

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 11-24-21-D

### Oneida Comprehensive Health Division American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Indian Health Service 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 \$6.094 billion for Indian Health administered by US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Indian Health Service (IHS); and
- WHEREAS,** these funds are to restore amounts, either directly or through reimbursement, for obligations of the ARPA that were incurred to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 during the period beginning on January 31, 2020, and ending on March 11, 2021; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds are available on a one-time basis and are available until expended; and
- WHEREAS,** as of November 8, 2021, the Nation received \$24,322,019 in ARPA funding from the IHS through the Nation's Self Governance Compact; and
- WHEREAS,** it is anticipated that the Nation will receive additional ARPA funding for facilities activities; however, this amount is unknown until the IHS determines the Nation's allocation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted BC Resolution 06-09-21-B which requires that all funds allocated under ARPA that derive from the Nation's Self-Governance Compact shall be presented to the Oneida Business Committee for approval by resolution and managed through the Self-Governance Office.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** any facilities funds received from the IHS shall be used in accordance with the ARPA and IHS guidance; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that should the Nation receive any additional ARPA funding from the IHS through its Self-Governance Compact, that those funds shall be used in accordance with the ARPA and IHS guidance; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Oneida Business Committee approves the following Oneida Comprehensive Health Division's ARPA IHS Spending Plan:

*Lost Reimbursements*

- The Nation received \$10,502,476 for lost reimbursements; these funds will be used for the health care services, information and technology/telehealth infrastructure, vaccine/infection control/public health workforce, mental and behavioral health, and facilities activities including costs incurred for those purposes to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID from January 31, 2020 through March 11, 2021. In addition, these funds will be used to fund the expansion of the Oneida Community Health Center facility, pandemic response, and to further fund the operational expenses of the programs, services, functions, and activities identified in the Nation's funding agreement with the IHS.

*Additional Health Care Services, including Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)*

- The Nation received \$2,689,544 for Health Care Services and services provided through PRC, and other related activities. These funds will be used to further fund the operational expenses of the programs, services, functions, and activities identified in the Nation's funding agreement with the IHS, including the costs associated with referring patients for services not provided by the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division.

*Information Technology & Telehealth Infrastructure*

- The Nation received \$336,276 for Information Technology and telehealth infrastructure. These funds will be used to purchase equipment, software, supplies, and other expenses related to expanding and protecting the Nation's health information technology, telehealth capabilities, and electronic health records.

*Vaccines, Infection Control, and Public Health Workforce*

- The Nation received \$10,120,234 for activities associated with vaccines, infection control, and the public health workforce. These funds will be used for expenses associated with planning, preparing for, promoting, distributing, administering, and tracking COVID vaccines and other vaccine related activities; detecting, diagnosing, tracing, and monitoring COVID infections; activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID including any supplies necessary for these activities and other related infection control activities; and establishing, expanding, and sustaining a public health workforce to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. In addition, a portion of these funds will be used to pay for expenses associated with the Nation's *Oneida Employee Vaccination Incentive Plan for Employees who are not Oneida Nation Members* pursuant to BC Resolutions 06-30-21-A and 09-22-21-C, as well as Comprehensive Health Division employee retention and recruitment activities including pandemic pay.

*Mental & Behavioral Health*


- The Nation received \$673,489 for mental and behavioral health prevention and treatment services. These funds will be used for necessary expenses related to mental health and substance use prevention and treatment services and for other mental and behavioral health related activities.

*Facilities Activities*

- When the IHS allocates facilities activities funding, the Nation shall use those funds to purchase, construct, alter, renovate, and for the maintenance and improvement of its health facilities. In addition, the Nation will use these funds to pay for expenses associated with sanitation facility projects and equipment needs.

**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; 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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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."