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### **The Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development Artisan and Business Grant 2021**

ST. MICHAELS, ARIZONA – The Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development has been approved to administer the Artisan and Business Grant program. With the funding of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Division of Economic Development has received the approval to continue assisting the businesses and artisans through the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) established by resolution CJY-41-21 signed into law by the Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez and Vice President, Myron Lizer in August of 2021. The FRF has allocated funding to the Defunded CARES Act projects through 2020, with minor changes, the division's ARPA team submitted a plan to continue support for small businesses who have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Moving forward it is important that we understand that this grant program is a continuation of the 2020 CARES Act Artisan and Business Grant program, which will prioritize those business owners who have not previously received grant funding administered by the division in 2020. Although not open yet, it is within the best interest of each business to begin to prepare. In preparation be sure your business is registered with the division's Navajo Business Registration listing which can be found at [www.NavajoEconomy.org](http://www.NavajoEconomy.org). In addition, businesses within the Priority 1 and Priority 2 source listing, or the Navajo Nation Corporation Code, please be sure your certification or registration status is current and up to date with the Business Regulatory Department. The Division of Economic development will begin to accept applications in the coming weeks. Your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated as we move forward with finalizing the plans to provide the much needed support to our Navajo business owners.

For more information regarding the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development or the Artisan and Business Grant, please contact our main office at (928) 871-6544 or (928) 871-6841. More information can also be requested by email, [navajoeconomy@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:navajoeconomy@navajo-nsn.gov).

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