

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:12 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Andrew Gashwazra, Linda Honahni, Travis Hyer, Luther Lee, Dale Lucero, Martin Manuel, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Kathleen Sumatzkuku, Roberta Sequi, Cathy Wright and Brian Cole.

3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding

As people were gathering for the meeting, Travis Hyer provided an update on the typical scheduling for the Hopi Tribal Council and its Committees.

To open the meeting, Brian Cole asked for everyone to introduce themselves as Luther Lee with the Office of Senator Mark Kelly was able to attend.

With Mr. Lee expressing interest in telecommunications, Sam Shingoitewa provided an update on his use of Starlink. Shingoitewa noted that it would be helpful if the federal government allowed for eligibility for the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program for Starlink subscribers. Information on the EBB program is provided as attachment A. Shingoitewa noted that it might be beneficial to capitalize on the Starlink Premiere offering. This would be a larger dish with greater service potential. Shingoitewa would look into this and provide a report at a future meeting. Sam noted that he previously received 30 MBs of download from Hughes Net and now receives 100 MB for download speed with Starlink. Very satisfactory.

Le Roy Shingoitewa added that telecommunications offerings at Moenkopi from Frontier are unsatisfactory. The Hughes Net service delivery is better, but expensive. The way to go might be Starlink in the future.

The Premiere program would cost a total of \$2,500 with \$500 down and would cost \$500 monthly. This could, however, be a solution for multiple users.

Brian Cole noted that investments in telecommunications infrastructure is an eligible use of ARPA funding. Cole screenshared a document that he had created that summarized some of the key points of ARPA funding eligibility which is shown in Appendix B.

Cole noted that the telecommunications discussion is of great interest to JVSP and this item would be added to future JVSP agendas.

The group then discussed the fact that the Hopi Tribal Council passed a resolution of support in June 2021 for their efforts. That tribal resolution is reproduced at Appendix C.

4. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No additional report.

b. Village of Moenkopi (Lower)

No report.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

No additional report.

5. Other Business

Martin Manuel provided an update on work by Hopi to address the water transmission to Moenkopi. Future updated will be provided by HUC in future meetings.

Sam Shingoitewa and Kathleen Sumatzkuku discussed the need for the Moenkopi Developers Corporation (MDC) to provide reports and audits from previous activity and their current goals and objectives stemming from the recent strategic planning session. Sumatzkuku stated that UMV is the owner of MDC so the Village is ultimately accountable for the activities and performance of MDC. Dale Lucero indicated that he and Yolanda Baca did attend the planning retreat which was productive. Lucero indicated there would be a written report forthcoming to the Hopi Tribal Council.

6. Next Meeting

The next regular JVSP meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 at 10 am MST.

7. Adjourn

Brian Cole adjourned the meeting at 11:07 pm MST.

Attachment A

Emergency Broadband Benefit

EBB: What It Is & How It Works

FCC Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel gives an overview of the Emergency Broadband Benefit.

More Video: [En español](#) | [American Sign Language](#)

[Help Has Arrived](#): The Emergency Broadband Fund is now available to help eligible American households connect to broadband; the Emergency Connectivity Fund will soon help schools and libraries.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an [FCC program](#) to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms, and so much more.

About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program?

A household is eligible if a member of the household meets *one* of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) or participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, or [Lifeline](#);
- Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or

- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

How to Apply

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.**

There are three ways for eligible households to apply:

1. **Contact a [participating broadband provider](#)** directly to learn about their application process. If you are unable to apply through them directly, you will have to apply using option 2 or 3 below, and then contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
2. **Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org)** to apply online and to find participating providers near you. After you apply, you will have to contact a participating provider to select an eligible plan.
3. **Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application or [print a copy](#)**, and return it along with copies of documents showing proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

After you received a notice that you have qualified for the program, households must contact a participating provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

Get More Consumer Information

Check out the [Broadband Benefit Consumer FAQ for more information about the benefit.](#)

Which Broadband Providers Are Participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit?

Various broadband providers, including those offering landline and wireless broadband, are participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit. [Find broadband service providers](#) offering the Emergency Broadband Benefit in your state or territory.

Broadband providers can find more information about how to participate [here](#).

Appendix B

ARPA Funding Eligibility

Rescue Plan Language Highlighted

However, the Secretary is directed, to the extent practicable, to make payments to tribal governments not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the bill.

