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Subject: Limited Competitions: Albuquerque Community Foundation Grant Program

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Shortly after the first of the year, the Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) will open its competitive grant process. ACF has two grant cycles but will accept only one application from UNM for both cycles and all program areas addressing Arts and Culture, Education, and Environmental and Historic Preservation, as well as Health, Human Services, and Economic and Workforce Development. All grants awarded will be General Operating grants. *This means, funding will be unrestricted and grantees may use the funds as needed throughout the year.* **Specific program-based grants will not be accepted in 2022.**

UNM may apply for one grant in the following areas:

- **Arts and Culture:** Arts & Culture grants will focus on two primary funding areas: organizations and programs that provide access to arts and culture for low-income and/or at-risk populations and organizations supporting Albuquerque's creative economy through visual and performing arts.

- **Education:** This field-of-interest focuses on supporting at-risk populations to ensure they receive educational opportunities to better the course of their lives and careers. Specific focus areas in this field are: elementary education literacy programs, at-risk youth, students with special needs and skills-based education for youth and adults.

- **Environmental and Historic Preservation:** Grants in this field-of-interest will focus on the "environmental and agricultural economy" and the preservation of historic landmarks, attractions, buildings and venues. The "environmental and agricultural economy" can be defined as organizations working within the environmental and agricultural sector to bolster economic growth.

- **Health:** Health grants will have two focus areas: meeting the mental health needs (including behavioral health and addiction recovery) of individuals in the Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan Area and 2) supporting the dental health needs of at-risk individuals. Populations served through mental/behavioral and dental health programs may range from early childhood to seniors and can include the many diverse populations in between. *Note: Applications for mental/behavioral health grants only may request up to $20,000 in funding.*

- **Human Services:** Human Services grants will serve as “springboard” grants to help individuals transition to more self-sustainable lifestyles. Special focus will be given to organizations and

programs that support one or more of the following: parental or guardian skills training, teen pregnancy, job training, independent living and teens aging out of foster care.

- **Economic and Workforce Development:** Economic and Workforce Development grants support intentional, inventive efforts to ensure a strong local economy. This field promotes social, economic and environmental growth by supporting innovative systems for entrepreneurs and the state's workforce.

Criteria and Priorities for Applicants:

- Well-established organizations with a proven track record providing services benefiting people in the Greater Albuquerque area
- Clearly and specifically aligned with one of the Foundation's Fields-of-Interest
- Have clearly defined organizational goals and measurable program outcomes and outputs
- Build on community, regional and organizational assets and strengths
- Organizations should demonstrate their ability to work with other partners to identify community needs and gaps in services

Grants are normally made for a one-year period. Grant requests must be a minimum of $1,000 and a maximum of $15,000 (with the exception of mental/behavioral health grants, which can be $20,000). More details can be found at: https://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/grant-guidelines.aspx. ACF will not fund academic research, travel, conferences or IDC. Please check the website for more information.

This is a limited competition; UNM is authorized to submit one proposal per year. ****This is a two-step preproposal process with a statement of interest due by NOON on January 10, 2022 through the UNM InfoReady Review portal https://unm.infoready4.com/. This is a required step that will help us to arrange a review committee in advance to expedite the process and maximize the amount of time the selected submitters have to prepare their final submissions to the ACF. Please submit your two-page preproposal by NOON on January 14, 2022 through the same portal.**** No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal should include the program area you are addressing, a brief description of the activities and/or programs of your organization including the community need or issues addressed by your work and the population(s) who benefit and describe how a grant will complement these services and assist in achieving organizational and/or program goals. Depending on the chosen proposal, UNM's application will be due to the Foundation as soon as mid-February 2022.

The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV.**

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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