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President Shelly Presents Check to Beclabito Chapter

BECLABITO, N.M. — President Ben Shelly presented a \$160,000 check to Beclabito Chapter for planning or enhancements pertaining to Local Governance Act Certification Process.



President Ben Shelly (left) presents a check of \$160,000 to Beclabito Chapter officials for Local Governance Act Certification in Beclabito, N.M. on Jan.17.

“It is a long process for a chapter to become certified. It was with great honor to present the check to the chapter. They worked hard to become certified and Beclabito is working toward self-sufficiency.” President Shelly stated.

Beclabito Chapter is the 28th chapter to become LGA certified. There are 110 chapters on the Navajo Nation.

The funds will allow the chapter to further plan and develop an alternative form of governance. However, the money cannot be used for personnel, bonuses, or equipment use.

President Shelly encouraged the chapter to use the funds wisely and invest in their youth, elderly and most important community needs like roads, utilities and housing.

The check presentation took place on Jan.17 and was awarded to the local governing body of the chapter. Upon governance certification, the Navajo Nation Chapters are delegated governmental authority with respect to local matters.

Chapters that become certified become more self-sufficient in the sense that they can implement new authorities such as home site leasing, business lease development, alternative forms of governance. They are still a subunit of the tribal government and still accountable to standard laws and procedures.

LeChee Chapter is on the verge of becoming the next certified chapter.