estimated date of completion of the Project and/or each phase of the Project. Disclose any challenges that may prevent you from incurring costs for all funding by December 31, 2024 and/or fully expending funds and completing the Program(s) or Project(s) by December 31, 2026:

Phase 1: April 2024-September 2024: Identify & meet with vendors, submit quotes for the broadband upgrade with Frontier Communication and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority for Tuba City, AZ Office.
Phase 2: October 2024 - June 2026: Fiber installation at Window Rock AML and increase bandwidth to 500Mbps. Shiprock AML, increase bandwidth to 500Mbps. Tuba City installation of microwave and increase bandwidth to 500Mbps. Challenges, availability of telecommunication technician from Frontier. Infrastructure and terrain can delay installing fiber optic cables. Environmental conditions. Unexpected delays due to weather conditions, supply chain disruptions or unforeseen technical issues.
 document attached

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

Donovan Sam, NAMLRD Network Specialist, will oversee the execution of the project. Additionally, other departments involved in the project include Navajo Nation Telecommunication & Utilities (NNTU), Frontier Communication, Navajo Department of Information Technology and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA). Costs may increase and the distance between all three sites.
 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:

The NAMLRD will be responsible for operations and maintenance by identify funds throughs future grant applications and to seek additional funding to continue operations and maintenance.
 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:

Broadband: IIJA Project:
The Broadband Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds will help the NAMLRD to expand high-speed internet access and integrate technology into its activities, currently the last internet upgrade was 20 years ago. The NAMLRD needs to upgrade its existing broadband infrastructure; such as laying fiber-optic cables, upgrading existing networks, and deploying wireless technologies like 5G. The goal of the broadband project is to bridge the digital divide, by improving internet access for the NAMLRD, Navajo communities it serves, and to stimulate economic growth by providing reliable broadband connectivity.

Administrative Expenses:
Funds will be used to support the administrative, managerial, financial, organization, legal and reporting to complete the broadband project and services.
 document attached

Part 3. Additional documents.

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

N/A

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:

NN Government Unit
Preparer: Valerie Fowler Approved by: Karen Bede
signature of Preparer/CONTACT PERSON signature of NN Government Unit's Dept./Program/Office Director or Manager

Approved to submit
for Review: [Signature] Print Name, Title, Branch or Division: W. Mike Halona, Executive Director, Division of Natural Resources
signature of Branch Chief or Division Director Print name and indicate title or position
[Signature] indicate Branch or Division

FY 2024

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

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BUDGET FORM 1

PART I. Business Unit No.: K211511 Program Title: Navajo AML Reclamation / American Rescue Plan Act Division/Branch: Natural Resources / Executive
 Prepared By: Valerie Fowler, PPS Phone No.: 928-871-6982 Email Address: yfowler@navajo-nsn.gov

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
Navajo AMLR / ARPA - MOD #2	3/11/21-12/31/26	1,028,164.00	100%				
				2001 Personnel Expenses		356,800	356,800.00
				3000 Travel Expenses			0.00
				3500 Meeting Expenses			0.00
				4000 Supplies		195,250	195,250.00
				5000 Lease and Rental			0.00
				5500 Communications and Utilities		148,800	148,800.00
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance		28,800	28,800.00
				6500 Contractual Services		153,000	153,000.00
				7000 Special Transactions		4,463	4,463.00
				8000 Public Assistance			0.00
				9000 Capital Outlay			0.00
				9500 Matching Funds			0.00
				9500 Indirect Cost		141,051	141,051.00
				TOTAL	\$0.00	1,028,164.00	1,028,164.00
				PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES		(D)	(E)
				Total # of Positions Budgeted:			7
				Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:			
TOTAL:		\$1,028,164.00	100%				

PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

SUBMITTED BY: Karen L. Bedonie, Department Manager III APPROVED BY: W. Mike Halona, Executive Director
 Program Manager's Printed Name / Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name
Karen Bedonie 3/29/24 [Signature]
 Program Manager's Signature and Date / Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:				
Business Unit No.:	K211511	Program Name/Title:	Navajo AML Reclamation / American Rescue Plan Act	
PART II. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:				
		1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR
		Goal	Goal	Goal
1. Program Performance Measure:				
Update the NAMLRD Network infrastructure.				
Gather quotes and identify vendors, meet with with potential vendors, staff and other departments, entities for consultation.				
			5	5
2. Program Performance Measure:				
Increase bandwidth to 500 mbps, by installation of fiber optical cable at Shiprock NAMLRD Office. FISCAL YEAR 2025				
Meet with vendors, staff, other departments, entities to plan and execute the installation of fiber optical cable. FISCAL YEAR 2025				
		5	5	
3. Program Performance Measure:				
Increase bandwidth to 500 Mbps, by installation of fiber optical cable at Window Rock, AZ NAMLRD Office. FISCAL YEAR 2025				
Meet with vendors, staff, other departments, entities to plan and execute the install of fiber optical cable. FISCAL YEAR 2025				
			5	5
4. Program Performance Measure:				
Increase bandwidth to 500 Mbps, by installation of microwave at Tuba City NAMLRD Office. FISCAL YEAR 2026				
Meet with vendors, staff, other departments, entities to plan and execute the install of fiber optical cable. FISCAL YEAR 2026				
		5	5	
5. Program Performance Measure:				
PART III. CONCURRENCE/APPROVAL:				
Karen L. Bedonie, Department Manager III		W. Mike Halona, Executive Director		
Program Manager's Printed Name		Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name		
<i>Karen Bedonie 3/29/24</i>		<i>W. Mike Halona 29 Nov 24</i>		
Program Manager's Signature and Date		Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date		

THE NAVAJO NATION
LISTING OF POSITIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS BY BUSINESS UNIT

SUB	POS	JOB	POSITION TITLE	EMP ID	WRKSITE	FY2024 ACTUAL			FY2024 PROPOSED	
						G/S	H/R	SALARY	HOURS	BUDGET PERIOD
1137	245185	3033	Environmental Specialist	881597	S/R	CE65A	24.80	51,782.40	2088	51,782
1138	245186	2041	Public Information Officer	881590	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
NEW		3323	Principal Engineering Technician	Vacant	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
NEW		3323	Principal Engineering Technician	Vacant	T/C	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
NEW		3325	Engineering Technician	Vacant	T/C	CE58K	13.84	28,897.92	2088	28,898
NEW		3503	Project Manager	Vacant	W/R	CE64A	22.74	47,481.12	2088	47,481
NEW		1519	Accountant	Vacant	W/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
									302,385	

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1138	245186	2041	Public Information Officer	881590	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
NEW		3323	Principal Engineering Technician	Vacant	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
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NEW		3503	Project Manager	Vacant	W/R	CE64A	22.74	47,481.12	2088	47,481
NEW		1519	Accountant	Vacant	W/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	2088	43,556
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						G/S	H/R	SALARY	HOURS	BUDGET PERIOD
1137	245185	3033	Environmental Specialist	881597	S/R	CE65A	24.80	51,782.40	528	13,094
1138	245186	2041	Public Information Officer	881590	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	528	11,014
NEW		3323	Principal Engineering Technician	Vacant	S/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	528	11,014
NEW		3323	Principal Engineering Technician	Vacant	T/C	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	528	11,014
NEW		3325	Engineering Technician	Vacant	T/C	CE58K	13.84	28,897.92	528	7,308
NEW		3503	Project Manager	Vacant	W/R	CE64A	22.74	47,481.12	528	12,007
NEW		1519	Accountant	Vacant	W/R	CE63A	20.86	43,555.68	528	11,014
									76,465	

