



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION SINCE 1968

Board of Regents

DC-MAY-xxxx-22

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS DINÉ COLLEGE

Approving and Supporting Diné College to submit a broadband proposal and plan to Navajo Nation ARPA Fund in the amount of Ten Million dollars (\$10,000,000).

WHEREAS:

1. The Diné College Board of Regents is empowered to exercise authority and control over Diné College and is responsible for the accomplishment of the Diné College purposes, 10 NNC § 2003 (2005 ed.); and
2. The Diné College is a non-profit post-secondary educational institution chartered by the Navajo Nation Council in 1968 for the purposes of providing educational opportunities to the Navajo people and others in areas important to the economic and social development of the Navajo Nation and other purposes, 10 NNC § 2002; and
3. The Diné College Board of Regents understands the need during this pandemic has imposed unexpected and unprecedented expenses and hardship across the nation passing previous resolution DC-JUN-2516-21.
4. The Diné College administration has continued effort to apply and seek various funding for our students and college.
5. The American Rescue Plan, signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, invests \$1.9 trillion in mandatory funding, program changes, and tax policies aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the pandemic.
6. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) makes changes to laws and provides emergency supplemental funding to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
7. The Navajo Nation's share of the \$20 Billion from the ARPA initially distributed to Tribal Nations in 2021 is one billion eight hundred and sixty-one million, five hundred and fifty-four thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-three cents (\$1,861,554,458.43).
8. The Navajo Nation ARPA Fund Act applies to this initial distribution and to any subsequent distributions by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

9. Diné College is requesting funding for three eligibility areas under the US Treasury appendix 1 listing; the requests are as follows:

Fiscal Recovery Area	Project Title	Requested Amount
5.16 Broadband Last-mile projects	Chinle to Tsaile Indian Wells to Dilkon Tuba City to Shonto	\$10,000,000.00
Total		\$10,000,000.00

10. The Diné College IT and Access Infrastructure broadband project is to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
11. Diné College acknowledges that any awarded funds will be used in compliance with the ARPA, the ARPA Regulations, and all other applicable Navajo Nation and federal laws and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Diné College Board of Regents approves and supports Diné College to submit a broadband proposal and plan to Navajo Nation ARPA Fund in the amount of Ten Million \$10,000,000.
2. The Diné College Board of Regents hereby authorizes, directs, and empowers the Diné College President to perform all actions deemed necessary and proper to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Diné College Board of Regents at a duly called meeting held in Tsaile, Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 0 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstained, this 13th day of May, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Exhibit A**, Navajo Nation ARPA Diné College Application for Broadband
2. **Exhibit B**, Navajo Nation Budget Form 1 for Broadband

Greg H. Bigman, President
Diné College Board of Regents

MOTION: Regent

SECOND: Regent