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Intergovernmental Relations Committee approves grants for H1N1 delivery efforts, weatherization assistance and extends lease for Apache County

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council met on March 15 during a regular scheduled meeting and passed several legislations: accepting a \$48,112 grant from the New Mexico State Department of Health, accepting a \$242,391 grant from the US Department of Energy and extending a 25 year lease on six acres of land in Chinle Chapter, Ariz., for Apache County.

One of the bills passing the committee was Legislation No. 0113-10, sponsored by Council Delegate Leslie Dele (Tonalea), which approved a \$48,112 grant agreement between the New Mexico State Department of Health and the Navajo Division of Health Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Program for the coordination efforts on the delivery of the 2009 Novel H1N1 vaccine and other related response activities during the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza season for citizens of the Navajo Nation in Cibola, McKinley, Sandoval and San Juan Counties, New Mexico.

Another bill (Legislation No. 0108-10), sponsored by Council Delegate Johnny Naize (Tselani/Cottonwood/Nazlini), passed by the committee accepted the \$242,391 grant from the US Department of Energy to provide weatherization assistance to eligible low-income Navajo individuals for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

In other committee action, Legislation No. 0120-10, sponsored by Council Delegate Harry H. Clark (Chinle), also passed which approved a 25 year lease between the Navajo Nation and Apache County to continue Apache County District One within the boundaries of the Chinle Chapter.

Council Delegate Francis Redhouse (Teechospos) reminded Apache County officials of the need to help secure monies and support citizens of the northern portion of the Apache County or Navajo Nation land in Apache County.

"I would like to see the Apache County take off its armor and be able to defend and help residents of Apache County to make sure some of its funds come to the northern end of the county," Redhouse said.

Council Delegate George Arthur (T'iistoh Bikaad/San Juan/Nenanezad) echoed similar words and said, "In turn, its being requested that there be more support from programs within Apache County for the Navajo Nation as far as funding opportunities is concerned."

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