Expenditure

Tribal governments, along with states and territories, must only use the funds to:

Cover costs incurred by the State, territory, or Tribal government, by December 31, 2024—

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to such emergency; or

(C) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Funding may be transferred to a private nonprofit organization,

Appendix C




Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
CHAIRMAN

Clark W. Tenakhongva
VICE-CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Cole, President
Building Communities

FROM: 
Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary
Office of the Tribal Secretary

DATE: June 25, 2021

SUBJECT: HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL SUPPORTS EFFORTS OF LOWER AND UPPER MOENCOPI VILLAGES AND YUWEHLOO PAHKI COMMUNITY TO SEEK FEDERAL FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF THE BENNETT FREEZE AND FORCED RELOCATION – A.I. #016-2021 / H-028-2021

On June 23, 2021, the Hopi Tribal Council by motion and majority vote, approved the above mentioned Action Item and Resolution.

By passage of this Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council supports efforts of Village of Moencopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi village and Yuwehloo Pahki Community to seek federal funds to provide assistance to address the impacts of the Bennett Freeze and forced relocation.

In addition, the Hopi Tribal Council supports the repurposing of Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation to invest federal funds consistent with the Strategic Plans and budgets developed through Joint Village Strategic Planning effort.

Should you have any questions, you may contact me at (928) 734-3131.

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WHEREAS, Article III-Organization, of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe states, in part, *“the Hopi Tribe is a union of self-governing villages sharing common interests and working for the common welfare of all.”*; and

WHEREAS, the Preamble of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe provides that such ... *“Constitution is adopted by the self-governing Hopi and Tewa Villages of Arizona to provide a way of working together for peace and agreement between the villages, and of preserving the good things of Hopi life, and to provide a way of organizing to deal with modern problems, with the United States Government and with the outside world generally”*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLE VI POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION I (a), (e) and (f) respectively, the Hopi Tribal Council is authorized “[t]o represent and speak for the Hopi Tribe in all matters for the welfare of the Tribe,...”; “[t]o raise and take care of a Tribal Council fund...”; and “[t]o use such Tribal Council fund for the welfare of the Tribe,...”; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 through 2006, the residents of the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Upper Moenkopi Village were negatively impacted by the “Bennett Freeze”, which was a 40-year period during which the federal government prevented maintenance and development of facilities and residences as a measure to address the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has never addressed the impacts of the “Bennett Freeze”; and

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WHEREAS, the Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Upper Moenkopi Village have developed strategic plans as well as budgets to address the impacts of the “Bennett Freeze”;
and

WHEREAS, Yuwehloo Pahki Community was established as a resettlement location for Hopi people that resided on land that the federal government deemed to be Navajo land,
and

WHEREAS, Yuwehloo Pahki Community has developed a Transition Plan and Budget to address the federal promises that were made as a result of the forced relocation of Hopi people to Yuwehloo Pahki Community in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Yuwehloo Pahki Community has coordinated with Village of Moencopi (Lower) and Upper Moenkopi Village to work towards common goals for community and economic development which were made impossible by the “Bennett Freeze” and Relocation restrictions; and

WHEREAS, all three Villages/Communities are developing and implementing economic development strategic plans (Transition Plans) to create long-term sustainability for recovery investments made by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Village of Moencopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village and Yuwehloo Pahki Community request the support and endorsement of the Hopi Tribal Council in seeking federal funding to implement their strategic plans, project and budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council supports efforts by the Village of Moencopi (Lower), Upper Moenkopi Village and Yuwehloo Pahki

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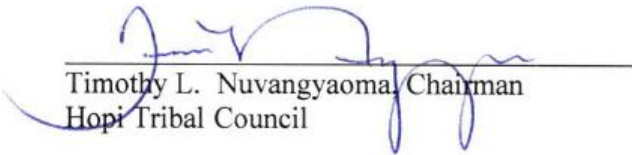
Community to seek federal funding in the amount of approximately \$1.2 billion to address the impacts of the “Bennett Freeze” and forced Relocation. No funding is being requested from the Hopi Tribal Council. Additionally, the Hopi Tribal Council supports the repurposing of ONHIR to become the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Recovery which would operate under a Hopi-appointed advisory committee which would serve to prescribe the utilization of federal funding directed through the repurposed-ONHIR to invest the federal funds consistent with the Strategic Plans and budgets, developed through the Joint Village Strategic Planning (JVSP) effort.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall supersede and replace all prior Resolutions of the Hopi Tribal Council that are inconsistent, or in conflict with the intent, purpose and provision of this Resolution.

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CERTIFICATION

The Hopi Tribal Council duly adopted the foregoing Resolution on June 23, 2021 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstaining (Chairman presiding and not voting) pursuant to the authority vested in the Hopi Tribal Council by ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION, THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND ARTICLE VI-POWERS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL, SECTION 1 (a), (e), and (f) of the Hopi Tribal Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, as ratified by the Tribe on October 24, 1936, and approved by the Secretary of Interior on December 19, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934. Said Resolution is effective as of the date of adoption and does not require Secretarial approval.



Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Judith Youvella, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council