



The Navajo Nation **DR. BUU NYGREN** *PRESIDENT*

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July 20, 2026

Honorable Delegates of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
Navajo Nation Council
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Resolution No. CJY-34-26: Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CO-43-24; Granting LGA Certified Chapters the Authority to Expend Funds

Dear Honorable Members of the 25th Navajo Nation Council:

I hereby sign Resolution No. CJY-34-26 into law, reaffirming the allocation of Síhasin funding made through Resolution No. CO-43-24. Through Resolution No. CO-43-24, we allocated \$148,681,632.40 to the Division of Health's Division for Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS) for certain senior centers and \$35,471,787 to the Division of Community Development to address upgrades for certain senior centers. Exhibits D and E to the Resolution No. CO-42-24 identify the senior centers.

This Resolution does two things. It moves the responsibility for administering the \$148,681,632.40 from DALTCS to the Division of Community Development.

The second thing this Resolution does is authorize Local Governance Act Certified Chapters to request a Memorandum of Agreement with the Division of Community Development so that the LGA certified Chapter can receive their allocated funds for Senior Center repairs in their Chapter. The Kayenta Chapter has already passed a resolution seeking to obtain the funding allocated for the design build of a senior center.

I support the ability of LGA certified Chapters to manage funding for Senior Center buildings. This is a commitment to our elders by giving them local control over the allocated Síhasin funding.

Our senior centers are more than buildings, they are places where our elders receive nutritious meals, wellness services, cultural engagement, and community support. Investing in these facilities is an investment in the dignity, health, and well-being of our Diné elders, whose wisdom and leadership continue to guide our Nation.

This legislation recognizes the capability of Local Governance Act (LGA) certified Chapters to responsibly manage funds and implement projects that directly benefit their communities. By authorizing LGA certified Chapters to administer approved senior center projects through appropriate agreements with the Division of Community Development, we strengthen local governance, improve accountability, and reduce delays that have prevented critical improvements from moving forward.

My Administration through Director Candice Yazzie of the Division of Community Development remains committed to working collaboratively with LGA certified Chapters to ensure these funds are administered responsibly, and transparently.

By signing CJY-34-26, we reaffirm that strengthening local governments and investing in our senior centers are complementary goals that advance the health, resilience, and future of the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Buu Nygren', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Buu Nygren, *President*
THE NAVAJO NATION

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2026

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, BUDGET AND FINANCE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING RESOLUTION CO-43-24; GRANTING LGA CERTIFIED CHAPTERS THE AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over Chapter activities, and economic and community development on the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and 500(C).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the authority to review and recommend to the Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300(A) and 301(B)(2).
- C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the authority to hear all proposed resolutions that require final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164(A)(9) and 700(A).
- D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. On November 6, 2024, Resolution CO-43-24 was signed into law by the Navajo Nation President, which established an expenditure plan for funds intended to support senior citizen centers across the Navajo Nation.
- B. The Navajo Nation Council recognizes that senior citizen centers provide essential services to elders which include meals, wellness activities, social services, and community support, which are vital to the health and well-being of Navajo elders.
- C. Many Navajo Nation Chapters have achieved Local Governance Act ("LGA") certification, demonstrating their administrative and

financial capacity to manage funds, implement projects, and carry out programs in accordance with Navajo Nation laws and policies.

- D. Despite the approval of the funds under Resolution CO-43-24, LGA certified chapters currently lack explicit authority to directly expend these funds, which has delayed the implementation of projects and improvements for senior citizen centers.
- E. The Navajo Nation finds that allowing LGA certified chapters to expend funds from their approved expenditure plans will promote efficiency, strengthen local decision-making, and ensure that funds are utilized in a timely manner for the benefit of the Navajo people.
- F. The funds identified in Resolution CO-43-24 do not revert; however, the Navajo Nation Council finds that timely expenditure is necessary to ensure that senior citizen centers receive needed improvements, services, and resources without unnecessary administrative delay.
- G. Through Resolution No. KY26-11-024, attached as **Exhibit A**, Kayenta Chapter requests the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development enter into a sub-recipient agreement for the Design and build of the Kayenta Senior Center, which aligns with the purpose of this legislation.
- H. The Navajo Nation Council further finds that authorizing LGA certified chapters to expend funds pursuant to their approved expenditure plans will expedite project implementation, improve service delivery to senior citizens, and advance the Navajo Nation's commitment to supporting elders.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING RESOLUTION CO-43-24

