



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 #: HK0334

Date & Time Received: 12/16/22 14:07

Date & Time of Response: 12/22/22 17:00

Entity Requesting FRF: Low Mountain Chapter

Title of Project: Cell Tower Project w/CellularOne - Tower Construction Plans

Administrative Oversight: _____

Amount of Funding Requested: \$700,000.00

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: 1.14 Other Public Health 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: _____

Name of DOJ Reviewer: MacArthur Stant

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.

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: Cell Tower Project w/CellularOne - Tower Construction Plans

Chapter President: Ben L. Gonnie phone & email: (928) 313 - 8726 / m63563963@gmail.com
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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): Smith Bagley, Inc. DBA Cellular One of Northeast Arizona

☒ document attached

Amount of FRF requested: \$700,000.00 FRF funding period: NOVEMBER 14, 2022-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:

Cell Tower Project w/ CellularOne: Basically, ARPA Funds to be used for Cellular Tower Construction Cost. Covid-19 high priority for expanded telecommunication services for health standards, social services, well being, and Covid-19 mitigation for the LMC (4) community areas.

☒ document attached

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

The broadband buildout plans for the Navajo Nation is vital in that unserved and underserved Navajo people can be adequately served. Important for the Navajo people to become connected and stay connected. Communication for schools, public safety, hospitals, and government are necessary for bridging the gap between rural chapters and the 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, 2026:

Planning/Design & Construction June 30th, 2023, lack of collaboration or spending plan problems. Not meeting local goals and objectives. e.g., Navajo Nation government reneged on cell tower construction project previously was under the Defunded Cares Act and held up again when funds were reactivated. NTUA used untrue statement lease problem with NLD and land use fee NLD waived the issue.

☒ document attached

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

Low mountain chapter officials, administration, Smith Bagley, Inc. DBA CellularOne, project manager.

☒ 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:

Smith Bagley, Inc. CellularOne. Navajo Nation budget, Low mountain chapter?

☐ 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:

5.17 Broadband: Other Projects

This Project falls under these categories because building a cell tower impacts some part of each category listed, making it very beneficial.

Prior Cares Act NTUA unspent funds reverted to Navajo Nation Hardship Funds to cause the project with no practical significance.

☒ document attached

Part 3. Additional documents.

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

1. CellularOne Documents
2. Resolutions
3. Support Letters
4. Other Information
5. Emails
6. Memorandums

☐ 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

THE NAVAJO NATION
PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

PART I. Business Unit No.: <u> </u>		LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER		DCD/Executive	
Prepared By: <u>MAREITA DENNY, Chapter Manager</u>		Phone No.: <u>928-725-3700</u>		Email Address: <u>lowmountain@navajochapters.org</u>	
Program Title: <u>New</u>		Fund Type Code		NDC Approved Original Budget	
Fiscal Year / Term		PART III. BUDGET SUMMARY		(B) Proposed Budget	
Amount		Fund Type Code		(C) Difference or Total	
11/14/22 12/31/24		2001 Personnel Expenses			
700,000.00		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		0	
		9000 Capital Outlay		700,000.00	
		9500 Matching Funds			
		9500 Indirect Cost			
		TOTAL		700,000.00	
		PART IV. POSITIONS AND VEHICLES		(E)	
		Total # of Positions Budgeted:		0	
		Total # of Vehicles Budgeted:		0	
TOTAL: \$700,000.00		100%			
PART V. I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BUDGET PACKAGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.					
SUBMITTED BY: <u>Sonlasia Jim-Martin</u>		APPROVED BY: <u>Dr. Pearl Yellowman</u>		Division Director / Branch Chief's Printed Name	
Program Manager's Printed Name		Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature		12.13.22	
Program Manager's Signature and Date		Division Director / Branch Chief's Signature and Date			

THE NAVAJO NATION
DETAILED BUDGET AND JUSTIFICATION

FY 2023

BUDGET FORM 4

PART I. PROGRAM INFORMATION: Program Name/Title: <u>LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER</u> Business Unit No.: <u>New</u>			
PART II. DETAILED BUDGET: (A) (B) (C) (D)			
Objete Description and Justification (LOD 7)			
9020	Infrastructure	9036 - Communication: Construct 180' Cellular Tower Education and Emergency (E911) use for the community membership @ \$750,000.00 = \$750,000.00.	700,000.00
			700,000.00
TOTAL			700,000.00

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

RELATED TO THE NAVAJO NATION CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM, HEREBY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING FUNDING LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 700,000.00 FROM THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (NNFRF) AS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TOWARD THE LOW MOUNTAIN CHAPTER CELL TOWER CONSTRUCTION PLANS WITH CELLULARONE.

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 finds that using the NNFRF for the LMC Cell Tower Project with CellularOne is in the best interest of the LMC community and the local Navajo Chapter membership and COVID-19 mitigation high priority for expanded telecommunication services for health standards, social services, well-being as the state of being happy, healthy, or prosperous; **AND,**
4. The Navajo Nation Broadband buildout plans is vital in that unserved and underserved local Navajo people can be adequately served to become connected and stay connected, communication for Schools, Public Safety, Hospital, and government, etc. are necessary for bridging the gap between our rural Chapter community and the Navajo Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

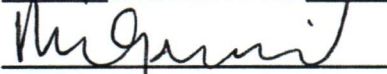
1. Related To The Navajo Nation Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program, Hereby Recommending And Approving Funding Low Mountain Chapter In The Amount Of \$ 700,000.00 From The Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds (NNFRF) As Authorized By The American Rescue Plan Act Toward The Low Mountain Chapter Cell Tower Construction Plans With CellularOne.

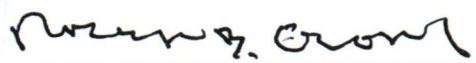
Motion By: John Pekin

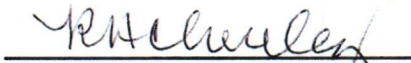
Second By: Sullivan John

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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 November, 2022.


Ben L. Gonnie, Chapter President


Roger B. George, Chapter Vice President


Rose Ann Charley, Chapter Secretary