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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LIBRARIES; REQUIRING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON A LIBRARY IN CHAPARRAL.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--FEASIBILITY STUDY--
CHAPARRAL LIBRARY.--

A. The local government division of the department
of finance and administration shall:

(1) conduct an analysis and feasibility study
of the siting, planning, design and construction of a library
and multi-use complex to provide for the health and well-being
of the residents of Chaparral; and

(2) recommend an implementation schedule for
the siting, planning, design and construction of such facility.

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B. The feasibility study shall assess:

(1) the needs of the community that can be met by the construction of a library and multi-use complex, including:

(a) library resources, including reading material, audiobooks and access to computer and internet services and multimedia technology;

(b) temporary facilities for public agencies to provide services and support to local residents;

(c) office and meeting spaces for nonprofit organizations to offer health and well-being services, including physical health and dental services, domestic violence and sexual assault counseling, legal aid clinics, taxpayer assistance, financial literacy classes, fitness and nutritional support, entrepreneurial and small business advising and resume and job skills training; and

(d) public space for town halls and other community meetings;

(2) whether the library and multi-use complex should be constructed separately or as a single facility; and

(3) options for siting of the facility or facilities, including a cost-benefit analysis of each option.

The cost-benefit analysis shall consider:

(a) convenience for the residents of Chaparral;

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(b) safe and secure access and
visibility;

(c) opportunities to leverage public or
private property and resources for cost savings; and

(d) availability of appropriate property
and any legal or physical siting constraints.

C. In conducting the feasibility study, the
division shall consider input from residents of Chaparral and
elected officials representing the community at the local,
state and federal levels.

D. The implementation schedule shall recommend time
line and budget phases for all aspects of the project,
including siting, planning, design and construction.

E. The study is contingent on funding received
through legislative appropriation.