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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 1/22/2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 64 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Representative K. Cates **Agency Name and Code** Department of Cultural Affairs – 505
Short Title: PUBLIC PROJECT REVOLVING FUND APPROPRIATIONS **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	13,250.0	Nonrecurring	PPRF

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
0	0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	0	0	0	0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

The bill makes appropriations from the Public Project Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund at the New Mexico Environment Department, the Local Government Planning Fund at the New Mexico Finance Authority, and the Cultural Affairs Facilities Infrastructure Fund (CAFIF) at the Cultural Affairs Department (CAD). The impact of the bill on the CAD is in Section 1(A)(3), which allocates five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in non-reverting money to the CAFIF for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 and subsequent fiscal years to carry out the purposes of the fund. The purposes of the fund are to pay the costs of planning, engineering, designing, constructing, renovating, repairing, equipping, and furnishing facilities and exhibits of the CAD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The CAFIF funds are critical to the proper stewardship of cultural resources managed by the CAD on behalf of the state. These funds are used to complete essential infrastructure projects, perform repairs, complete preventative upgrades, and respond to emergency repairs at facilities statewide. The NMFA Act states that up to 35% of the prior year GGRT may be appropriated to one of seven funds administered by three different agencies, including the CAFIF, which is administered by the CAD. The total amount falls within the parameters set in the law.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None identified.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

The CAD has a robust existing internal administrative process for managing and expending these funds. Over the past six years, the department has received appropriations to the CAFIF and maintains a track record of effectively utilizing the funds.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Failure to enact this bill would negatively impact the care and maintenance of cultural resources under the stewardship of the CAD. Because the CAD owns and operates more than 240 structures across 15 divisions, with most in rural areas and more than 100 on state and national historic registries, the department relies heavily on this funding due to the lack of other sources for major maintenance and ongoing preservation. The CAFIF appropriation contained in this bill will protect irreplaceable public assets, prevent costly emergency repairs, support statewide equity, and preserve the cultural legacy of New Mexico.

AMENDMENTS

None identified.