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Subject: Limited Competition: National Endowment for the Humanities: Infrastructure and Capacity Building  
Challenge Grants Program (20180809-CHA)

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NEH Challenge Grants are intended to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Awards aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials. Activities supported by the Challenge Grant program include:

1. capital expenditures such as the design, purchase, construction, restoration, or renovation of facilities and historic landscapes; and the purchase of equipment and software;
2. the sharing of collections;
3. investments in a restricted, short-term endowment or other investment fund to support the following activities:
  - the documentation of cultural heritage materials that are lost or imperiled;
  - the preservation and conservation of humanities collections; and
  - the sustaining of digital scholarly infrastructure.

NEH especially welcomes challenge grant applications from Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and potential applicants are urged to discuss with program staff ways in which challenge grant funding can help them meet their institutions' particular needs and capacities in the humanities.

Applicants may request up to \$750,000, with a **required matching ratio of one to one** (from nonfederal third-party donors) that can be spread over a period of six years. To be eligible for matching, gifts may not derive from the grantee institution itself.

Complete program and eligibility guidelines are available at: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants>. The agency deadline for submitting proposals is August 9, 2018 for projects beginning May 2019.

**This is a limited competition. Institutions may apply for only one NEH Challenge Grant per calendar year.** If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words max) that includes a plan for how you will meet the required match, by **noon, Thursday, June 28, 2018** via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu). Please include in the subject line 'NEH Challenge Grant – your name'. Based on the number of e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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