

RESOLUTION OF THE
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2015

AN ACTION
RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE,
APPROVING THE COMMUNITY WELLNESS
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUND

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

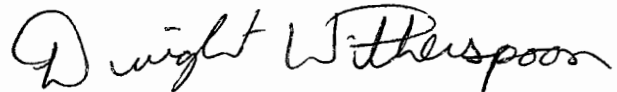
- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and RDC serve as oversight of Division of Community Development. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A) and 501 (C) (1) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) as a Navajo Nation standing committee and B&F approves fund management plans with the recommendation of appropriate oversight committee, RDC, and affected division or branch, Division of Community Development. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A) and 301 (B) (14) (2012) *see also* CJA-03-13.
- C. Navajo Nation approved the use of the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund to deposit funds from revenue collected from the Healthy Diné Act; once the plan was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee. CN-54-14.
- D. Approving the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund is in the Navajo Nation's best interest.

Section Two. Community Wellness Development Projects Fund Approval

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby approves the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund pursuant to 24 N.N.C. 1020 (2014). See CN-54-14. The Community Wellness Development Projects Fund is set forth in EXHIBIT A.
- B. The Navajo Nation Controller shall establish an account for the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund and the account shall be managed in accord with the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund and all applicable Navajo Nation laws and policies.
- C. The Community Wellness Development Projects Fund shall be effective upon approval by the Budget and Finance Committee.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 1 opposed, this 13th day of April, 2015.



Dwight Witherspoon, Vice Chairperson
Budget and Finance Committee

Motion: Tom T. Chee

Second: Lee Jack, Sr.

**COMMUNITY WELLNESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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1001. Establishment.

There is hereby established the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund Management Plan (hereafter “Fund”) for use within the Division of Community Development and the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall provide legislative oversight.

1002. Purpose.

The purpose of this Fund is to establish a special revenue account, and its necessary sub-accounts, to provide funds to chapters as seed money for leverage to initiate, match, and/or improve Community Wellness Projects. Community Wellness Projects are Navajo Nation Chapter community-owned wellness projects to address improvements to the physical and social environment of the community to improve health, support health and wellness, and to prevent and/or reduce the incidence of obesity, diabetes, and other health conditions.

1003. Administration.

A. Funding Source

The funding source of this Fund shall be revenue generated from the Unhealthy Foods Two-Percent (2%) Tax in accordance with the Healthy Diné Nation Act of 2014.

B. Legislative Oversight

The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council shall be the legislative oversight for funds appropriated under this Fund.

C. Program Management

The Division of Community Development shall have the authority and responsibility to allocate and disburse funds for eligible community wellness projects in conformance with Section 1004 and with concurrence by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

1004. Fund Management.

A. Fund Accounting

1. The records and books of account for the Fund shall be kept separate, with its own Balance Sheet, Revenue, and Expenditure Statement. This day-to-day Fund accounting shall be performed by the Navajo Nation Division of Finance, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
2. The Division of Community Development, or any designated program, shall account for the money disbursed out of the Fund. Such accounting shall be included as part of the quarterly program reports submitted to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation Council.

B. Funding Eligible Projects

The funds shall be used for Community Wellness Projects within the Navajo Nation to improve health; create an environment that supports health and wellness; impact physical and social environment where communities are empowered to take positive action; improve local capacity for wellness and improved health; make healthy food available and easily accessible; provide communities with clean water and recycling centers; reduce rates of chronic diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart diseases, cancer, etc.; preserve Diné tradition, culture, and language; preserve Diné traditional food; maintain a healthy weight; improve academic achievement of healthy children and youth; generate active and healthy communities; foster well-informed, educated communities about health and wellness to make positive, healthy choices, healthy individuals and families; build a healthy, thriving, and productive workforce; promote healthy businesses; reduce health care costs; to save lives and money; and to allow the people to take ownership of healthy initiatives; to protect and preserve our population for future healthy generations.

1. Eligible projects: Any community-based wellness projects that are planned, implemented, directed, and reported by members of the Navajo Nation communities, which may include:
 - a. Instruction:
 - i. Fitness classes (i.e. Zumba, aerobic, core training, indoor cycling);
 - ii. Traditional, intergenerational, and contemporary wellness workshops (i.e. Navajo philosophical and education teachings, Tai-Chi, Yoga);
 - iii. Health coaching (i.e. healthy eating education, goal-setting, self-care management);
 - iv. Navajo traditional craft classes (i.e. jewelry making, beading, weaving);
 - v. Traditional and non-traditional healthy food preparation workshops (i.e. making chilchin, making blue corn mush, cleaning and prepping corn, pinion preparation, prepping Navajo tea);
 - vi. Healthy food processing workshops (i.e. canning, food safety);
 - b. Equipment:
 - i. Wellness and exercise equipment;
 - ii. Supplies;
 - iii. Storage facilities.

- iv. Maintenance, conservation, or improvement of any of these projects;
- c. Built Recreational Environment:
 - i. Walking trails, running trails, biking trails;
 - ii. Skate parks, community parks;
 - iii. Picnic grounds;
 - iv. Playgrounds;
 - v. Basketball and volleyball courts;
 - vi. Baseball and softball fields;
 - vii. Swimming pools;
 - viii. Maintenance, conservation, or improvement of any of these projects;
- d. Social Setting:
 - i. Recreational, health, youth clubs (i.e. Senior Citizen events, walking club);
 - ii. Equine therapy (i.e. activities and interaction with horses, trail rides, introduction to horses, saddling, training.);
 - iii. Maintenance, conservation, or improvement of any of these projects;
- e. Education:
 - i. Health education materials;
 - ii. Presentations;
 - iii. Library;
- f. Community Food and Water Initiatives:
 - i. Healthy food initiatives;
 - ii. Community food cooperatives;
 - iii. Farming and vegetable gardens;
 - iv. Greenhouses;
 - v. Farmers' markets;
 - vi. Clean water initiatives;
 - vii. Clean communities initiatives (i.e., community trash pick-up day);
 - viii. Recycling initiatives;
 - ix. Healthy store improvements (i.e. posting signs for taxable unhealthy foods and tax-exempt healthy foods);
 - x. Agricultural projects (i.e. 4-H activities)
 - xi. Maintenance, conservation, or improvement of any of these projects;
- g. Health Emergency Preparedness:
 - i. First-Aid, CPR, AED certification, etc.
- h. Any matching funds projects funded by federal, state, or county, or public entities, that have not been addressed by the Navajo Nation or other tribal budget programming.

C. Funding Allocation Process

- 1. The Division of Community Development may use any recommendations from Chapters of the Navajo Nation to access the Community Wellness Development Projects Fund. The Chapters shall specify the eligible projects and eligible matching funds projects to be funded.

2. Expenditures from this Fund shall not be used for the following Navajo Nation account line items:

Meetings

3. The Community Wellness Development Projects Fund Management Plan shall not be deemed to waive or amend any requirements of law.

1006. Effective Date

The effective date of the Fund shall be the date of approval of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and shall remain in effect until the Navajo Nation Council terminates this Fund by resolution.

1007. Audit Requirement

Independent auditors shall annually audit the Fund as part of the overall audit of the Navajo Nation Government.

1008. Amendments

The Community Wellness Development Projects Fund Management Plan may be amended from time to time upon recommendation from the Division of Community Development and the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and approval from the Budget and Finance Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.