

NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

RFS/HK Review #: HK0693	
Date & Time Received: <u>11/9/2023 16:01</u>	
Date & Time of Response:11/22/23 17:	00
Entity Requesting FRF: <u>Nazlini Chapter</u>	
Title of Project: <u>Hazard/Premium Pay</u>	
Administrative Oversight: Division of Co	ommunity Development
Amount of Funding Requested: <u>\$ 94,200</u>	
 Eligibility Determination: □ FRF eligible □ FRF ineligible ⊠ Additional information requested 	
	$\Box (2) \text{ Premium Pay}$
(3) Government Services/Lost Revenue	\Box (4) Water, Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure

U.S. Department of Treasury Reporting Expenditure Category: To be determined.

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

- □ Missing Form
- □ Supporting documentation missing
- \Box Project will not be completed by 12/31/2026
- □ Ineligible purpose
- □ Submitter failed to timely submit CARES reports
- Additional information submitted is insufficient to make a proper determination

- □ Expenditure Plan incomplete
- \Box Funds will not be obligated by 12/31/2024
- □ Incorrect Signatory
- □ Inconsistent with applicable NN or federal laws

Other Comments: Further information is needed to evaluate the project.

Premium Pay: To qualify as "premium pay" (also considered "hazard pay") there are several requirements that must be met. Under the American Rescue Plan and guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury, Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) can be used for premium pay only in limited situations.

Specifically, FRF can only be used to provide *premium pay* to *eligible workers* that are performing *essential work* to *respond* to pandemic.

The italicized terms are further defined as follows:

- Premium Pay = Up to \$13 per hour; no more than \$25,000 per employee in total. This must be paid in addition to the employee's regular compensation.
- Eligible Workers = Are those employees needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sections and additional sectors as each government may designate as critical to protect the health and wellbeing of residents. This includes those providing vital services to Tribes.

• Essential Work = Is that work that requires interaction with people or things that have interacted with people. This definition would exclude hour that were teleworked.

• Respond = To be responsive, Treasury guidance indicates that one of the three conditions must be met:

Condition 1: The employee's total pay (premium pay and regular compensation) must be less or equal to 150% the state's or county's average annual wages for all occupations; or

Condition 2: The employees who are eligible to receive premium pay must be eligible for overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FSLA).

Condition 3: A justification must be submitted to Treasury explaining how the premium pay is responsive to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, while premium pay can be paid for work retroactive back to March 3, 2020, it cannot be paid for work after April 10, 2023, the date on which the National Emergency ended.

The Project should be resubmitted and answer the following questions:

- 1. Are the workers eligible to receive payments employees of the Chapter or the Tribe?
- 2. Did the workers performed essential work, as defined above?
- 3. Did the workers all perform essential work in the time frame of March 2020 to April 10, 2023?
- 4. Based on the time frame to which the premium pay relates, confirm that the premium pay will be in addition to regular compensation and will not be more than \$13 dollars an hour. Stated differently, a worker cannot work have worked 10 hours between March 3, 2020 and April 10, 2023, and receive any more than \$130 dollars in premium pay.
- 5. Describe how the premium pay responds to the pandemic, specifically which of the three conditions outlined above is met.

Name of DOJ Reviewer: MacArthur Stant

Signature of DOJ Reviewer: March Lot

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.

Appendix A

THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS REQUEST FORM & EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR GOVERNANCE-CERTIFIED CHAPTERS

Part 1. Identification of parties.

Governance-Certified Chapter requesting FRF: Nazlini Chapter Government	Date prepared: May. 1, 2023
Chapter's P.O. Box 7387, Nazlini, Arizona 86540-7387 mailing address:	
This Form prepared by:Melissa Winney, Chapter Manager	
CONTACT PERSON'S name and title Title and type of Project: Hazard/Premium Pay	CONTACT PERSON'S info
Chapter President:Lee V. Bigwater	phone & email: Ibigwater@naataanii
Chapter Vice-President: Joseph Dedman	phone & email: josephdedman32@gmail.com
	phone & email: asdzaaltsui@hotmail.com
Chapter Treasurer: JoAnn Dedman	phone & email: asdzaaltsui@hotmail.com
Chapter Manager or CSC: Melissa Winney, Chapter Mgr.	phone & email: mwinney@nnchapter.com
DCD/Chapter ASO: Edgerton Gene, Sr. Prog./Proj. Sp.	phone & email: (928) 674-2251 egene@nndcd.org
List types of Subcontractors or Subrecipients that will be paid with FRF (if kn	own):
	document attached
Amount of FRF requested: \$94,200.00 FRF funding period: Ma	ay 1, 2023 - December 31, 2026 indicate Project starting and ending/deadiins 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:

This Nazlini Hazard/Premium Pay for Employees project is for essential personnel whose duties were substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The project will provide hazard/premium pay for work performed since March 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project expenditure for workers who provided logistical support & assistance in mitigating, preparing, responding & recoverying from this emergency situations & expanded & improved community services. Access to utilities & government services facilitates sustainable economic & social growth & can drastically increase the quality of healthcare documentations.

