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Navajo Nation IGR committee members decides to revamp policies

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) announced today that the Navajo Nation Intergovernmental Relations Committee has established a new process for the financial assistance by the Navajo Nation council delegates.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee members reviewed and approved Monday, Feb. 5 the new policies and procedures during an IGR committee meeting.

“The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that adequate controls are in place for the proper expenditure of discretionary funds by Navajo Nation Council Delegates,” Morgan said. “Furthermore, by their approval of these policies and procedures, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee has addressed the reason for the placement of the temporary authorized period of delay on discretionary fund assistance.”

Morgan said the committee members believe that these new policies and procedures will address the shortcomings raised on the alleged systematic improprieties of Navajo Nation employees and officials.”

The purpose of the policies and procedures for discretionary financial assistance is to provide consistent services to Navajo applicants provided by members of the Navajo Council, according to Morgan citing the new policy.

The policy of receiving discretionary financial assistance by the Navajo Nation council delegates is a privilege, not a right, and there are requirements and conditions that the funds will be awarded to Navajo constituents who are in financial need. There are specific criteria that need to be met for those Navajo people who are in financial need.