



NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

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DNR/DEPARTMENTS - FY 2021 ARP PROPOSALS

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DNR – Administration

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$10,839,510**
- To assist in the implementation and development of water, agriculture, infrastructure and pandemic emergency activities and related tasks.

Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department

- Economic Impact/ Loss Revenue/
Public Health/ Water Infrastructure/
Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$474,788,130**
- Request 3-year funding to continue reclamation/stabilization of abandoned mine sites eliminating physical hazards, ensuring the safety to the public; conduct water surface management by constructing erosion prevention earthen dams and at the same time recharge groundwater for continuous water supply; includes NEPA compliance, engineering & designs. AML's fund decreased due to businesses shutdown, no longer consuming mass energy due to COVID-19 and shelter-in-place protocols.

Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Department

- Economic Impact/ Loss Revenue/
Public Health/ Water Infrastructure/
Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$829,713**
- Complete project development worked
related to Navajo Nation projects,
working with partnerships/stakeholders
for projects completion.

Agriculture Department

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ BIA/Tribal Govt Services/ Tribal Set-Asides/ Coronavirus Capital Projects
- Amount Requested: **\$566,573,711**
- ARPA requests for Agriculture Investment:
- Farming \$341.5M for water delivery, irrigation, rehabilitation, evaluation, new systems, etc.;
- Rangeland Investment \$122M;
- Agri-Business/Capacity Building \$40M;
- BIA/Branch of Natural Resources Partnership \$64,073,711.

Fish & Wildlife Department/ Management & Research

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/
Loss Revenue/ Coronavirus Capital
Projects
- Amount Requested: **\$1,500,000**
- To construct day use areas, camp
areas and restroom facilities at
Wheatfields Lake Recreation Area.

Fish & Wildlife Department/Central Dispatch Unit/Records Management

- Coronavirus Recovery/ Education/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$430,571**
- Natural Resource Central Dispatching/ Records Management Upgrade: Upgrade CODY Dispatch System and desktop computers for Dispatchers for first year only and hire 1 full-time IT Specialist for 3 years. In preparation for future, large-scale emergencies, the system is in need of upgrading along with the need to replace old, outdated stand-alone computer desk top systems for each dispatcher; current annual operating costs for the dispatch system is approximately \$50,000.

Fish & Wildlife Department/ Animal Control

- Economic Impact/ Investments/
Public Health/ Coronavirus Capital
Projects
- Amount Requested: **\$1,313,340**
- Construct the Eastern Agency
Animal Shelter.

Fish & Wildlife Department/ Navajo Nation Zoo

- Public Health/ Revenue Loss/
Economic Impact/ Education/
Infrastructure
- Amount Requested: **\$911,744**
- Infrastructure Development at the Navajo Nation Zoo, shovel-ready: Build a new, sanitary, energy-efficient and handicap-accessible men/women restrooms on the south end of the Zoo grounds; additional tools/ operating supplies and help will get the Navajo Zoo back on track with its excellent animal care and construction/renovation development projects. An additional \$90,848 per year for 3 years is requested to complete this aspect of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fish & Wildlife Department/ Colorado Ranch Enterprise

- Coronavirus Impact/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ Water Infrastructure/ Revenue Loss/ Coronavirus Recovery
- Amount Requested: **\$1,300,895**
- Because of both the drought and COVID-19 pandemic operations at the ranch has been impacted; it was difficult to market animals, secure veterinary services due to closure, and provide stable water sources for grazing/irrigation. To properly prepare for future emergencies and address revenue shortfall funding is requested, to address the need for hay, herd health, vehicles, water development, agriculture and infrastructure development on the Wolf Springs/Boyer Ranches; request \$433,632 annually for 3 years.

Fish & Wildlife Department/ Natural Heritage Program

- Water Infrastructure/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ Coronavirus Recovery
- Amount Requested: **\$3,205,785**
- Biological Review/Compliance Functions: Support biological review functions, establish inventory and monitoring program of wildlife species and support daily operations of the Navajo Nation Natural Heritage Program, including hiring 5 Wildlife Biologist/Biological Reviewers for 3 years; request \$1,052,835 annually for 3 years.

