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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Resource and Development Committee;
Certifying that Navajo Nation Has Met the Citizen Participation Requirements Set
Forth at 24 CFR 1003.604**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0255-25

DATE: November 7, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CERTIFYING THAT THE NAVAJO NATION HAS MET THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH AT 24 CFR 1003.604

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution is to certify that the Navajo Nation has met the citizen participation requirements at 24 CFR 1003.604 to support the 2025 Indian Community Development Block Grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

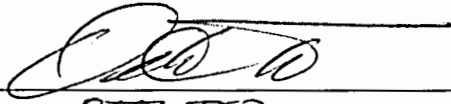
VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

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

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: 4-20
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Eligible for Action: 11-13-25

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – THIRD YEAR, 2025

Introduced by:


OTTB TSO
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
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PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH AT 24 CFR 1003.604

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and 501 (C)(1).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has the power to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state, and federal levels, in cooperation and coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the appropriate Committee of the Navajo Nation Council on proposed resolutions or actions affecting housing development. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (B)(5).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Indian Community Development Block Grant (“ICDBG”) program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska

1 Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and
2 economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons.

3 B. The Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program is
4 established under the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development with the
5 role to administer the CDBG program consistent with guidelines, interpret rules
6 governing the CDBG program, provide technical assistance on proposal writing,
7 apply for ICDBG grants, and to keep the Nation abreast of latest developments at
8 the national level.

9 C. Prior to the submission of the Fiscal Year 25 (“FY25”) ICDBG application, the
10 Navajo Nation must certify through a tribal resolution that the Navajo Nation has
11 met the Citizen Participation requirements set forth in the Code of Federal
12 Regulations (“CFR”) at 24 CFR 1003.604, which is attached as **Exhibit A**.

13 D. The relevant CFR provision on citizen participation requires the applicant, in this
14 instance the Navajo Nation, to follow traditional means of resident involvement to
15 include, at a minimum:

16 1. Furnishing residents with information concerning the amounts of funds
17 available for proposed community development and housing activities and
18 the range of activities that may be undertaken,

19 2. Holding on or more meetings to obtain the views of residents on
20 community development and housing needs. Meetings shall be scheduled
21 in ways and at times that will allow participation by residents.

22 3. Developing and publishing or posting a community development
23 statement in such a manner as to afford affected residents an opportunity
24 to examine its contents and to submit comments.

25 4. Affording residents an opportunity to review and comment on the
26 applicant’s performance under any active community block grant.

27 E. The ICDBG Citizen Participation Plan and FY25 public hearing documents
28 submitted to satisfy the CFR’s requirements include:

29 1. The Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant Program, Citizen
30 Participation Plan, attached as **Exhibit B**;

2. CDBG Program Guidance including the agenda and supporting documents provided at the FY25 CDBG public hearings, attached as **Exhibit C**;
3. Notice of public hearings, agendas, and sign-in sheets for the hearings, and published notice of the Navajo Nation's CDBG Community Development Statement, attached as **Exhibit D**; and
4. Documents indicating the questions and answers from the public hearings held, attached as **Exhibit E**.

F. The FY25 ICDBG Citizen Participation Plan has been reviewed through the Section 164 process, with all reviewers noting the documents to be sufficient. The Section 164 review process documents are attached as **Exhibit F**.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council certifies that the Navajo Nation CDBG Citizen Participation Plan satisfies the requirements set forth in 24 CFR 1003.604(a) and (b).