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the title of CO-43-24 and CO-43-24, at Sections Four, Five, and Six, as follows:

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AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, APPROVING \$450,000 FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CROWNPOINT SENIOR CENTER APPROVING \$35,471,787 TO MAKE REPAIRS, CORRECT DEFICIENCIES, AND MAKE UPGRADES TO SENIOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE NAVAJO NATION; APPROVING \$148,681,632

FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO THE ~~DIVISION OF AGING AND LONGTERM CARE SUPPORT~~ DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER CHAPTER SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS; AND APPROVING THE RELATED EXPENDITURE PLANS

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SECTION FOUR. APPROVING \$148,681,632.40 FROM THE SÍHASIN FUND TO THE ~~DIVISION OF AGING AND LONG TERM CARE SUPPORT~~ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR OTHER CHAPTER SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS

- A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2505(A), the Navajo Nation hereby approves \$148,681,632.40 from the Síhasin Fund for the ~~Division of Aging and Long Term Care Support~~ Community Development for other Chapter Senior Center Projects listed in the attached EXHIBITS D-E.

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- H. If requested, DCD may transfer individual Chapter Project funds, accountability, and responsibility to a LGA certified chapter pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement or other form of grant agreement executed pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(B), as amended.
- I. LGA certified chapters that have been granted Síhasin Fund project funds and responsibilities, shall account for the money spent and such accounting or expenditure report, including project status, shall be submitted to DCD, the Office of the President and Vice-President, and the Resources and Development Committee on a quarterly basis.
- J. The 20% Contingency funds identified on Exhibit E shall be allocated pro-rata among all approved senior center projects listed on Exhibit E. DCD shall submit a written report to the Resource and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee detailing the pro-rata allocations for each project listed on Exhibit E.

SECTION FIVE. APPROVING \$35,471,787 TO THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR DEFICIENCIES AND UPGRADES TO SENIOR CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE NAVJAO NAVAJO NATION

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- I. If requested, DCD may transfer individual Chapter Project funds, accountability, and responsibility to a LGA certified chapter pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement or other form

of grant agreement executed pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164(B), as amended.

- J. LGA certified chapters that have been granted Síhasin Fund project funds and responsibilities, shall account for the money spent and such accounting or expenditure report, including project status, shall be submitted to DCD, the Office of the President and Vice-President, and the Resources and Development Committee on a quarterly basis.

SECTION SIX. DIRECTIVES

- A. DALTC, DCD, and the Department of Justice shall immediately take all steps necessary to ensure that all contracts with the Navajo Nation to expend the funds allocated and appropriated in CO-43-24 are consistent with this legislation and identify DCD and not DOH or DALTCS as the Authorized Representative and oversight of such contracts.
- B. DALTC, DCD, and DOJ shall provide a verbal and written report to the Resource and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee documenting the progress of reforming the contracts(s) identified in (A) above. Such reports shall be submitted at the end of each month until the reformation(s) are completed.
- C. The Office of the Controller (OOC) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall immediately take all steps necessary to ensure that Business Units are adjusted to reflect that the funds in CO-43-24 were appropriated to DCD and not to DOH or DALTC. Until such adjustments are complete, OOC and OMB shall submit a written report to the Resources and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee at the end of each month documenting the progress of such adjustments.
- D. As a condition of receiving the Síhasin funds approved herein, DCD and ~~DALTCS~~ shall submit written reports, and verbal reports if so requested, explaining the ongoing status of the Síhasin Funds approved herein and their expenditures. The written reports shall be provided to the Budget and Finance Committee, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, the Resources and Development Committee, and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee by the end of each Fiscal Year Quarter until all approved Síhasin funds are exhausted.

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SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE

If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 25th 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 21 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 2nd day of July 2026.



Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Speaker
25th Navajo Nation Council

7/10/2026

Date

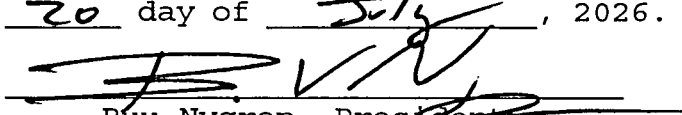
Motion: Honorable Carl R. Slater

Second: Honorable Otto Tso

Speaker Crystalyne Curley not voting

ACTION BY THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT:

1. I, hereby, sign into law the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10), on this 20 day of July, 2026.



Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

2. I, hereby, veto the foregoing legislation, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), on this _____ day of _____, 2026 for the reason(s) expressed in the attached letter to the Speaker.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation

