



The 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
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Navajo Nation Council Approves Full Funding for Chapter Stipends

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Sept. 6, 2019 – As part of the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Budget, the 24th Navajo Nation Council approved over \$4 million in funding for Chapter official stipends for the next fiscal year.

During the budget process, six months of Chapter official stipend funding was requested by the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development and President Jonathan Nez.

The Navajo Nation Council accepted the DCD budget and approved recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee to add an additional \$2 million to cover the remaining half of Chapter official funding for fiscal year 2020.

“On behalf of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, I commend the efforts of Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Jamie Henio for championing Chapter official stipends for the next fiscal year,” said Speaker Seth Damon.

The Navajo Nation Council also added a provision in the 2020 budget to make Chapter official stipends a priority for the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation Council approved \$1 million from the Fiscal Year 2020 Personnel Savings Fund and \$1 million from the Executive Branch carryover amount for Chapter official stipends.

The Navajo Nation Council also increased the amount of carryover funding for the Executive Branch by \$500,000 for a total of \$3 million.

Funding that is not spent by branches, programs, and divisions is normally returned to the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance at the end of the fiscal year unless a carryover is authorized by the Navajo Nation Council.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez is currently considering the approved Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Budget and has until Sept. 15 to approve, veto or line-item veto the budget after he receives it. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Code, the President of the Navajo Nation has final authority over the budget.

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