



The 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
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Navajo Nation FY 2020 Comprehensive Budget Approved by B&F, Naabik'iyáti' Committees

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Aug. 29, 2019 – The Budget and Finance Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council approved the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Budget with amendments on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019.

The total proposed appropriation for the Navajo Nation operating budget is \$1,253,069,202, which includes \$163.2 million of General Funds for all three branches of the Navajo Nation.

The budget provides full funding in the amount of \$2 million for chapter stipends for all 110 Navajo Nation Chapters. A 2% General Wage Adjustment totaling \$2,193,696 was also included in the budget approved by the committee. An additional \$1 million was proposed for the Navajo Nation Department of Aging and Long Term Care Services to be distributed among the five agencies in the amount of \$185,000 per agency.

The Budget and Finance Committee made amendments to the budget totaling \$1 million to fund a prosecutor for the Dził Yijiin judicial court, Department of Corrections officer positions and the Criminal Investigations unit. The committee also added funding for a Radiation Exposure Compensation Act position to lobby on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

The budget legislation was referred to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee the same day which approved the budget with the Budget and Finance Committee's amendments by a vote of 13 in favor and 2 opposed with chairman not voting. The budget legislation now requires 2/3 approval of the Navajo Nation Council.

The full Navajo Nation Council will start deliberation on the budget legislation Tuesday, Sep. 3, 2019, at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber beginning at 10:00 AM.

The Budget and Finance Committee is comprised of committee Chair Jamie Henio, Vice Chair Raymond Smith, Jr., and Council Delegates Elmer Begay, Nathaniel Brown, Amber Kanazbah Crotty and Jimmy Yellowhair are members.

The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is comprised of all members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council and is chaired by Speaker Seth Damon.

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