Forestry Department

- BIA Tribal Government Services/ Public Health/ Economic Impact

- Amount Requested: **\$7,150,000**
- Construct new office building; current building is approx. 40 years old, need replacement; will allow for incorporation of safety protocols, customers, staff/equipment, estimated \$3m. Replace frequently utilized equipment/assorted attachments, 2 Bobcat Skid Steers \$500,000. Hire knowledgeable consultant to assist in layout and maintenance of forest roads for timber sales and forestry related activities, \$500,000. Replace safety equipment/supplies for law enforcement, \$150,000 (body armour, firearms, uniforms/field supplies). Partially fulfill the Nation's Carbon Offset Project requirement to conduct forest management, need to purchase equipment to allow harvesting, transportation and transformation of small diameter trees into poles for construction of hogans/log cabins; includes feller buncher, harvester, tree debarked, trailers, doweling machine, estimated \$3 million. This will allow to manage the forest while creating a home construction product.

General Land Development Department

- Lease/Permits/ROW/Tribal Authorization Impact/Land Withdrawal/Service Line Agreements/Application to Drill/Coronavirus Recovery
- Amount Requested: **\$1,647,217**
- Additional funding will provide for position establishments within department to eliminate the lengthy processes of processing project packages thru the 164 process.

Heritage & Historic Preservation Department

- Tribal Provisions/ Recovery Fund/
COVID-19 Response & Recovery/
Infrastructure Investment
- Amount Requested: **\$884,539**
- Request for financial assistance to handle a multitude of compliance reviews for Section 106 projects to comply with federal and tribal laws; need for more reviewers due to large number of CARES projects that require archaeological clearances to meet deadlines.

Land Department

- COVID-19 State Fiscal Recovery/
Tribal Government/ Infrastructure/
Housing
- Amount Requested: **\$1,214,673**
- Request 16 additional staff to assist with growing demands to obtain a homesite lease. With the Nations' focus on getting electric/water, sewer, broadband and infrastructure, those that do not have homesite lease want to begin the process immediately so they can receive service. Need 5 homesite lease compliance positions for agencies to enforce Homesite Lease Policy, investigate complaints and provide information to resolve disputes. Land Survey needed to review land surveys and certify land surveys. Need 5 homesite agents to assist in homesite lease applications; 5 office aides for general office duties, answering telephone calls, assisting clients; need funds for operating, supplies, communications, repair/maintenance, and insurance.

Minerals Department

- Section 9901/Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund – infrastructure
- Amount Requested: **\$180,292,068**
- Additional funding is needed to make investments in water delivery for Navajo people in coordination with the Navajo Water Resources; there are approximately 4 potable water wells within the Kayenta Mine Facilities that are not currently tied to any DWR projects including the water system that provides water to the PWCC buildings, water loading station, and Manymules Water project. These wells will be used for providing water to families and/or animals in the community.

Navajo Nation Museum

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ Revenue Loss/ Coronavirus Recovery/ Native American Language Preservation/ Education
- Amount Requested: **\$284,331**
- To reinvigorate our language through any means possible so that the Dine People are continuously inspired to learn and retain their native language so that future generations are afforded the same right. The Museum is seeking funding to produce more Navajo voice-over dubbing content as a contemporary method of language conservation and promotion, in collaboration with major movie and television companies.

Navajo Nation Museum

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ Revenue Loss/ Coronavirus Recovery/ Native American Language Preservation/ Education
- Amount Requested: **\$314,079**
- Museum lost revenue from daily meeting space rentals and gift shop sales for the course of 2 fiscal years; anticipate a loss for a combined total of \$313,079; Museum relies heavily on revenues which permits employment of staff and covers cost of re-sale items, including souvenirs, clothing apparel, authentic jewelry/crafts, books, posters, specialty items/Navajo language; limited funding shortfall in exhibit and cultural programming components.

