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

RFS/HK Review #: HK0312 [REISSUED]

Date & Time Received: 12/16/2022 13:46

Date & Time of Response: 12/28/2022 5:00 p.m.; Reissued 3/18/2023 5:00 p.m.; Reissued 8/7/2023 9:13 a.m.

Entity Requesting FRF: Low Mountain Chapter

Title of Project: Drainage/Septic System Project-Failed Septic System

Administrative Oversight: Navajo Environmental Protection Agency

Amount of Funding Requested: \$140,000.00

Eligibility Determination:

- ☒ FRF eligible
☐ FRF ineligible
☐ Additional information requested

FRF Eligibility Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> (1) Public Health and Economic Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> (2) Premium Pay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) Government Services/Lost Revenue | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (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):

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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: DOJ is reissuing this Initial Eligibility Determination in order to correct an error with the identified Administrative Oversight entity. We recommend that the Administrative Oversight entity for this expenditure plan be the Navajo Environmental Protection Agency rather than the Division of Community Development.

Name of DOJ Reviewer: Mel M. Rodis, Assistant Attorney General, Tax & Finance Unit

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 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) 979 - 3001 / mareitajdenny@yahoo.com
Roger George, Chapter Vice President. (928) 401 - 1935 / rgeorge@naataanii.org
CONTACT PERSON'S name and title *CONTACT PERSON'S info*

Title and type of Project: Drainage/ Septic System Project - Failed Septic Services

Chapter President: Ben L. Gonnie phone & email: (928) 313 - 8726 / m63563963@gmail.com

Chapter Vice-President: Roger B. George phone & email: (928) 401 - 1935 / rgeorge@naataanii.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): NTUA, I.H.S. OR CONTRACTOR

☒ document attached

Amount of FRF requested: \$140,000.00 FRF funding period: January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024
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:

Drainage/Septic System Project/Failed Septic Services: According to LMC project plans, the 2021 needs assessments, approximately 18 homes were in dire need of drainage septic/system replacements. Homes built in the early 1960s and drainage/septic systems installed early 1980s and in May and June 2022 many of these systems have failed to operate or function properly for home ownership. The LMC did give the Sterling Foundation a price quote of \$262,566.00 for the replacement project but they deemed this to be costly and excessive for the foundation to assist funding the drainage system project.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still on the Navajo Nation, the local official's concerns are in some homes where there are more than one family. It's critical when the family needs to quarantine and go into isolation due to COVID-19 infection of other family members. The overcrowding and closeness within these home situations become critical that leads to rampant unchecked growth or spread of COVID-19 infections of the whole household.

Upon completion of the proposed drainage/septic system, replacement projects will effectuate a better living condition for all the family members and improve their health environments as well.

☒ document attached

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

Whether we know it or not, living conditions within our communities have been cited as comparable to third world living (Gallup independent) It is impossible to succinctly describe the many factors that have contributed to the challenges that our communities face today, but the following facts about the most pressing issues of economic, health and better homes gives a hint of what life is like for many of our chapter's memberships. The lack of better homes is a public health crisis where some family, due to the pandemic, the LMC may have some of the worst social and economic outcomes. We are more likely to be negatively affected by funding cuts, lack of the same and policy changes. We can just hope for the best with this ARPA funding request. The Navajo Nation can learn from this and can be very beneficial.

☒ 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, 2026:

ARPA funding meeting the specified needs will expedite to carry or cause to go with haste completion on or before December 31st, 2024 or fully expand funds and completion of project by December 31st, 2026. Precise scheduling and commitment, funding can be incurred by December 31st, 2024.

☐ document attached

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

Main responsibility with the appointed project manager and community service coordinator in coordination with Chapter officials. Chapter advisements and some trainings to home ownership with primary responsibilities and maintenance upkeep.

☒ 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:

Selected home ownerships will be charged with operations and maintenance upkeep and costs for the project once completed prospectively. Maybe deferred to the Navajo Nation Aging Services Program.

