

1 SENATE BILL 61

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR RURAL LIBRARIES.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

14 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--Five million dollars**  
15 (\$5,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
16 cultural affairs department for expenditure in fiscal years  
17 2027 and 2028 to support the operation of rural libraries;  
18 provided that no more than two million five hundred thousand  
19 dollars (\$2,500,000) shall be spent in any one fiscal year.  
20 Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028  
21 shall revert to the general fund.

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