



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

RFS/HK Review #: HK 0432

Date & Time Received: 3/30/23 at 15:10

Date & Time of Response: 4/5/23 at 11:20

Entity Requesting FRF: Low Mountain Chapter

Title of Project: Low Mountain Chapter Home Renovation Construction Project

Administrative Oversight: Division of Community Development

Amount of Funding Requested: \$92,068

\$ 92,067<sup>72</sup>

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

2.18, Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

<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	

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Name of DOJ Reviewer: Rodgerick Begay

Signature of DOJ Reviewer: Rodgerick Begay

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](mailto: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.

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FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS REQUEST FORM & EXPENDITURE PLAN  
FOR NON-GOVERNANCE CERTIFIED CHAPTERS

**Part 1. Identification of parties.**

Non-Governance Certified Chapter requesting FRF: Low Mountain Chapter Date prepared: 10/26/2022

Chapter's mailing address: PO Box 4416 phone/email: (928) 725 - 3700 / lowmountain@navajochapters.org  
Blue Gap, AZ. 86520 website (if any): http://lowmountain.nndes.org

This Form prepared by: Mareita Denny, Project Manager. phone/email: (505) 879 - 3001 / mareita@denny@yahoo.com  
Roger George, Chapter Vice President. (928) 401 - 1935 / rgeorge@naataani.org  
*CONTACT PERSON'S name and title* *CONTACT PERSON'S info*

Title and type of Project: Low Mountain Chapter Home Renovation Construction Project

Chapter President: Ben L. Gonnie phone & email: (928) 313 - 8726 / m63563863@gmail.com  
Chapter Vice-President: Roger B. George phone & email: (928) 401 - 1935 / rgeorge@naataani.org  
Chapter Secretary: Rose A. Charley phone & email: (928) 386 - 3511 / girlyazzie1947@hotmail.com  
Chapter Treasurer: Rose A. Charley phone & email: (928) 386 - 3511 / girlyazzie1947@hotmail.com  
Chapter Manager or CSC: Ella Nelson, AMS / Acting CSC phone & email: (928) 814 - 7122 / enelson@navajochapters.org  
DCD/Chapter ASO: Robert Jumbo, ASO - ASC / DCD phone & email: rjumbo@nndcd.org

List types of Subcontractors or Subrecipients that will be paid with FRF (if known): Local skilled manpower employees e.g.

Previous on-the-job trained Public Employment Program Rehires with skilled Supervisor ☐ document attached

Amount of FRF requested: \$92,067.70 FRF funding period: 5/1/25 - 12/31/26  
*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:

Low Mountain Chapter Home Renovation Projects: The need to renovate [31] existing homes, within the Chapter community coincides with the [3] new unit housing construction project. Between the two projects, home renovation considered more a crucial need than new unit homes. This has been more the case a good number of years. Therefore, this project should and needs to be funded with ARPA funds to assist local community members. Coincidental is the ARPA funds will be used to purchase materials/supplies for renovating or improving an existing home, hiring local manpower for the task. Practical renovated homes good for cleanliness and COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

☐ document attached

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

Most all the preliminary preparedness are adequate, assessment, needs viewed and studied as a whole, the 32 homes in disrepair, homesite leases, home ownerships being needy, living conditions assessed and determined the homes need to be restored. Material listing and potential self-help clients in progress Project beneficial for local Navajo community four areas and less reliance on Navajo Nation.

☐ document attached

(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, 2025:

Completion date estimation, December 31, 2025, Navajo Nation Chapter Official Election and staff turnover maybe a challenge.

☐ document attached

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

CSC and AMS, Project Manager and Project Coordinator to coordinate with Chapter officials. Recommend Planner/Consultant on board hire

☐ 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:

Project recipients (ownership) Chapter officials and Administrative staff advisory team.

☐ 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:

3.12 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance.

☐ document attached

### Part 3. Additional documents.

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

1. Sample Assessment By Administrative Staff Acting CSC/AMS With Temp Project Manager.

2. Client Listing/Recipients.

☐ 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:

signature of Preparer/CONTACT PERSON

Approved by:

signature of Chapter President (or Vice-President)

Approved by:

signature of CSC

Approved by:

signature of Chapter ASO

12/12/2022

Approved to submit  
for Review:

signature of DCD Director

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY**

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BUDGET FORM 1

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>NEW</u>		Program Title: <u>LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER</u> <i>Home Renovation</i>		Division/ Branch: <u>Division/ Branch</u>		DCD/Executive	
Prepared By: <u>MAREITA DENNY, Project Manager</u>		Phone No.: <u>982-725-3700</u>		Email Address: <u>lowmountain@navajochapters.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
ANN ARPA FUNDS	<u>5-01-2023</u> <u>12-31-2026</u>	92,067.70	100%	2001 Personnel Expenses				
				3000 Travel Expenses				
				3500 Meeting Expenses				
				4000 Supplies				
				5000 Lease and Rental				
				5500 Communications and Utilities				
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance				
				6500 Contractual Services				
				7000 Special Transactions				
				8000 Public Assistance	6		92,067.70	92,027.70
				9000 Capital Outlay				
				9500 Matching Funds				
				9500 Indirect Cost				
				TOTAL			92,067.70	92,027.70

