



## **NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented to the NMCAL Membership October 22, 2015**

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the NMCAL Retreat at Isleta Pueblo, held August 6-7, 2015.

**August 7, 2015** – Mr. Gerald Hoehne and Mr. Ron James, NMHED, in coordination with the NMCAL Legislative Committee members presented at the NMCAL Retreat. They provided a power point presentation and were open for discussion and questions.

**August 13, 2015** – Mr. Joe Sabatini, Co-Chair of the NMLA Legislative Committee submitted a final draft of wording to Ms. Linda Kehoe, Principal Analyst, Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), to begin the processing for creating a bill for the 2016 Library GO Bond initiative. The proposal now stands as \$17,500,000 total with academic, public, and school having equal allocations of around \$5,500,000 (\$16,500,000), and Tribal Libraries around \$1,000,000.

Wording for the academic libraries segment of the bill is, “(2) to the higher education department, five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) for supplemental library resource acquisitions, including books, equipment, resources and collaborative library resources and information technology projects, at academic libraries statewide;”.

**August 31, 2015** – The, “General Guidelines for Expenditures of Library GO Bond Funds”, document was approved. The signed two-page document, is available via the NMCAL and NMHED websites.

**October 5-7, 2015** – Changes to the NMCAL webpage pertaining to legislative sections were submitted to Ms. Carol Boyse at NMSU.

**October 16, 2015** - Latest version of the NMCAL 2012 Library GO Bond draw down report was sent to the membership via e-mail this week. The only activity reported for the 2014 Library GO Bond was the drawdown of \$1,054,567 for the collaborative project.

**October, 27-30, 2015** – Ms. Linda Kehoe will present the 2016 Library GO Bond initiative at the LFC hearing.

**January 28, 2016** – Library Legislative Day will be held at the State Capital, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Unfortunately, no information table for libraries will be available in the Rotunda.

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