Navajo Nation Museum

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Investments/ Revenue Loss/ Coronavirus Recovery/ Native American Language Preservation/ Education
- Amount Requested: **\$360,000**
- To aid efforts of preserving the Dine Bizaad language which continues to decline and greatly threatens our Dine Bi'iina/Cultural Ways of Life; support purchase of 5,000 Navajo Rosetta Stone Online Licenses for public re-sale from the Museum's Gift Shop; the ultimate goal of teaching and preserving the Navajo language, in particular, to attract and engage younger citizens to learn our language through concepts as online/mobile applications, and entice Navajo Nation based schools to adopt/ implement teaching methods.

Parks & Recreation Department

- USDA/ Economic Impact/
Investments/ Coronavirus Recovery
- Amount Requested: **\$50,000**
- Department incurred expenses to address PPE and related protection measures not just for its staff, but for the communities and local businesses.

Parks & Recreation Department

- USDA/ Economic Impact/
Investments/ Coronavirus Recovery
- Amount Requested: **\$125,000**
- Potentially with more research on provisions of this funding, it is possible the department could partner with Department of Agriculture on assisting residents in the Tribal Park boundaries so that they can improve their soil health and provide their families and communities with healthy grown foods.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Education/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$75,000**
- Department believes partnering with Tribal Education programs, Dine' College or NTU, will allow to create a tour operation certificate that focuses on Navajo Tour Operators and employees.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Treasury/Small Business/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$5,000,000**
- Potential to partner with Division of Economic Development (DED) to assist those businesses that have been particularly hit by the closures of the Navajo Tribal Parks.

Parks & Recreation Department (*)

- Treasury/ Coronavirus Recovery/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$13,000,000**
- Lost revenues due to Tribal Park closures from March 2020 to April 2021. The department has not generated any revenue during the Park closures (\$13 million, average of 3 years).

Parks & Recreation Department

- Treasury/ Coronavirus Recovery/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$75,000**
- Water, sewer and broadband funding for not only Tribal Parks to safely welcome visitors back on the larger scale pre-pandemic, but also for businesses and residents living within the Tribal Parks.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Treasury/ Coronavirus Recovery/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$7,500,000**
- Water and sewer infrastructure to
Tribal Parks (Little Colorado River,
Lake Powell, Marble Canyon, Camp
Asaayi).

Parks & Recreation Department (*)

- Treasury/ Coronavirus Capital Projects/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$550,000**
- Rehabilitation and upgrade of Bowl Canyon/Camp Asaayi into cultural education center for youth groups and organizations.

Parks & Recreation Department

- Treasury/Tribal Consistency Fund/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$100,000**
- Communications and marketing are incredibly important and may need professional contracts to expedite these needs.

Parks & Recreation Department (*)

- BIA/ HUD/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$4,000,000**
- Tribal Parks Employee Housing is imperative to retaining and recruiting employees, particularly the law enforcement section.

Parks & Recreation Department (*)

- BIA/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$250,000**
- Funds for Tribal Park ranger/law enforcement services; procure vehicles, equipment, supplies.

Parks & Recreation Department

- HHS/COVID-19 Response/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$75,000**
- Funds for signage, brochures, videos in Navajo language promotion of Tribal Parks and the Navajo Nation. Start Interpretive programming using Navajo language.

Department of Resource Enforcement

- ARP Fiscal Recovery Fund/ ARP Coronavirus Relief Funds/ Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund/ BIA/ Pandemic Emergency Fund
- Amount Requested: **\$10,963,238**
- Requesting additional funding of 17 ranger/recruit/lieutenant positions and other personnel to adequately respond to calls for service and emergency calls to provide acceptable customer service to the Navajo Nation; to assist the current administrative staff in processing documents, answering calls and request for information; assist in welding panels, making repairs on department trailers and equipment; to keep track of citations and filings, also to archive department records; to assign to each district/ranger to assist with right of way and other pick ups; purchase incinerators to dispose of animal carcasses; and funding for communications.

Department of Water Resources/DWR Building, Warehouse, Mechanic Shop, Library

- Public Health/ Water Infrastructure
- Amount Requested: **\$8,000,000**
- In January 2020, DWR/Water Management Branch Building (WMB) was deemed uninhabitable due to its dilapidated state. Currently, majority of DWR/WMB staff was condensed with DWR and TCOB staff.

