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BC Resolution # 11-24-21-C

Oneida Nation American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Bureau of Indian Affairs Aid to Tribal Government Spending Plan

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) which provided over \$31 billion in relief to Indian Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the ARPA identified \$900 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to be available until expended; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nation received \$4,431,258 from the ARPA funds through the Aid to Tribal Government program in accordance with the Nation's Self-Governance Compact with the U.S. Department of Interior; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds are to provide support to Tribal government services, public safety and justice, social services, child welfare assistance, and for other related expenses and these funds are limited solely to these areas; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds are one-time only funds and can be used for any related expense the Oneida Nation deems necessary for recovery purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to BC Resolution 06-09-21-B, the Business Committee tasked the Oneida Nation Office of Self-Governance to bring forward a resolution identifying how these funds will be spent; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past two months, the Oneida Nation Office of Self-Governance has been working with the appropriate tribal programs, services, functions, and activities to create a spending plan for these funds; and

WHEREAS, in determining what items will be funded using ARPA Aid to Tribal Government funds, the Office of Self-Governance used the requirements set forth by the ARPA, guidance from the BIA, authorities identified in Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the priorities set by the Oneida Business Committee, the Quality of Life Survey, community feedback received from the COVID survey, and the mission of the Office of Self-Governance which is to govern and protect the people, land, and resources of the Oneida Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida Business Committee approves the following ARPA BIA Aid to Tribal Government spending plan:

Safety (\$895,000)

Purchases for the Oneida Police Department (OPD), Oneida Judiciary, and the Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) departments to ensure the safety and security of the Oneida Nation membership, employees, and property.

- OPD: Mobile command center, communication tower, and safety equipment;
- Judiciary: Security cameras for the building and parking lot, additional security monitors, ballistic glass, sound proofing, updated desk for security guard, and renovations to the building; and
- SEOTS: Security cameras for the building and parking lot, and installation of secure entrance with doorbell and camera for staff to monitor access to the building.

Culture & Language (\$110,000)

Purchases for Oneida Cultural Heritage program to support cultural projects.

- Cultural Heritage: Equipment to support Oneida Elder Interviews project, equipment to assist with Oneida Language Great Law transcription project, hiring of a consultant for an 8-week clan system management pilot project.

Education (\$110,000)

Purchases for Education and Training administration, Head Start, Higher Education, Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Program, and SEOTS to support the Nation's education programs.

- Education & Training Administration: Technology and office furniture replacement; Contractor to provide leadership training, and succession planning for the division; and
- Head Start: Replace child safety harnesses that will expire in 2022 and renovations to the building entrance; and
- Higher Education: College graduation stoles for Oneida graduates, updated flyers and handbooks, office equipment and supplies, table and chairs for students to fill out paperwork; and
- SEOTS: Back-to-school assistance items for tribal members, including school supplies, clothing, and technology; and
- YES Program: Check & Connect drop-out prevention app & training, backpacks for students, one-year of fees for staff to attend educational conferences, and one-year subscriptions to educational journals for department.

Land, Infrastructure & Sovereignty (\$1,985,000)

Purchases for Oneida Nation Parks Department, Department Public Works, Oneida Conservation Department, and Oneida Environmental Department to improve, replace, or maintain the Nation's infrastructure and land.

- Park Upgrades and Repairs:
 - Mission Park: driveway/parking replacement; drainage repair, dugout repairs, outfield construction, infield construction, backstop and fencing; and two score boxes; and
 - Cora House Park: lighting; and
 - Flying Leaf Park: playground equipment replacement, swings, fall zones and rubber edging, and repairing historic building; and
- Oneida Conservation Department: purchase of equipment, including heavy duty tipper truck, stand up skid steer with implements and trailer, heavy duty dump trailer, chainsaws, and license/database network system.
- Department of Public Works: Wastewater projects including water storage replacement (new elevated storage tank), Hillside Community water improvements (new well and pump control system), Site II Main Replacement with PVC pipe, and Ridgeland Community water improvements (roof, lights, deeper wells); and
- Oneida Environmental Department: Hire contractor to conduct solid waste assessment.

Food & Agriculture (\$1,270,000)

Purchases for Food & Agriculture Division, Tsyunhehkwa, Oneida Nation Farm, Oneida Nation Orchard, Oneida Cannery and Oneida Conservation Department to support a sustainable food system and improve existing facilities.

- Food & Agriculture Division (General): contractor to develop business plans for Tsyunhehkwa, Farm and Orchard, purchase of two (2) food trucks; office supplies; and
- Tsyunhehkwa: renovation or replacement of current office house, hire two (2) Limited Term Employees (LTE) White Corn Specialists for twelve (12) months, hire contractor for grazing technical assistance plan; equipment including no till drill, cultivator, gravity boxes with industrial fans, corn harvester; purchase of seeds and corn; processing costs for beef/bison; and
- Oneida Nation Farm: purchase of equipment to include 16-Row Corn Planter, Tractor with GPS guidance, fork lift, and scanner; processing costs for beef/bison; and
- Oneida Orchard: parking lot and gravel repair and updates, equipment including Toolcat utility work machine, pick-up truck with 4-wheel drive, 8-foot field disk, apple cider pasteurizer repair, pressure washer and new bushel crates; food packaging materials; and
- Oneida Cannery: hire one (1) LTE food processor operator for twelve (12) months; purchase of white corn; food packaging materials; and
- Oneida Conservation Department: pheasant stocking to provide food source.

Social Services (\$61,258)

Purchases for SEOTS and Economic Support Administration.


- SEOTS: purchase of vehicle to transport Milwaukee-area tribal members to General Tribal Council meetings or other events, and personal care items to provide to tribal members in the Milwaukee area, and
- Economic Support Administration: office equipment and supplies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Self Governance may reprogram or reallocate funds within each category identified above without further amendments to this resolution in accordance with the Nation's funding agreement, guidance provided by the BIA and Oneida Business Committee directive. Funds reallocated to different categories shall require Oneida Business Committee approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Oneida Nation Office of Self-Governance shall provide the spending plan to the Finance Department to avoid a duplication of expenditures associated with other ARPA related funding.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24th day of November, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Liggins, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee

*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."