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

Most rual communities on the Navajo Nation lack access to governmental services & COVID-19 impeded these operations. This project contributed & strengthened the local direct mitigation, preparedness, response & recovery of local governmental services & local emergency situations to address the needs for the community. This project assisted in promoting public health & economic stimulus & the Navajo people directly benefit from this project.

document attached

⁽c) 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:

APPENDIX A

Based on the funding, the project end date will be December 31, 2026 with all funds being incumbered before December 31, 2024. Navajo Nation Budget Form 2 are attached for phase goals per quarter of funding period.

document attached

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

The Nazlini Chapter Government Chapter Manager will be implementing the NN ARPA Funding Act & Nazlini ARPA Chapter Hazard/Premium Pay for Employees project.

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:

Nazlini Chapter Government will be responsible for executing payouts of the Chapter Hazard/Premium Pay for Employees, no additional cost or recurring cost will be incurred by Nazlini Chapter Government once project is completed.

document attached

Chapter Resolution 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:

Categories: Premium Pay: 4.1 - Public Sector Employees

Pursuant to the U.S. Treasury guidelines and funding objectives, this warehouse will address the conditions that contributed to poor public health & economic outcomes during the pandemic. By concentrating in areas with limited economic opportunities & inadequate or poor housing quality, the access to resources facilitates improved health outcomes including services connecting residents with healthcare resources, public assistance & build healthier environments such as: government & housing services to support healthy living environments & communities conducive to mental & physical wellness. The exacerbation of health disparities during the pandemic & the role of pre-existing social vulnerabilities are responsive to the public health impact of the pandemic. This warehouse will a build healthier environment. Access to government services that facilitates sustainable economic, social growth & can drasically increase the quality of healthcare provided document attached

Part 3. Additional documents.

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

Chapter's Milin Dinne	_ Approved by:	(Chapter Prospent (cr//ice-President)
Approved by:	Approved by:	signature of DCD/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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ART I. Business Unit No.: Prepared By: Mellssa Winn	ev. Chanter Manag			(928) 755-9500 Email	Address:	Division/Branch:	Executive	
ART IL FUNDING SOURCE(S)	Fiscal Year /Term	Amount	% of Total	PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY	Fund Type	(A) NNC Approved	(B)	(C) Difference
IN Fiscal Recovery Funds	5/1/23-12/31/26	94,200.00	100%		Code	Original Budget	Proposed Budget	Total
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				5500 Communications and Utilities				
				6000 Repairs and Maintenance				
				6500 Contractual Services	6	0	94,200.00	94,200.00
				7000 Special Transactions				
				8000 Public Assistance				
				9000 Capital Outlay				
				9500 Matching Funds				
				9500 Indirect Cost				1
					TOTAL	\$0.00	94,200.00	94,200.00
				PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES	;	(D)	(E)	
				Total # of Positions	Budgeted:	0	0]
	TOTAL:	\$94,200.00	100%	Total # of Vehicles	Budgeted:	0	0	1
SUBMITTED BY: M	elissa Winney, Char	oter Manager	TAINED	N THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLE APPROVED BY: Ar	/	CURATE. ell, Director		
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Jaron Charley, Program Manager

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THE NAVAJO NATION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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ART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION:			<u></u>					
Business Unit No.: NEW Program Nar	ne/Title:	Naziini Ch	apter Gov	1-Hazard	Premiu	m Pay		-
ART II. PLAN OF OPERATION/RESOLUTION NUMBER/PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:								
The Navajo Nation Chapters Plan of Operations is reference in Title 26 of the Navajo Nation	n Code.							
ART III. PROGRAM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:		t QTR	and and and an owner of the	QTR		QTR	A second s	QTR
	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual
1. Goal Statement:								
Provide premium/hazard pay for essential workers								
Program Performance Measure:				<u> </u>				
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ART IV. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN TH Melissa Winney, Chapter Manager	OROUGHLY REVI	EWED.	rbin Mite	chell, Direc	tor			
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Program Managar & Signature and Date	×10/30/2023	and the second s		ranch Chief's	Signatur	e and Date	-	