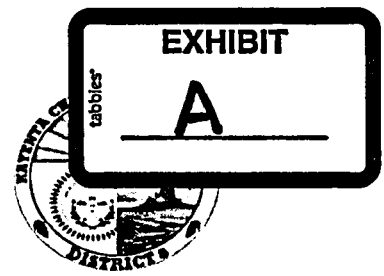
3. I, hereby, exercise line-item veto pursuant to the budget line-item veto authority delegated to the President by vote of the Navajo People in 2009, on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Buu Nygren, President
Navajo Nation



KAYENTA CHAPTER

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Resolution No: KY26-11-024

REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR KAYENTA CHAPTER TO ENTER INTO A SUB RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN AND BUILD OF THE KAYENTA SENIOR CENTER.

WHEREAS,

1. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 3(A), the Kayenta Chapter is a duly recognized certified chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at 11 N.N.C., Section 10; and
2. Pursuant to 26 N.N.C., Section 1(B), the Kayenta Chapter is vested with the authority to review all matters affecting the community and to make appropriate correction(s) when necessary and make recommendation(s) to the Navajo Nation and other local agencies for appropriate action(s); and
3. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-43-24, approved \$148,681,632.00 from the Sihasin fund to the Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support (DALTCS) to make repairs, correct deficiencies, and make upgrades to senior centers throughout the Navajo Nation; and
4. DALTCS does not have Project Managers to administer the requested funds and projects, the Division of Community Development was identified to manage the funding allocation; and
5. A memorandum dated March 14, 2025, was sent out from the Office of Management and Budget regarding the setup of the of new business units in FMIS; and
6. The Kayenta Senior Center has a business unit of C01940 totaling \$6,000,000.00 for plan/design/and construct; and
7. The Kayenta Senior Center has been closed for over two years; and
8. The Indian Health Service-Office of Environmental Health and Engineering recommended the Sanitation permit for Kayenta Senior Citizen Center Kitchen be suspended; and
9. The Navajo Nation Occupational Safety and Health Administration provided an onsite assessment and cited 14 findings; and
10. The Sihasin funding does not mention and demolition expenses; and
11. The Kayenta Chapter has been seeking other funding sources for the demolition of the existing Kayenta Senior Center; and
12. The Kayenta Chapter has made attempts to reach out to the Division Director with the Navajo Nation Department of Health to meet and discuss
13. The Kayenta Chapter community members have expressed frustration on the process of getting the a new Senior Center established; and

14. The Kayenta Chapter can enter into a sub-recipient agreement with the Navajo Nation so they can do their own procurement for the design and build of the new Kayenta Senior Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

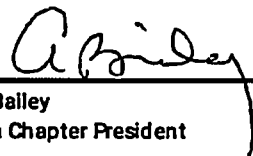
The Kayenta Chapter hereby request the Navajo Nation Department of Health and the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development for Kayenta Chapter to enter into a sub recipient agreement for the design and build of the Kayenta Senior Center.

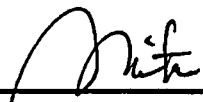
CERTIFICATION

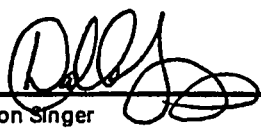
I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Kayenta Chapter, at a duly called meeting, in Kayenta (Navajo Nation), Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of: 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, this 19th day of November 2025.

Motioned by: Jarvis Williams

Seconded by: Ben Blackhorse

X 
Albert Bailey
Kayenta Chapter President

X 
Stanley Clitso
Kayenta Chapter Vice President

X 
Dalton Singer
Kayenta Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

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Navajo Nation Council Special Meeting

7/2/2026
12:00:42 PM

Amd# to Amd# New Business: Item A. (CONSENT)
MOT Slater, C #0109-26; #0096-26; #0090-26
SEC Tso, O (7/8)

PASSED

Yeas : 21

Nays : 0

Excused : 1

Not Voting : 1

Yea : 21

Begay, H	James, V	Nez, T	Tolth, G
Begay, N	Jesus, B	Notah, N	Tso, O
Charles-Newton, E	Johnson, C	Parrish, S	Yanito, C
Claw, S	Mitchell, A	Simonson, G	Yazzie, C
Crotty, A	Nez, R	Slater, C	Yazzie, L
Daniels, H			

Nay : 0

Excused : 1

Nez, A

Not Voting : 1

Simpson, D

Presiding Speaker: Curley, C