

Navajo Nation one step closer to Capital Outlay funds

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer extend their appreciation to the New Mexico State Legislature for working together with the Navajo Nation in support of Senate Bill 212, which was approved by the New Mexico State Senate Feb. 15, and the House of Representatives Feb. 16.

If signed into law by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, the bill would provide approximately \$14.8 million in Capital Outlay Funds for Navajo chapters in the state of New Mexico.

“On behalf of our communities in the state of New Mexico, we thank the New Mexico State Legislature for supporting these much-needed projects and initiatives,” Nez said. “We look forward to having Governor Lujan Grisham sign the bill into law. I also thank the members of the 24th Navajo Nation Council and all of the Chapter officials for their advocacy and support during the legislative session.”

On Feb. 4, Nez met with Lujan Grisham, House Speaker Brian Egolf, D-Dist. 47, and multiple state legislators at the New Mexico State Capitol in Santa Fe, N.M., to advocate for legislative priorities on behalf of the Navajo Nation including capital outlay funds.

“We are pleased to see funds for chapters as well as the Rhino Health glove manufacturing facility in Church Rock, which continues to create jobs for our Navajo people. We appreciate the support and work of many throughout the legislative session,” Lizer concluded.

Senate Bill 212 will be delivered to the Office of the Governor for consideration.