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THE NAVAJO NATION DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

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PART II. I (A)	ETAILED BUDGET: (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)
6960 6990	Assistance Hazard Pay for essential personnel Hazard/Premium Pay to essential workers who worked throughout the COVID-19 Emergency. 4 staff at \$50,000 each 5 staff at \$2,000.00 each 6 staff at \$6,000.00 each 3 staff at \$15,400.00 each Premium Pay: Public Sector Employees - ARPA Chapter Hazard/Premium Pay for Employees Project. This Nazlini Hazard/Premium Pay for Employees project is for essential personnel whose duties were substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The project will provide hazard/premium pay for work preformed since March 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project expenditures for workers who provided logistical support & assistance in mitigating, preparing, responding & recoverying from this emergency situation & expanded & improved community services. Access to utilities & government services facilitates sustainable economic & social growth	94,200	94,200
	TOTAL	94,200	94,200

THE NAVAJO NATION PROJECT BUDGET SCHEDULE

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Public Health Emergency. T	This project will provide hazard/premium pay for work performed since March 2020 a the start of the pandemic.													c.	Plan	ned En	d Date:	:			1	2/31/	202	<u>;</u>							
Check one box:	☑ Original Budget															Proje	ect Mar	ager:	Melis	Melissa Winney											
PART III.	PART IV. Use Fiscal Year (FY) Quarters to complete the information below. O = Oct.; N = Nov.; D = Dec., etc. Expected Completion Date if																														
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NAZLINI CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

LEE V. BIGWATER CHAPTER PRESIDENT · JOSEPH DEDMAN CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT · JOANN DEDMAN SECRTARY/TREASURER · <u>CRYSTALYNE CURLEY</u> · <u>IRVIN SHIRLEY</u> COUNCIL DELEGATE · <u>IRVIN SHIRLEY</u> GRAZING REPRESENTATIVE

NAZLINI CHAPTER RESOLUTION NAZL-JULY-23-062

APPROVING THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) PROJECTS AND BUDGETS AND REQUESTING THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL FOR SUPPORT AND APPROVAL

WHEREAS:

- Pursuant to N.N.C., Title 26, Section 101, and the Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee Legislation #RDCF-0052-15 dated February 17, 2015, Nazlini Chapter Government was recognized as an LGA Certified Chapter and delegated with the responsibility and authority to make decisions over local chapter matters; AND
- Pursuant to Resolution CJN-29-22, the Navajo Nation Council approved the allocation of \$1,070,298,867.00 of the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds and approved the Fiscal Recovery Fund Expenditure Plans for chapter and regional projects; AND
- The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office anticipates that some chapters and organizations will not be able to encumber and expend allocated funds before the deadlines established by the Federal Government; AND
- 4. Nazlini Chapter would like to take a proactive approach and be prepared with shovelready projects to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity; AND
- Nazlini Chapter will submit the additional proposed projects to the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund Office, Division of Community Development and Navajo Department of Justice to determine project eligibility.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

 The Nazlini Chapter hereby approves the proposed request for additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects and budget and requests the 25th Navajo Nation Council for support and approval as listed below. Page Two NAZL-JULY-23-062 July 07, 2023

	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY & TITLE	AMOUNT
01	Hazard/Premium Pay	4.1-Premium Pay	\$94,200.00
02	Wood/Pellet Stoves	2.18-Housing Support	\$140,000.00
03	Refrigerators & Ranges	2.18-Housing Support	\$195,000.00
04	PEP Temporary Employment	2.37-Econ Impact Assistance	\$762,178.54
05	Equipment & Machinery	6.1-Prov of Govt Services	\$520,000.00
06	C-Store/Post Office/Laundromat	6.1-Prov of Govt Services	\$10,000,000.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$11,711,378.54

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered and moved for adoption by <u>Lorraine Nulls</u>, seconded by <u>Elbert Woody</u> and passed by a vote of <u>27</u> in favor, <u>0</u> opposed, <u>0</u> abstained, this 7th day of July 2023.

. Bigwater, Chapter President Lee

JoAnn Dedman, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Joseph Dedman Jr., Chapter Vice President

Irvin R. Shirley, Grazing Representative

