

General Obligation Bond for higher education

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This November, voters in McKinley County will be asked to invest in New Mexico's public colleges, universities, and specialty schools. General Obligation Bond C (referred to as GO Bond C) is asking voters to release \$131,106,200 statewide to New Mexico's institutions of higher education.

Here in McKinley County, \$1.5 million is being requested for the University of New Mexico-Gallup Campus to be used for planning, designing, construction and equipping of a new physical plant facility.

While approval of funding for a new physical plant building will bring enormous benefit to our campus and community, a vote for GO Bond C will not increase taxes.

Our current physical plant building shares space with our Early Childhood and Family Center, which is an inappropriate arrangement that forces small children and heavy equipment to share walkways and driveways.

The new site will be fully developed with appropriate access and egress driveways, fenced equipment yards, heavy equipment storage and secure parking for campus safety and transportation vehicles. The enhanced structure will also provide our physical plant staff greater capabilities to maintain and improve all campus facilities.

For many of New Mexico's colleges and universities GO bonds are the only source of much-needed funding that allows for repair, upgrading and replacing of aging structures. These voter-approved funds will be a critical component of ensuring that UNM-Gallup is safe,

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well-maintained, and attractive to all current and potential students.

We pride ourselves on the strength of our facilities and the benefits a strong learning environment gives our students.

While GO Bond C investments provide direct funding to colleges and universities, projects funded by GO Bond C also inject life into the local economy by creating jobs for architects, builders and contractors.

For additional information about GO Bond C, visit nmbondc.com and click on the “My Community” tab.

Thank you for your consideration of support for the students of UNM-Gallup.

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