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## Delegates Shepherd and Brown present funding to Kayenta community



**PHOTO: Council Delegates Alton Joe Shepherd and Nathaniel Brown present approximately \$251,000 to Kayenta Chapter on August 3, 2015 for power line projects in the community of Kayenta.**

**KAYENTA, Ariz.** – With officials from the Kayenta Township, Kayenta Chapter and Council Delegate Nathaniel Brown (Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Kayenta) in attendance on Monday, Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichí, Steamboat) presented \$251,000 to assist in funding power line projects in the community of Kayenta.

The funding was made available through legislation sponsored by Delegate Shepherd and approved by the Navajo Nation Council in April, from the Navajo Nation’s Undesignated, Unreserved Fund Balance.

“As the chair of the Resources and Development Committee and on behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, I want to say thank you for helping our people to put electricity in their homes,” stated Delegate Shepherd to officials on Monday, including former Council Delegate Katherine Benally

who represented the community of Kayenta on the previous Council and advocated for the funding.

According to officials with the Kayenta Township, the \$251,000 will assist in providing electricity to 24 families with an overall estimated cost of over \$1 million.

Prior to the presentation, Delegate Shepherd and Delegate Brown met with officials from the Kayenta Township and the Kayenta Chapter to discuss how the two government entities can begin a government-to-government relationship.

Acknowledging that the two governmental entities have encountered challenges, Delegate Shepherd said RDC members encourage the two sides to have open lines of communication and to work cooperatively for the benefit of community members.

“It is always great to have our Diné leaders work together to improve the quality of life for our people by providing basic necessities, especially for the elderly people,” stated Delegate Brown. “I know this will lift the spirits of the families and we will continue to seek additional funding to complete the project.”

Delegates Shepherd and Brown thanked the chapter administration, elected officials, and the chapter members for their continued support of the projects.

Delegate Brown said he hopes see the project fully funded in the next several months and the project completed in approximately one year.

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