

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving FY 2026 Hewel Ni'ok Bureau of Indian Affairs One-Time  
Funding Budget)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-115**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is authorized "to manage any funds  
2 within the exclusive control of the Tohono O'odham Nation ... and to appropriate  
3 these funds for the benefit of the nation and its members" provided that "[a]ll  
4 expenditures of these funds shall be pursuant to appropriations or budgets"  
5 authorized by resolution or ordinance (Constitution of the Tohono O'odham  
6 Nation, Article VI, Section I(d)(2)); and

7 **WHEREAS,** on September 25, 2025, the United States Department of Interior through the  
8 Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA"), Office of Trust Services, Office of Indigenous  
9 Connectivity and Technology, awarded the Hewel Ni'ok Program a one-time  
10 funding in the amount of \$300,929.00, pursuant to Public Law 93-638 contract No.  
11 A13AV00228, modification No. 302 ("638 contract") to support Hewel Ni'ok's  
12 broadcast operations; and

13 **WHEREAS,** after November 12, 2025, these funds were made available for distribution from  
14 the BIA to the Tohono O'odham Nation ("Nation"); and

15 **WHEREAS,** subject to the provisions of the Nation's 638 contract, these funds are available  
16 for Hewel Ni'ok, including contract support until fully expended; and

17 **WHEREAS,** the Hewel Ni'ok has prepared and submitted for review and approval its FY 2026  
18 Hewel Ni'ok BIA One-Time Funding Budget, which is incorporated by this  
19 reference, in the amount of \$337,138.05 which includes an estimate of \$36,209.05  
20 for indirect cost charges (contract support) that shall be funded by the BIA, as  
21 described above; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Cultural Preservation and Budget and Finance Committees have reviewed the  
23 FY 2026 Hewel Ni'ok BIA One-Time Funding Budget and recommend its approval.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves the  
25 FY 2026 Hewel Ni'ok BIA One-Time Funding Budget effective October 1, 2025 and  
26 ending September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$337,138.05, which shall be funded  
27 by the BIA pursuant to the 638 contract No. A13AV00228, modification No. 302.

28 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council that the Tohono O'odham  
29 Nation chairperson or any designated official is authorized to administer and  
30 expend the FY 2026 Hewel Ni'ok BIA One-Time Funding Budget, provided that any  
31 amendments or modifications shall be submitted for prior approval by the  
32 Tohono O'odham Legislative Council.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 08<sup>TH</sup> day of APRIL 2026 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,321,1 FOR; -0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [02] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by Article VI, Section I(d)(2) of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).

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Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

15 day of April, 2026

ATTEST

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

14 day of April, 2026

Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 15 day of April, 2026 at 9:45 o'clock, a .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.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

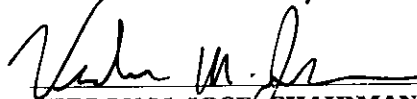
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 15 day of April, 2026

DISAPPROVED

at 8:47 o'clock, p. .m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

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Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 16 day of  
April, 2026, at 8:39 o'clock, A.m.

*Evonne Wilson*  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

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**ACTION: APPROVING FY 2026 HEWEL NI'OK BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ONE-TIME FUNDING BUDGET**

**Moved: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX**

**SECOND: COUNCILMAN LESLIE LUNA**

**DATE: APRIL 08, 2026**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
SIF OIDAK 251.2	1. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	125.6	X			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. GLORIA JOHNSON ( )	144.6	X			
	2. LUCIUS E. LOPEZ (Victoria A. Hobbs)	144.6	X			
CHUKUT KUK 361.9	1. MARIKAY HENRY ( )	180.95	X			X
	2. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone)	180.95	X			
BABOQUIVARI 398.9	1. JESSE NAVARRO ( )	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>[02]</b>