

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**(Authorizing the Tohono O'odham Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services to Apply for Grant Funding for FY 2026-2029 with the Administration For Community Living/Administration On Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grant, Parts A and C)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-438**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation vests the Legislative Council with  
2 the authority "to promote, protect, and provide for public health, peace, morals,  
3 education and general welfare of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its members"  
4 (Constitution, Article VI, Section 1(c)(2)); and

5 **WHEREAS,** nutritional and support services are crucial to the well-being of the Tohono  
6 O'odham Nation's elders; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services is  
8 seeking to submit a grant application to the United States Health and Human  
9 Services Administration For Community Living/Administration on Aging Older  
10 Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants, Parts  
11 A and C to meet the crucial nutritional and support needs of the Nation's elders  
12 for a three year period which shall commence on April 1, 2026 and expire on  
13 March 31, 2029; and

14 **WHEREAS,** the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration For Community  
15 Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition,  
16 Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants, Parts A and C application funding  
17 approval and amount funded is based on the number of elders to be served and  
18 the needs of the elders, as identified by the elders; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services has  
20 conducted a voluntary, anonymous, elders' needs assessment and obtained an  
21 enrollment count of eligible elders within the service area from Membership  
22 Services, which are requirements of the grant application; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services' Epidemiologist has analyzed and  
24 aggregated the results of the elders' needs assessment which identifies the  
25 current needs and elders' enrollment count information for the purposes of  
26 applying for the grant; and

27 **WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior Services is not  
28 required to share the elders' needs assessment documents or aggregated data  
29 and information gathered in the grant application except to list the identified  
30 needs to be addressed with the grant funding; and  
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1 **WHEREAS, no personal identifying information of the Nation's elders will be provided in the**  
2 **grant application; and**

3 **WHEREAS, all data acquired through the elders' needs assessment will be stored within the**  
4 **Department of Health and Human Services in a secure, HIPAA compliant manner,**  
5 **and will be utilized only for the Nation's purposes, in the best interests of the**  
6 **Nation's elders; and**

7 **WHEREAS, the U.S. Health and Human Services Administration for Community**  
8 **Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grant application**  
9 **requires submission of an authorizing resolution; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee has reviewed the grant application**  
11 **and recommends authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services,**  
12 **Division of Senior Services to submit a grant application for the U.S. Health and**  
13 **Human Services Administration For Community Living/Administration on Aging**  
14 **Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants,**  
15 **Parts A and C.**

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council authorizes**  
17 **the Tohono O'odham Department of Health and Human Services, Division of**  
18 **Senior Services to submit a grant application for the U.S. Health and Human**  
19 **Services Administration For Community Living/Administration On Aging Older**  
20 **Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants, Parts**  
21 **A and C, provided that if the grant is awarded, the Department will seek approval**  
22 **of the grant award by Council resolution as required by 25 Tohono O'odham Code**  
23 **Chapter 2.**

24 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 09<sup>TH</sup>**  
25 **day of DECEMBER 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321.1 FOR;**  
26 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [01] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**  
27 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the**  
28 **Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant**  
29 **Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June**  
30 **18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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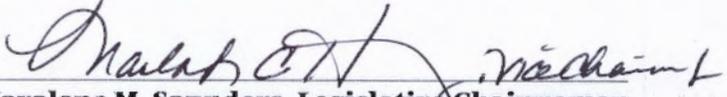
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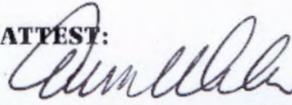
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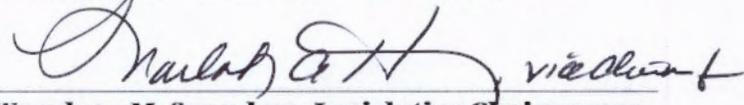
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman  
11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

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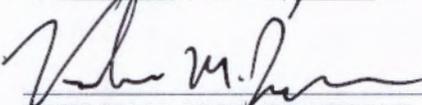
  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary  
11 day of December, 2025

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025 at 4:44 o'clock, p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

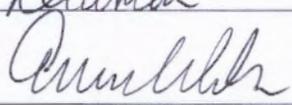
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Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED on the 11 day of December, 2025  
 DISAPPROVED at 5:17 o'clock, p.m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 12 day of  
December, 2025, at 10:28 o'clock, a.m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

**ACTION: AUTHORIZING THE TOHONO O'ODHAM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR FY 2026-2029 WITH THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION, SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND CAREGIVER GRANT, PARTS A AND C**

**MOVED: COUNCILMAN DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN LUCIUS E. LOPEZ**

**DATE: DECEMBER 09, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			
	2. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( )	125.6	X			
SELLS 565.7	1. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	282.85	X			
	2. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Juan Buendia)	282.85	X			
SCHUK TOAK 195.3	1. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	97.65	X			
	2. DELISA M. RAMON (Quintin C. Lopez)	97.65	X			
SAN XAVIER 249.8	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	124.9	X			
	2. JANICE FELIX ( )	124.9	X			
SAN LUCY 266.3	1. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	133.15	X			
	2. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews)	133.15	X			
PISINEMO 240.3	1. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	120.15	X			
	2. NAOMI MONTE (Edward D. Manuel)	120.15	X			
HICKIWAN 222.9	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	111.45	X			
	2. DELMA M. GARCIA ( )	111.45	X			
GU VO 279.6	1. LESLIE LUNA ( )	139.8	X			
	2. BENNETT CHEWING ( )	139.8	X			
GU ACHI 289.2	1. JEROME F. JOAQUIN (Gloria Johnson)	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			X
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	199.45	X			
	2. NED NORRIS, JR. (Leander Mase)	199.45	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>3,321.1</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>[01]</b>