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## Navajo Nation requests support from New Mexico Legislature for Capital Outlay Fund

**WINDOW ROCK** – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer are requesting the support of New Mexico House and Senate members for Capital Outlay Funds to benefit Navajo communities in the state of New Mexico. If approved by the House and Senate, the funds will then be subject to consideration by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

On Monday, the New Mexico Senate Finance Committee approved over \$900 million for various projects throughout the state. President Nez and Vice President Lizer acknowledged that the funding is not a “done deal” and that the Navajo Nation needs to continue advocating for the funds as the House and Senate consider the funds.

“We will be sending letter to the legislators and the governor requesting their support for these projects and initiatives as they were approved by the Senate Finance Committee, to benefit the Navajo people and the 54 Navajo chapters within the state of New Mexico,” said President Nez.

On several occasions, President Nez and Vice President Lizer met with Gov. Lujan Grisham in recent weeks and conveyed the importance of Capital Outlay Funds to help develop and improve basic infrastructure needs in many Navajo communities. They also noted that the Navajo Nation has leveraged funding from other sources to offset the costs of these projects.

President Nez and the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council also issued a joint letter last month to Gov. Lujan Grisham requesting support for over \$3 million to construct a new justice center in the community of Shiprock, and an additional \$1 million for the Window Rock Judicial District.

“In order for community development and economic development to occur in our communities in New Mexico, we need the partnership and support of the state of New Mexico,” stated Vice President Lizer. “When the Navajo Nation prospers, the entire state of New Mexico prospers.”

President Nez and Vice President Lizer also extend their appreciation to the members of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council for their advocacy and support. The New Mexico Senate is expected to vote on the Capital Outlay funds on Tuesday, followed by the House in the coming days.

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