Total: 681,235

**THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION**

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:			
Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo AML Reclamation / American Rescue Plan Act</u>		Business Unit No.: <u>K211511</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)
	2001 PERSONNEL EXPENSES		356,800.00
2110	REGULAR : Employee salary, fringe benefits, salary adjustments, and merit payment for eligible employees	234,763.00	
	1137 - (3033) - Environmental Specialist [Position# 245185, AB# 881597] : CE65A 4704 Hours @ \$25.79 / Hr @ .30 % = \$36,394.85 \$ 36,395.00		
	1138 - (2041) - Public Information Officer [Position# 245186, AB# 881590] : CE63A 4704 Hours @ \$21.69 / Hr @ .30 % = \$30,608.93 \$ 30,609.00		
	1139 - (3323) - Principal Engineering Technician [Position# 245187, AB# vacant] : CE63A 4704 Hours @ \$21.69 / Hr @ .30 % = \$30,608.93 \$ 30,609.00		
	xxxx - (3323) - Principal Engineering Technician [Position# xxxxxxBIL, AB# vacant] : CE63A 4704 Hours @ \$21.69 / Hr @ .30 % = \$30,608.93 \$ 30,609.00		
	xxxx - (3325) - Principal Engineering Technician [Position# xxxxxxBIL, AB# vacant] : CE58A 4704 Hours @ \$14.39 / Hr @ .30 % = \$20,307.17 \$ 20,307.00		
	xxxx - (1519) - Accountant [Position# xxxxxxBIL, AB# vacant] : CE63A 4704 Hours @ \$21.69 / Hr @ .30 % = \$30,608.93 \$ 30,609.00		
	xxxx - (3503) - Project Manager [Position# xxxxxxBIL, AB# vacant] : CE64A 4704 Hours @ \$23.65 / Hr @ .50 % = \$55,624.80 \$ 55,625.00		
2200	Salary Adjustment 2200 \$ 234,763.00 x 3.00% Total <u>7,043.00</u>	7,043.00	
2710	Merit Bonus 2720 \$ 234,763.00 x 3.00% Total <u>7,043.00</u>	7,043.00	
2900	Fringe Benefits The current approved rate for Permanent Employees is 43.38%. 2900 Regular \$ 234,763.00 @ 43.38 % = 101,840.19 <u>101,840.00</u> 2900 Salary Adjustment /Merit Bon \$ 14,086.00 @ 43.38 % = 6,110.51 <u>6,111.00</u>	107,951.00	
TOTAL		356,800.00	356,800.00

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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)
	4000 SUPPLIES		195,250.00
4200	Non Capital Equipment	91,800.00	
	4230 Non-Capital Computer Equipment - Scanning and Archiving Project The project aims to gather archival documentation of various sizes and create a searchable database with proper metadata. The scope of work includes categorizing and indexing documents, determining database record fields, preparing documents for scanning, performing quality checks, and establishing user access levels.		
	4230 Flatbed Scanner: \$8700 x 3 offices = 26,100.00		
	4230 Flatbed Scanner: \$3900 x 3 offices = 11,700.00		
	4230 Wide Format Scanner: \$10,000 x 3 offices = 30,000.00		
	4230 External SSD Hard Drivers 3,300.00		
	4230 High-end Workstations with scalable disk space 9,600.00 <u>80,700.00</u>		
	4210 Non-Cap Furn & Equip to Purchase Floor Buffers (\$2000 x 3 offices = \$6000) and Vaccum Cleaner for TC (\$400) = 6,400.00		
	4210: Non-Cap Furn & Equip for SRAML to purchase Trophy Case (300), Printer Tables (200), Locker Shelves (200) = 700.00		
	4210: Non-Cap Furn & Equip for SRAML to purchase 8 office chairs (3000), 5x8 Trailer for Public Relation (1000) = 4,000.00		
	<u>11,100.00</u>		
4410	Operating Supplies	103,450.00	
	4420 - General Operating Supplies: \$2000 x 8 quarters x 3 Offices = 48,000.00		
	4440 - Computer Software - Scanning & Archiving Project need Doc Record (3000) and Laserfiche (3000) = 6,000.00		
	4490 - Custodial Supplies: \$2000 x 8 quarters x 3 Offices = 48,000.00		
	4420 - General Operating Supplies for Public Relation: Cart/Wagon \$150 x 3 offices 450.00		
	4420 - General Operating Supplies for SRAML to purchase Blinds, Static Mats, Business Cards 1,000.00		
	<u>103,450.00</u>		
	5500 COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES		148,800.00
5570	Professional Services for Internet Service will increase after the Network Connectivity Upgrade for business operations.	148,800.00	
	.5570 Internet for Window Rock \$3800 x 24 months 91,200.00		
	.5570 Internet for Shiprock \$1400 x 24 months 33,600.00		
	.5570 Internet for Tuba City \$1000 x 24 months 24,000.00		
	<u>148,800.00</u>		
TOTAL		344,050.00	344,050.00

