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## **BC Resolution # 06-23-21-C**

### **Amendment # 1 to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Investment Allocation to Direct Membership Assistance**

- 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,** the Oneida Business Committee adopted resolution # BC-06-09-21-B, *Setting Goals for Application of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Direct Support to Individuals, Families, Community and the Oneida Nation*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee identified that the primary applications for the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was to aid members and create tangible benefits related to housing, food sovereignty and education and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the allocation of the ARPA funds were spread across a three-year period in eight specific categories to guide expenditures to meet the primary applications in an informed and transparent manner through the approval of projects by resolution; and
- WHEREAS,** upon adoption of the resolution additional comments and information was received from the membership through direct contact, e-mails, social media and phone calls that identified an immediate need to address membership needs as a result of the 12-15 month impact of the pandemic on jobs, education, health access, and housing needs; and
- WHEREAS,** the economic reports from the Chief Financial Officer have identified that ongoing inflation worries will continue to affect individuals for some time; and
- WHEREAS,** employment opportunities for those returning to work after long-term layoffs during the pandemic has become even more difficult to identify positions with living wages and opportunities for advancement; and
- WHEREAS,** members who were participating in education opportunities have been negatively impacted by remote learning, interruptions in financial assistance, and inability to attend classes which were held in person have had education progress delayed or otherwise interrupted; and
- WHEREAS,** members have been negatively impacted by delayed health care, dental care and inability to receive physical therapy as a result of pandemic related restrictions or inability to receive health and dental care because of closure of facilities or reduction in services;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, resolution # # BC-06-09-21-B, *Setting Goals for Application of Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to Direct Support to Individuals, Families, Community and the Oneida Nation*, is amended by deleting the work sheet and replacing it with the work sheet, titled *American Recovery Plan Act – FRF; Lost Revenue; ARPA FRF LR Investments – Updated June 23, 2021*, attached to this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the following guidance is included regarding use of ARPA FRF LR Investments funds:

1. The Direct Membership Assistance allocation shall be utilized by making one \$3000 general welfare exclusion payment as a result of ongoing financial difficulties arising out of the pandemic to all members who are age 18 or older before midnight on December 31, 2021.
2. Remaining funds from the Direct Membership Allocation, approximately \$10 million, shall be allocated to membership assistance projects in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.
3. Funds obligated to an approved project shall be fully obligated until expended, the project is completed, or project is terminated.
4. Percentage allocations shall become available in the fiscal year allocated and remain allocated for that purpose in future fiscal years until fully obligated or reallocated by resolution of the Oneida Business Committee.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee shall review the allocations at the beginning of each fiscal year to determine if amendments are necessary to meet the changing needs and may review more often if deemed necessary.

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2021; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 1 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."