Department of Water Resources/ Long-Range Water Planning Tool

- Water Infrastructure
 - Amount Requested: **\$2,798,000**
 - There is a need for a database to collect water project information and prioritize projects based on various factors.

Department of Water Resources/ DWR Project Management Services

- Water Infrastructure
 - Amount Requested: **\$10,000,000**
 - There is limited staff currently, and there is a need to hire project management to efficiently complete water projects funded using American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Department of Water Resources/ Regional & Related Water Projects

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$226,965,000**
- Many of the chapters in the western, southwestern, and northern regions of the Navajo Nation have the highest number of homes without piped water. There is a need for water infrastructure development in these communities to address this desperate need.

Department of Water Resources/ Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$253,500,000**
- There is a funding shortfall for the
NGWSP.

Department of Water Resources/ NGWSP Connections

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$52,920,000**
- There is a need for Navajo residents to access the NGWSP through NGWSP connections at Rock Springs, Naschitti, Sheep Springs, Newcomb, Coyote Canyon, Sanostee, Two Grey Hill, Narbona Pass, Tohatchi, Mexican Springs, Rock Ridge, and Mitten Rock.

Department of Water Resources/ Local Distribution

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health
 - Amount Requested: **\$25,500,000**
 - There is a need for Navajo residents to access NGWSP through local distribution in Standing Rock, Coyote Canyon, Chichiltah, Tse Bonito, Tseyatoh, Huerfano, and Tiis Tsoh Sikaad. There is a need for water points at Cutter Lateral and NAPI.

Department of Water Resources/ Domestic Waterlines (IHS Feasible Projects)

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health
- Amount Requested: **\$160,000,000**
- IHS 2020 feasible projects, domestic waterlines (some are partly included to be funded by 2016 Sihasin and PTF).

Department of Water Resources/ Domestic Waterlines Funded by Sihasin & PTF in 2016

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$77,212,653**
- There is an opportunity for potential
fund replacement for Sihasin and
Permanent Trust Fund (PTF).

Department of Water Resources/ Recently Funded Local Projects by CJA-01-21 (Potential Fund Replacement)

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$8,358,000**
- There is an opportunity for potential
fund replacement for CJA-01-21.

Department of Water Resources/ Other Local Projects (may have some overlap with NAIHS or NTUA)

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$51,611,500**
- Various water projects in Casamero Lake, Chichiltah, Newcomb, Ramah, Oljato, Westwater, Ganado, Alamo, Twin Lakes, Buffalo Springs, Tuba City, Tohajiilee, and Shiprock.

Department of Water Resources/ Livestock & Agricultural Related Projects

- Water Infrastructure/ Public Health/
Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$29,015,000**
- Support Livestock Economy

Department of Water Resources/ Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP)

- Water Infrastructure/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: **\$649,870,000**
- Support Regional Agricultural Economy

Department of Water Resources/ Upper Fruitland & Hogback Irrigation

- Water Infrastructure/ Economic Impact/ Investments
- Amount Requested: \$5,000,000
- Support Local Agricultural Economy

Navajo Nation - Division of Natural Resources/ARP Proposal

- Public Health/ Economic Impact/ Loss Revenue/ Investments/ Water Infrastructure/ Investments/ Tribal Government Services/IHS/BIA/ HUD/USDA/ Housing/ Treasury/ Small Business/ Tribal Consistency Fund/ Coronavirus Recovery/ Coronavirus Capital Projects/ COVID-19 State Fiscal Recovery/ Native American Language Preservation/ Education
- Amount Requested – Grand Total: **\$2,856,353,697**
- Support Navajo Division of Natural Resources and its Departments seeking ARPA available funding for proposals submitted for FY 2021 through FY 2024.

Concerns/Recommendations:

- Navajo Nation internal 164 Review Process – streamline processes.
- Navajo Nation Procurement Process – streamline processes.
- Hiring of additional personnel positions – needed to adequately administer projects; streamline hiring process, for Divisions/Departments, OOC, DPM, DOJ, etc.

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