☐ 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:

5.4 Under this category, because bathrooms are an important support necessity for cleanliness, especially for the elderly population, people with disabilities, single parents, children and oldster veterans.

☐ document attached

Part 3. Additional documents.

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


1. Existing chapters, proposal for support information
2. June 4th, 2022 Kee Allen Begay Jr. Delegates memorandum.
3. others.

☐ Chapter Resolution attached

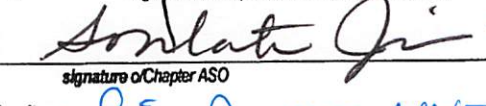
Part 4. Affirmation by Funding Recipient.

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:  12/12/2022
signature of Chapter ASO

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

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| PART I. Business Unit No.: <u>New</u> | | Program Title: <u>LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER</u> <u>Drainage / Septic System</u> <u>Division / Branch</u> | | DCD/Executive | |
| Prepared By: <u>MAREITA DENNY, Project Manager</u> | | Phone No.: <u>928-725-3700</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 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| NN ARPA FUNDS | <u>1/1/23 - 12/31/24</u> | 140,000.00 | 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 | <u>0</u> | 140,000.00 | 140,000.00 |
| | | | | 9000 Capital Outlay | | | | |
| | | | | 9500 Matching Funds | | | | |
| | | | | 9500 Indirect Cost | | | | |
| | | | | TOTAL | | | 140,000.00 | 140,000.00 |

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

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

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**THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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BUDGET FORM 2

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:Business Unit No.: New

Program Name/Title:

LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

Drainage/
Septic System**PART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:****PART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:**

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

1. Goal Statement:

Assist community members with Drainage/Septic Replacement.

Program Performance Measure/Objective:

Assist 14-Community Members with Drainage/Septic Replacement due to failure of system.

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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.Sonlatsa Jim-Martin, Department Manager II

Program Manager's Printed Name

Sonlatsa Jim 12/12/2022
Program Manager's Signature and Date

Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Division Director

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:

Program Name/Title: _____

LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER

Drainage/Septic System

Business Unit No.: _____

New

PART II. DETAILED BUDGET:

| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
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| Object Description and Justification (LOD 7) | | Total by DETAILED Object Code (LOD 6) | Total by MAJOR Object Code (LOD 4) |
| 8500 | Infrastructure (non-cap) 8550 - Water/Wastewater: Assist 14-Community Members with Drainage/Septic System Replacement @ \$10,000.00 = \$140,000.00. | 140,000.00 | 140,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 140,000.00 | 140,000.00 |

**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 \$140,000.00 FROM THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS REQUEST AND EXPENDITURE PLANS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FOR THE DRAINAGE/SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR FAILED SYSTEM FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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. The Low Mountain Chapter recognizes that the financing of the Community drainage/septic system replacement projects are very critically needed and requires health officials' concerns and coordination with the local Chapter Officials and the Administrative 2021 community needs assessments, 14 homes were determined in dire need of drainage/septic replacement; **AND,**
4. A lot of the older homes built in the 1960s and the drainage/septic systems installed in the early 1980s, the homeowners are experiencing these difficulties and tripled with COVID-19 still on the Navajo Nation and existing home conditions with respect to need of replacing system; **AND,**
5. Completion of the proposed Low Mountain Chapter Septic System Pumping project, the effected community members can be able to benefit to a better healthy living standards and improved good health esp. as an actively sought goals or the state of being happy and overall healthy situated family homes.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. Supporting Resolution Requesting The Navajo Nation To Fund The Low Mountain Chapter In The Amount Of \$140,000.00 From The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds Request And Expenditure Plans as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) For The Drainage/Septic System Replacement Projects to assist 14 community membership.

Motion By: John Pekin

Second By: Sullivan John

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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 10th day of Nov., 2022.

Ben L. Gonnle
Ben L. Gonnle, Chapter President

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

Rose Ann Charley
Rose Ann Charley, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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