  

PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES	(D)	(E)
Total # of Positions Budgeted:	0	0
Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:	0	0

  

PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.			
SUBMITTED BY: <u>Sonlata Jim-Martin</u>		APPROVED BY: <u>Dr. Pearl Yellowman</u>	
Program Manager's Printed Name		Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name	
<u>Sonlata Jim</u> 12/12/2022		<u>Pearl Yellowman</u> 12.13.22	
Program Manager's Signature and Date		Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date	

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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:

LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Home Renovation

**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:

Assist with Home Renovation for community members.

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

Assist 31 community members with home renovation.

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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.**

Sonlasta Jim-Martin

Program Manager's Printed Name

Sonlasta Jim-Martin 12/12/2022

Program Manager's Signature and Date

Dr. Pearl Yellowman

Division Director/Branch Chief's Printed Name

Pearl Yellowman 12.13.22

Division Director/Branch Chief's Signature and Date

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BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:			
Name/Title:		LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - Home Renovation	Business Unit No.: NEW
PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:			
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Object Description and Justification (LOD 7)		Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6)	Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4)
8550	Repairs and Maintenance 8725 - Supplies: Purchase Building Supplies to renovate 31-Homes @ \$92,067.70.	92,067.70	92,067.70
TOTAL		92,067.70	92,067.70

OMB Analyst:



**RESOLUTION OF THE (LMC)  
LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER  
NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT**

**SUPPORTING RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TO FUND THE LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,067.70 FROM THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS REQUEST AND EXPENDITURE PLANS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FOR THE LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER HOME RENOVATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PURCHASE BUILDING SUPPLIES FOR 31 HOMES.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., § 3 (A) and as listed pursuant to Title 11 N.N.C., Part 1 § 10 the LMC is a duly recognized certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation government and as such may preserve or promote community interests; AND,
2. Pursuant to Title 26 N.N.C., § 1 (B) the LMC is a duly certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government and recognized as a local tribal entity vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate recommendations to the Navajo Nation concerning matters that are in the best interest of the community; AND,
3. Since 1980 forward to this day October '2022, FY 2022-23 First Quarter, home repairs or renovation of existing homes have always been a greater need in aggregate numbers than the need for new home constructions, not only within the Low Mountain Chapter community and readily has not changed within the last four (4) decades and I assume other Navajo Nation Chapters may confidently be agreeable with this status quo of dilapidated existing homes of the Navajo people; AND,
4. The need to renovate 32 existing homes, within the Chapter community coincides with the 15 new unit housing construction project. Between the two projects, home renovation considered more a crucial need than new unit homes. This has been more the case a good number of years. Therefore, this project should and needs to be funded with ARPA funds to assist more people. Coincidental is the ARPA funds will be used for renovating or improving an existing home, hiring local manpower for the task. Practical renovated homes good for cleanliness and Covid-19 mitigation efforts; AND,
5. whether we know it or not, living conditions within our communities have been cited as "comparable to 3<sup>rd</sup> world" (5/5/2004, Gallup Independent). It is impossible to succinctly describe the many factors that have contributed to the challenges that our community people face today, but the following facts about the most pressing issues of economic, health and housing gives a hint of what life is like for many of our Chapter memberships. The lack of better homes heightens the dangers posed by this still present COVID-19 and therefore our community housing crisis can be a public health crisis. Due to the pandemic, the LMC may have some of the worse social and economic outcomes, we are more likely to be negatively affected by funding cuts and policy changes. Our Chapter may have one of the more critical problems facing our community is HOUSING. Our Chapter Vice President always reiterates, "we are the forgotten people like the Bennet Freeze." We cannot determine the outcome of trying to tackle our housing crisis. We can just hope for the best with these ARPA funding Proposals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:**

1. Supporting Resolution Requesting The Navajo Nation To Fund The Low Mountain Chapter In The Amount Of \$58,568.00 From The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds Request And Expenditure Plans As Authorized By The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) For The Low Mountain Chapter Home Renovation Construction Project purchase building supplies for 32 homes.

2. Low Mountain Chapter affirms that the Chapter will only use awarded Fiscal Recovery Funds and implement this FRF Expenditure Plan in compliance with the ARPA, ARPA Regulations, and with all applicable federal and Navajo Nation laws, regulations, and policies.

Motion By: John Pekin

Second By: Sullivan John

**C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N**

We hereby certify that the foregoing Chapter resolution was duly considered by the Low Mountain Chapter at a duly-called Chapter meeting at Low Mountain Chapter, Low Mountain (Navajo Nation), Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2022.

Ben L. Gonnier  
Ben L. Gonnier, Chapter President

Roger B. George  
Roger B. George, Chapter Vice President

Rose Ann Charley  
Rose Ann Charley, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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