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RESOLUTION: CPC-24-02-07:

APPROVING CROWNPOINT CHAPTER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 FUNDING CYCLE OF THE NEW MEXICO TRIBAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (TIF) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$752,418.75 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CROWNPOINT ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY

WHEREAS:

1. Crownpoint Chapter is a Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation in accordance to Navajo Tribal Council Resolution CJ-20-55, and further recognized as a local government entity with the responsibility and authority to implement community programs and projects that will benefit the Crownpoint community with responsibility and accountability to the community.
2. The Crownpoint Chapter pursuant to Navajo Nation Code (N.N.C): Title 26. The Navajo Nation Local Governance Act, is a Local Governance Certified Chapter of the Navajo Nation; and
3. The Crownpoint Chapter as a duly Government Certified Chapter is delegated governmental authority within its Chapter boundaries with respect to local matters consistent with Navajo laws, including customs and traditions, allow Chapters to make decisions to govern with responsibility and accountability to community membership; and
4. The Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Animal Control Program established with responsibility and oversight over wild and domestic animals within the boundary of the Navajo Nation; and
5. The Navajo Nation Animal Control Program in coordination with the Crownpoint Chapter has developed plans for establishment of a new Animal Shelter located in Crownpoint; and
6. In 2023, the Navajo Nation and Crownpoint Chapter in collaboration and partnership with Best Friends Animal Society have successfully secured a \$1 million earmark from the US Congress; and
7. The Crownpoint Animal Shelter initiative will require additional funding of \$752,418.75 to satisfy the projected construction cost of a new Animal Shelter facility; and
8. The FY2025-2029 NM ICIP plan for Crownpoint Chapter identifies as Priority #6, the Navajo Nation Crownpoint Animal Control Shelter, Project ID 41533; and
9. The Crownpoint Chapter strongly supports the need for and funding of an attractive and convenient animal shelter facility to address the dire need for health & safety of animals/pets and community; and
10. The Crownpoint Chapter strongly supports the need for supplemental funding for the new Crownpoint Animal Shelter and hereby respectfully requests for \$752,418.75 from the New Mexico Tribal infrastructure Board pursuant to the Tribal infrastructure Act of 2005 and Senate bill HB162..

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Crownpoint Chapter hereby supports submitting an application for the FY2024 funding cycle of the Tribal Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$752,418.75 for the construction of the New Crownpoint Animal Shelter Facility.
2. The Crownpoint Chapter hereby strongly supports and prioritizes approval of \$752,418.75 by the New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure Board for the new Crownpoint Animal Shelter facility.

CERTIFICATION

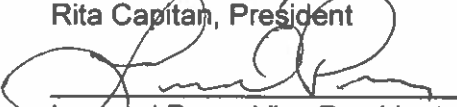
We, hereby, certify the forgoing was duly considered by the Leupp Chapter and a duly called Chapter Meeting at the Crownpoint Chapter House, Navajo Nation (New Mexico) at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 2 opposed and 7 absent on this 20th day of February, 2024.

Motioned by McGarrett Pablo

Seconded by Billy Vazzie, Jr



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CROWNPOINT ANIMAL SHELTER

Crownpoint, New Mexico

The original Crownpoint Animal Control Shelter was condemned in 2010 and sits abandoned. A new site was selected, and proposal for land withdrawal of two (2) acres, approved on August 9, 2019. Initial funding was identified for the construction of a new building by CPM Construction, however, due to COVID-19 government shutdown these funds expired and were reverted.

The Navajo Nation Animal Control Program currently has two staff assigned to cover Eastern Agency. Due to the closure of the original Crownpoint Shelter, staff are forced to work out of the Fort Defiance Shelter. A new shelter will benefit the entire Eastern Agency. In fiscal year 2023, the Division of Natural Resources Dispatch recorded a total of animal control service calls for Eastern Agency as shown below:

SERVICE CALLS	NUMBER
Animal bites	111
Livestock damage calls	38
Unwanted animal pickups	1,063
Chapter vaccinations completed	31
Number of Animals vaccinated (Eastern Agency)	2,622

The chart also shows the chapter vaccinations that were completed at all 31 Chapters of Eastern Agency. The Animal Control Program completed all 5 agencies of the Navajo Nation; which is 110 Chapters across the Navajo reservation. Each chapter had a vaccination day that was advertised, schedule, and completed.

A funding opportunity through New Mexico Congresswoman Teresa Leger-Fernandez's office as a community project funding became available for FY24. Navajo Nation Animal Control submitted an application for the estimated cost of construction for \$1.6 million in March 2023 and received notification on April 12, 2023, that we were selected as one of 15 final projects submitted to the Appropriations Committee.

On July 25, 2023, we were notified the House Appropriations Committee included a funding amount of \$1,000,000 for the Crownpoint Animal Shelter in its fiscal year 2024 appropriations draft legislation. This is short of the original cost. This \$1,000,000 funding requires a 25% match by the Navajo Nation. The Appropriations Bill is set to be finalized on March 15, 2024, so any matching or additional funds will need to be available shortly, so budgets, contracts and other logistics can be initiated and executed by fiscal year end.

On November 21, 2023, we received an updated quote for construction costs from CPM Construction in the amount of \$1,752,418.75. As such, we are requesting a match fund of \$250,000.00 (25%), plus the remaining \$502,418.75 to cover architectural design and construction of the Crownpoint Animal Shelter. This brings our total request to \$752,418.75.

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS – Crownpoint Shelter	\$1,752,418.75
Rep. Leger-Fernandez	\$1,000,000.00
Navajo Nation Match Requirement (25%)	\$250,000.00
Unmet Construction Costs	\$502,418.75
TOTAL NEED	\$752,418.75