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(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)	
	6000 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE		28,800.00	28,800.00
6200	EXTERNAL CONTRACTORS			
	.6260 : Custodial Services for SRAML x \$1000/mo x 24 month =	24,000.00		
	.6260 : Custodial Services for SRAML for Specialized Services x \$600/qtr x 8 month =	4,800.00		
		<u>28,800.00</u>		
	6500 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES			153,000.00
6960	Subcontracted Services : Network Connectivity Upgrade Project will enhance the performance and speed of the network, quicker file transfers, enhanced application performance, and an overall improved user experience. Upgrade include accelerated connections, enhanced video conferencing capabilities with platforms like Zoom and Teams, as well as improved Wi-Fi coverage. When speed increases, VoIP becomes more viable.		153,000.00	
	.6990 : Window Rock - Cost of Construction for Network Connectivity Upgrade with Frontier =	110,000.00		
	.6990 : Shiprock Rock - Cost of Construction for Network Connectivity Upgrade with Frontier =	5,000.00		
	.6690 : Tuba City - Cost of Construction for Network Connectivity Upgrade with NTUA =	38,000.00		
		<u>153,000.00</u>		
	7000 SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS			4,463.00
7510	TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DUE		2,100.00	
	.7520 Registration Fee for IT to attend training for IT Implementation. wil be attending SonicWALL Network Security Administrator = <u>\$2100</u>			
7710	INSURANCE PREMIUMS		2,363.00	
	.7765 : Total Personnel: 356,800.00 @ \$0.17 / \$100: 620.83 621.00			
	.7765 : Total Personnel (less Fringe): 248,849.00 @ \$0.70 / \$100: 1,741.94 <u>1,742.00</u>			
TOTAL			186,263.00	186,263.00

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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)
	9000 CAPITAL OUTLAY		141,051.00
9710	INDIRECT COST IDC Rate is 15.90% for all total direct charges, less capital expenditures, pass-through funds and major subcontracts. $887,113.00 \times 15.90\% = 141,050.97 \quad \underline{141,051.00}$ The sum of Major Object Codes: 2001 356,800.00 4000 195,250.00 5500 148,800.00 6000 28,800.00 6500 153,000.00 7000 4,463.00 Sub-Total: <u>887,113.00</u> 9710 <u>141,051.00</u> <u>1,028,164.00</u>	141,051.00	
TOTAL		141,051.00	141,051.00

**THE NAVAJO NATION
EXTERNAL CONTRACT AND GRANT FUNDING INFORMATION**

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:		Funding Period: <u>3/11/2021 to 12/31/2026</u>		
Program Name/Title: <u>Navajo AML Reclamation / American Rescue Plan Act</u>		K #: <u>K211511</u>		
Contract/Grant No.: <u>US Treasury American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)</u>		Prepared by: <u>Valerie Fowler, PPS</u>		
PART II. PURPOSE OF FUNDING AND MATCH FUNDS REQUIREMENT				
Navajo AML requests funds for critical broadband infrastructure upgrades in the NAMLRD to improve internet access across the Navajo Nation, focusing on underserved regions such as Shiprock, NM, Tuba City, AZ, and Window Rock, AZ. The funding will support technological integration and administrative expenses for project management, finance, legal, and reporting, with a five-year budget totaling \$1,028,164.				
PART III. BUDGET INFORMATION:				
(A)		(B)	(C)	(D)
Major Object Code and Description		Current Award Fiscal Year ___	Anticipated Funding Fiscal Year 24-26	Difference Columns (C) - (B)
2001	Personnel Expenses		356,800	356,800.00
3000	Travel Expenses			
3500	Meeting Expenses			
4000	Supplies		195,250	195,250.00
5000	Lease and Rental			
5500	Communication and Utilities		148,800	148,800.00
6000	Repairs and Maintenance		28,800	28,800.00
6500	Contractual Services		153,000	153,000.00
7000	Special Transaction			
8000	Assistance		4,463	4,463.00
9000	Capital Outlay			
9510	Matching - Cash			
9610	Matching - In - Kind			
9710	Indirect Cost (Overhead) Allocation		141,051	141,051.00
TOTALS:		-	1,028,164	1,028,164.00
PART IV.				
MATCH FUNDS - No. of Positions:				-
MATCH FUNDS - Required GF Cash Match:				-
CONCURRED BY:				
Required GF In-Kind Match:				-
Contracting Officer's Signature / Date:				
Required GF % Match:				-
PART V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:				
Submitted by (print): <u>Karen L. Bedonie, Department Manager III</u>		Approved by (print): <u>W. Mike Malona, Executive Director</u>		
Signature/Date: <u>Karen Bedonie 3/29/24</u>		Signature/Date: <u>[Signature] 29 March 24</u>		



MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Mike Halona, Executive Director
Division of Natural Resources

Wilson C. Stewart Jr., Sr. Programs and Projects Specialist
Division of Natural Resources

FROM: *Karen Bedonie*
Karen L. Bedonie, Department Manager III
Navajo AML Reclamation Department

DATE: April 1, 2024

**SUBJECT: BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE FOR NAVAJO ABANDONED
MINE LANDS RECLAMATION DEPARTMENT JUSTIFICATION AND PLAN**

The Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department (NAMLRD) is committed to enhancing our operational capabilities and service delivery through significant technological improvements. We hereby present a detailed justification and comprehensive plan for the proposed broadband infrastructure upgrade. This initiative is pivotal for modernizing our network connectivity, which is indispensable for fostering operational efficiency and robust service delivery across our department.

