

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDING THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI GRANTS, PARTS A, B AND C, FOR THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2023

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation is a federally recognized Tribe existing and acting pursuant to its inherent and retained sovereignty.
2. The Health, Education and Social Services Committee, generally, is empowered to act in all matters that concern the health, safety, and well-being of the Navajo Nation and its members. The committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and federal levels, in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting health, environmental health, social services, education, veterans services, employment, training and labor." 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7).
3. The Federal government provides funding to American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA). The purpose of the act to promote the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services that are comparable to services provided under Title III of the OAA. The goal of these programs is to support the independence and well-being of elders and caregivers living in their communities with nutrition, supportive and caregiver services consistent with locally-determined needs. See, <https://acl.gov/grants/funding>.

4. Parts A and B of Title VI (of the OAA) authorize grants to Indian tribes authority to provide nutrition and supportive services. Required nutrition services include congregate meals and home-delivered meals. Other nutrition-related services could include nutrition counseling, nutrition education, sponsorship of farmer's market programs, or distribution centers for food banks and charitable organizations. Required supportive services include information and assistance, but these funds could also provide transportation, chore services, and many other services that contribute to the well-being of elders. *Id.*
5. Part C of Title VI (OAA) authorizes grants to Indian tribes for caregiver support services. The program helps provide locally-determined systems of support services for family caregivers. *Id.*
6. The services made available by the funding received from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act is beneficial to the Navajo Nation's elders and their caregivers.
7. There is a critical need to continue the delivery of nutrition, supportive and caregiver services to the community elders and their caregivers.
8. The Navajo Nation recognizes its sovereign inherent right to serve elders age 60 and older and to seek funding for such service. The Navajo Nation further declares that the elder population meets the eligibility requirements required by the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants for Nutrition and Supportive Services, Parts A and B, and the Family Caregiver Program, Part C.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Health, Education & Social Services Committee respectfully requests the continuation of funding under the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants, Parts A, B and C for the grant period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023.
2. Navajo Nation assures that the compliance requirements as well as the rules and regulations associated with the Title VI Parts A, B and C of the Older Americans Act shall be met.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 14 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 12th day of December 2019.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

Motion: Honorable Daniel E. Tso
Second: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Chairman Seth Damon not voting

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Naa'bik'iyati Committee Meeting

04:16:02 PM

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Legislation 0369-19:

PASSED

MOT Tso, D

Respectfully Recommending the

SEC Brown

Continuation of Funding Under

the Administration for....

Yea : 14

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Yea : 14

Begay, E

Halona, P

Tso, C

Tso, O

Begay, P

Henio, J

Tso, D

Walker, T

Brown

Slater, C

Tso, E

Yellowhair

Charles-Newton

Smith

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 9

Begay, K

Freeland, M

Nez, R

Wauneka, E

Crotty

James, V

Stewart, W

Yazzie

Daniels

Presiding Chair: Damon