

**NOVEMBER 21, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION (LR) NO. 23-10**

Introduced by the Finance Committee

**A LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION TITLED:**

**“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF DISTRICT FUNDS  
APPROPRIATED AND ALLOCATED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024.”**

**WHEREAS** the Crow Tribal Legislature (the “Legislature”) has the power and duty under Article V, Section 2 of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws to promulgate and adopt laws, resolutions, and guidelines in accordance with the Constitution and federal laws for the governance of the Crow Tribe; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Crow Tribal Constitution the Legislature operates as a separate and distinct branch of the Crow Tribal Government and exercises a separation of powers from the other branches of tribal government; and

**WHEREAS** Article IV, Section 3(d) of the Crow Tribal Constitution and Bylaws requires the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribal Government to prepare an annual budget for the operation of the Tribal Government, for approval by the Legislative Branch and the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS** Article V, Section 2(e) of the Constitution empowers the Legislative Branch to grant final approval or disapproval of the annual budget prepared by the Executive Branch; and

**WHEREAS** the annual budget for the Crow Tribal Government for this fiscal year 2024 (“FY 2024”), was approved, adopted, and enacted by the Crow Tribe on October 3, 2023, under Crow Legislative Bill (“CLB”) 23-01; and

**WHEREAS** Section 3(E) of the Crow Tribe Fiscal Management Act, enacted under CLB 07-08 (the “FMA”), identifies in pertinent part that tribal funds designated for use by a particular district must be included in the annual comprehensive budget; and

**WHEREAS** the FY 2024 Comprehensive Budget for the Crow Tribe included a certain amount of District Funds negotiated by the Legislature, and included in the Legislative Branch Budget, for further allocation to each of the six (6) districts of the Crow Indian Reservation (“District Funds”); and

**WHEREAS** under LR 13-10, the Finance Committee has oversight of all matters related to tribal revenues and expenditures, including, but not limited to, annual tribal budgets, fiscal management and reporting, and review and modification of the Legislative Branch budget; and

**WHEREAS** on October 30, 2023, the Finance Committee met, deliberated, and determined that twelve-thousand, five-hundred dollars (\$12,500) should be allocated to each district for use during FY 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Finance Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the full body of the Legislature grant final approval for the amount of District Funds allocated herein, and to immediately make such funds available for each district's expenditure, subject to the provisions of the FMA, this LR, and other applicable laws, regulations, policies, and rules; and

**WHEREAS** Section 8(C)(2) of the FMA identifies the protocol each district must follow in situations such as this where funds have been appropriated for the district's use, but not yet designated for specific purpose, including such requirements as: advance notice to district members, district budget meetings, district approval of proposed designated projects by majority vote, meeting minutes, compliance with procurement and contracting guidelines, and formalized submission of expenditure requests to the tribal CPA; and

**WHEREAS** the Legislature now seeks to formally approve, by Legislative Resolution, the allocation of district funds in the amounts listed herein, for expenditure by each district in this FY 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION, THAT:**

1. The Crow Tribe Legislative Branch hereby allocates the amount of twelve-thousand, five-hundred dollars (\$12,500) from its general operating budget to each district, for a total amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in District Funds.
2. Each district's use of the District Funds allocated hereunder, shall be considered authorized for expenditure, only if made pursuant to the protocol found in Section 8(C)(2) of the FMA, and consistent with other applicable laws, regulations, policies, and rules.
3. District Funds not expended or obligated by a district by August 8, 2024, shall be automatically returned to the Legislature's general operating budget; provided that a district who has requested approval for an extension of the use of such funds in writing to the Finance Committee, and following deliberation by the Committee, has been granted approval for an extension in writing, signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee, may extend the use of such funds, as shall be specifically identified in the required writing signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.
4. This Legislative Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

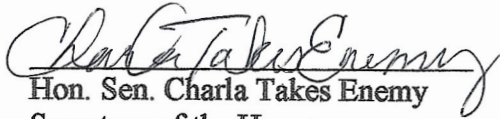
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Legislative Resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMOUNT OF DISTRICT FUNDS APPROPRIATED AND ALLOCATED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024" was duly adopted by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 15 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstained and that a quorum was present on the 21st day of November, 2023.



Hon. Sen. Sampson DeCrane  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

**ATTEST:**



Hon. Sen. Charla Takes Enemy  
Secretary of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature






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Bill or Resolution: LR 23-10 Introduced by: Finance Committee Date of Vote Nov. 21, 2023


**REPRESENTATIVE:**

	Yes	No	Abstain
V. Pickett	X		
D. Spotted	X		
C. Other Medicine	X		
Y. Little Light, Jr	X		
L. Hogan III	X		
C. Meeks	X		
D. Don't Mix		X	
H. Small			X
T. Gros Ventre		X	
P. Alden, Jr	X		
T. Plainfeather	X		
J. Kills Pretty Enemy	X		
B. Hugs	X		
N. Old Crow, Jr	X		
B. Good Luck	X		
H. MaleBear-Stone	X		
S. DeCrane <i>Speaker of the House</i>	X		
C. Takes Enemy <i>Secretary of the House</i>	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

Result of Vote: **Passed**      **Not Passed**      **Tabled**      **Veto-Override**

  
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 Senator S. DeCrane  
 Speaker of the House  
 Crow Tribal Legislative Branch

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 Senator C. Takes Enemy  
 Secretary of the House  
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