



NMCAL Legislative Committee Progress Report Presented at the NMCAL Business Meeting NMLA Conference, Albuquerque, NM October 21, 2021

This report summarizes the Committee's progress since the last report given at the hybrid NMCAL Retreat held August 05-06, 2021.

August 06, 2021 – Progress report given at the NMCAL Directors Business hybrid meeting.

August 11, 2021 – Discussed with James Rachlin, President, Meristem Advisors, Library GO Bonds for Academic (and other) Libraries for white paper pertaining to New Mexico Library Legislation.

August 24, 2021 - NMCAL Legislative Committee virtual meeting to discuss: begin working with NMLA on getting the bond on the ballot, training session for expending funds and advocating, survey on CARES act & American Rescue Act.

August 25, 2021 – Started clean-up project on the NMCAL Legislative section of the NMCAL webpage. Ongoing.

August 27, 2021 – Sent out to the NMCAL group, Use of GO Bond funds survey pertaining to the 2016 Library GO Bond funds.

September 13, 2021 – Zoom session with Gerald Hoehne. Major items discussed; grant agreements for 2020 GO Bond, if interested to participate in Legislative Committee's training sessions and EBSCO suite invoice.

September 24, 2021 – Major items discussed were, results of the NMCAL 2016 GO Bond B Expenditure Survey, how we can best use this data, plans for collecting future GO Bond data and progress on training sessions for November 2021: How to Spend GO B Funds and April 2022: How to Advocate for GO B Funds.

October 07, 2021 – Ruben and April sent a modified version of the “Academic Library GO Bond B Fund Use Survey” results document, to Stevie Olsen, LFC, Gerald Hoehne, NMHED and Joe Sabatini, NMLA, and fielded their questions.

October 08, 2021 – Working with NMLA to draft a letter to Governor and DFA seeking support for the 2022 Library Bond issue.

October 19, 2021 – Latest versions of the surveys, “NMCAL 2016 GO Bond B Expenditures” and the “2021 CARES Act & American Rescue Act”, sent to the NMCAL Directors.

October 19, 2021 - Latest version of the NMCAL 2018 Library GO Bond draw down reports emailed to the NMCAL group.

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Email correspondences and zoom sessions with NMHED took place. Mr. Gerald Hoehne, Director of Capital Projects, on items pertaining to the 2018 & 2020 NM Academic GO Bond Distribution, collaborative project. In addition, Ms. Loretta Marquez has assisted in providing the numbers pertaining to the 2018 draw down expenditure reports.

Dates for Your Calendar:

- ✓ **Legislative Finance Committee hearing for GO Bonds, October 29, 2021.**
- ✓ **Library Legislative Day – January 2022.**

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