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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee; Approving the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Funds, Division of Community Development (DCD) – Community Housing and Infrastructure Department (CHID), “DCD/CHID ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria”

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0072-24

DATE: April 1, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DCD), COMMUNITY HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT (CHID), ARPA NEW HOUSING APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

PURPOSE: Resolution CJN-29-22, Section Ten, Subsection D states: “The eligibility criteria for receiving services under the Housing Projects assigned to CHID shall be approved by the Resources and Development Committee by resolution and shall include equal distribution by Delegate Region.” The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Division of Community Development, Community Housing and Infrastructure, “DCD/CHID ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria,” at pages one and two, Sections I through VI, of EXHIBIT A.

Final Authority: Resources and Development Committee

Vote Required: Simple Majority

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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

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TRACKING NO. 0072-24

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,
APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DCD) – COMMUNITY HOUSING AND
INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT (CHID), “DCD/CHID ARPA HOUSING
APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA”

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500 (A), the Resources and Development Committee is hereby established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1), the Resources & Development Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Chapters.
- C. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500 (C) (3), the Resources and Development Committee has oversight authority over housing for various purposes including establishing policies appropriate to the housing needs of the Navajo Nation and its People.
- D. Resolution CJN-29-22 titled AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK’ÍKÁTI’ COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; ALLOCATING \$1,070,298,867 OF NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND EXPENDITURE PLANS FOR: CHAPTER

1 AND REGIONAL PROJECTS; PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY
2 COMMUNICATIONS, E911, AND RURAL ADDRESSING PROJECTS; CYBER
3 SECURITY; PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS; HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE; WATER
4 AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS; BROADBAND PROJECTS; HOME
5 ELECTRICITY CONNECTION AND ELECTRIC CAPACITY PROJECTS;
6 HOUSING PROJECTS AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING FACILITIES;
7 BATHROOM ADDITION PROJECTS; CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY
8 FUNDING; AND REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING was approved by the
9 Navajo Nation Council on July 8, 2022 and signed by the President on July 15, 2022.

- 10 E. In accordance with CJN-29-22, Section Ten, Subsection D, at page 16 of 28, “The
11 eligibility criteria for receiving services under the Housing Projects assigned to CHID
12 shall be approved by the Resources and Development Committee by resolution and
13 shall include equal distribution by Delegate Region.”

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15 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 16 A. In accordance with CJN-29-22, Section Ten, Subsection B (1), at page 15 of 28,
17 “\$50,000,000 [is allocated] to the Community Housing and Infrastructure Department
18 (CHID) for New Housing Projects, as Long-Term Housing Security: Services for
19 Unhoused Persons (Expenditure Category 2.15) ..., with administrative oversight by
20 the Division of Community Development and legislative oversight by the Resources
21 and Development Committee.”
- 22 B. In accordance with CJN-29-22, Section Ten, Subsection C, at page 16 of 28, “The
23 Housing Projects assigned to CHID ... are need-based.”
- 24 C. The CJN-29-22, Section Ten (D) Housing Projects “shall include equal distribution by
25 Delegate Region.”
- 26 D. The Community Housing and Infrastructure Department developed the “DCD/CHID
27 ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria,” at Sections I through VI, of

28 **EXHIBIT A.**

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1 E. The “DCD/CHID ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria” was developed
2 to provide guidance to the Nation for determining the most qualified, eligible applicants
3 to receive new housing under CJN-29-22 Section 10 (B) (1).

4 F. The “DCD/CHID ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria” will ensure all
5 applicants are qualified tribal members that have provided the required documentation
6 and will consider site specific homesite conditions and costs associated with the
7 required removal/demolition of existing structures, site preparation, available utilities,
8 and accessibility to the homesite with the objective of maximizing the funding and
9 serving as many tribal members with new housing as possible in each Delegate Region.

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11 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

12 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
13 approves the “DCD/CHID ARPA Housing Application and Eligibility Criteria,” at
14 Sections I through VI, of **EXHIBIT A**.