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TITLE: An Action Relating to Budget and Finance Committee: Approving the Navajo Nation CARES Funds Expedited Procedures and Application Instructions and Related Documents

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DATE: June 30, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION CARES FUNDS EXPEDITED PROCEDURES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to approve the CARES Funds Expedited Procedures and Application Instructions.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE

NAVAJO NATION CARES FUNDS EXPEDITED PROCEDURES AND

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Authority

A. The Budget and Finance Committee has the authority to approve the Navajo Nation CARES Funds expedited budget procedures pursuant to CMY-44-20, Section 9, Paragraph B.

Section Two. Findings


B. Council Resolution CMY-44-20 directed the Office of Management and Budget to “develop expedited budget procedures, including forms, if necessary for the expeditious expenditure of CARES Act Funding for approval by the Budget and
Finance Committee within ten (10) days of the enactment of this legislation.” CMY-44-20, Section 9, Paragraph B.

C. The Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) collaborated with the Office of the Controller (“OOC”), the Department of Justice, and the Office of Legislative Counsel to prepare the Navajo Nation CARES Funds Expedited Procedures and Application Instructions (the “Procedures”), Application Form, Applicant Certification, and Financial Report Template, attached as Exhibit A.

D. The entities eligible to receive NN CARES Funds are Navajo Nation central government entities, Navajo Nation chapters and townships, Navajo Nation Enterprises and other Navajo Nation-owned entities, and entities external to the Navajo Nation government that provide benefits and services to the Navajo People.

E. The Procedures allow eligible entities to submit applications to OMB and OOC for review and a determination of eligibility.

F. The eligibility determination by OMB and OOC shall be based on whether the applicant’s intended use of the funds is allowed pursuant to the federal CARES Act requirements, Council Resolution CMY-44-20, and other Navajo Nation laws.

G. The Procedures provide for an expedited review from OMB and OOC that will occur within 72 hours of receiving the Application Form and supporting documents. To facilitate the expedited review process, the Application can be submitted to OMB and OOC at the same time.

H. After review by OMB and OOC, the documents are eligible to be presented to the Office of Legislative Counsel to draft legislation for approval of an expenditure plan by the Navajo Nation Council.

I. Upon approval of an expenditure plan by the Navajo Nation Council, funding for applicants other than Navajo Nation central government entities shall be administered through a Memorandum of Agreement. Direct funding is available for Navajo Nation central government entities only.
Section Three. Approval

The Navajo Nation approves the Navajo Nation CARES Funds Expedited Procedures and Application Instructions, Application Form, Applicant Certification, and Financial Report Template, attached as Exhibit A.