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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0146-20

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.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020
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11 RELATING TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE
12 NAVAJO NATION CARES FUNDS EXPEDITED PROCEDURES AND
13 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS
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15 BE IT ENACTED:

16 **Section One. Authority**

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

22 A. The Navajo Nation established and approved the Navajo Nation CARES Fund in
23 Council Resolution CMY-44-20, "Enacting the 'Navajo Nation CARES Fund Act'
24 by Amending Title 12 of the Navajo Nation Code and Establishing 'The Navajo
25 Nation CARES Fund' Received from the United State Pursuant to Title V of the
26 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ('CARES Act')," on May 30,
27 2020.

28 B. Council Resolution CMY-44-20 directed the Office of Management and Budget to
29 "develop expedited budget procedures, including forms, if necessary for the
30 expeditious expenditure of CARES Act Funding for approval by the Budget and

1 Finance Committee within ten (10) days of the enactment of this legislation.” CMY-
2 44-20, Section 9, Paragraph B.

- 3 C. The Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) collaborated with the Office of the
4 Controller (“OOC”), the Department of Justice, and the Office of Legislative
5 Counsel to prepare the Navajo Nation CARES Funds Expedited Procedures and
6 Application Instructions (the “Procedures”), Application Form, Applicant
7 Certification, and Financial Report Template, attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 8 D. The entities eligible to receive NN CARES Funds are Navajo Nation central
9 government entities, Navajo Nation chapters and townships, Navajo Nation
10 Enterprises and other Navajo Nation-owned entities, and entities external to the
11 Navajo Nation government that provide benefits and services to the Navajo People.
- 12 E. The Procedures allow eligible entities to submit applications to OMB and OOC for
13 review and a determination of eligibility.
- 14 F. The eligibility determination by OMB and OOC shall be based on whether the
15 applicant’s intended use of the funds is allowed pursuant to the federal CARES Act
16 requirements, Council Resolution CMY-44-20, and other Navajo Nation laws.
- 17 G. The Procedures provide for an expedited review from OMB and OOC that will occur
18 within 72 hours of receiving the Application Form and supporting documents. To
19 facilitate the expedited review process, the Application can be submitted to OMB
20 and OOC at the same time.
- 21 H. After review by OMB and OOC, the documents are eligible to be presented to the
22 Office of Legislative Counsel to draft legislation for approval of an expenditure plan
23 by the Navajo Nation Council.
- 24 I. Upon approval of an expenditure plan by the Navajo Nation Council, funding for
25 applicants other than Navajo Nation central government entities shall be
26 administered through a Memorandum of Agreement. Direct funding is available for
27 Navajo Nation central government entities only.
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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**.