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HOUSE BILL

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE RURAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING STAFF AND CONTRACTS FOR ENGINEERING SUPPORT.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Eight million four hundred thousand dollars (\$8,400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal years 2023 through 2026 to fund two infrastructure planner positions and one engineering assistance contract at each of the seven regional planning districts; provided that not more than two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) shall be expended in any one fiscal year; and provided further that not more than three

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1 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall be expended for any
2 one of the seven regional planning districts in any one fiscal
3 year. The money appropriated pursuant to this section shall be
4 used for:

5 (1) the salary and expenses of two
6 infrastructure planning staff to assist rural, frontier or
7 unincorporated communities with project and finance planning,
8 grant proposal development and submission and management of
9 community infrastructure projects; and

10 (2) the cost of contracts for engineering
11 services support of community infrastructure projects
12 undertaken pursuant to this subsection.

13 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
14 at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general
15 fund.