Project Overview and Phases

The broadband upgrade project is strategically divided into two main phases, aiming for completion within the 2026 fiscal year. This venture will be carried out in partnership with Frontier Communication and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA), among other stakeholders, ensuring a collaborative effort towards technological advancement within our tribal government and community.

- **Phase 1: April – September 2024** involves initiating the project by formally requesting to proceed with the broadband upgrade in Tuba City, in collaboration with Frontier Communication and NTUA.
- **Phase 2: October 2024 – June 2026** will see the execution of critical infrastructure developments across multiple sites:
 - Installation of fiber optic cables and bandwidth enhancement to 500Mbps at Window Rock AML.
 - Bandwidth increase to 500Mbps at Shiprock AML, or Starlink™.
 - Microwave installation and bandwidth increase to 500Mbps at Tuba City.

Challenges and Mitigation Strategies

We anticipate encountering several challenges, including the limited availability of telecommunications technicians, infrastructure and geographical issues, environmental conditions, and potential supply chain disruptions. These challenges could impact project timelines and costs, particularly considering the distances between project sites.

To address these challenges, Donovan Sam, our Network Specialist, will oversee the project's execution. The Department will also closely collaborate with Navajo Nation Department of Information Technology (NNDIT) Navajo Nation Telecommunication & Utilities (NNTU), Frontier Communication, and NTUA to mitigate potential obstacles and ensure project success.

Anticipated Benefits

The broadband infrastructure upgrade is expected to yield substantial benefits, including but not limited to:

- Significantly improved network performance and speed, facilitating quicker file transfers and enhanced application performance.
- Accelerated and more reliable connections, improving video conferencing capabilities with platforms like Zoom and Teams.
- Enhanced Wi-Fi coverage across our facilities, promoting efficiency and flexibility for our staff.

Conclusion

The Navajo AML Reclamation Department (NAMLRD) is dedicated to leveraging this broadband upgrade to improve our technological infrastructure, thereby enabling us to better serve our community and fulfill our mission. We seek the support of our DNR Executive Director and Administration support in this vital initiative and are committed to providing regular progress updates.

We are prepared to discuss this project in further detail and answer any questions to ensure transparency and alignment with our department's goals. For more information, please contact Karen L. Bedonie, Department Manager III at (928) 871-6982 or at karenbedonie@navajo-nsn.gov; or Donovan Sam, Network Specialist at (928) 871-7594 or at donovan.sam@navajo-nsn.gov.

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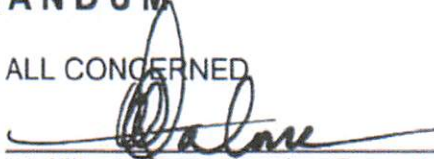


The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*
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October 1, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM: 
W. Mike Halona, Division Executive Director
Division of Natural Resources

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Standing Delegation of Authority – DNR Division Director

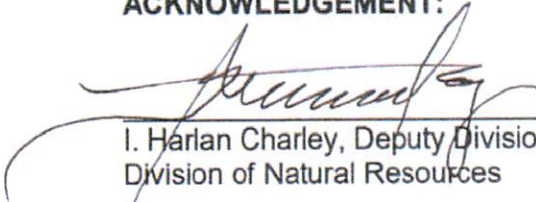
Please be advised of the personnel listed below, will be delegated for the Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources in my absence from the office.

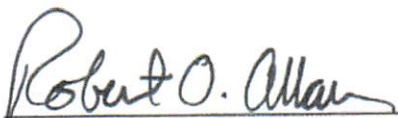
1. I. Harlan Charley, Deputy Division Director
2. Robert Allan, Principal Attorney

The delegation will cover day-to-day operations and shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Division of Natural Resources and supervising all personnel. This includes ensuring compliance with all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, I can be reached by email at w.mike.halona@navajo-nsn.gov or please call the office at (928) 871-6593.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:


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