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UNM Researchers,

An initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Showcasing a diverse range of contemporary books that reflect many different voices and perspectives, the NEA Big Read aims to inspire conversation and discovery.

NEA Big Read annually supports approximately 75 dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection. Organizations selected to participate in NEA Big Read receive a grant, access to online training resources and opportunities, digital resources, and promotional materials designed to support widespread community involvement.

NEA Big Read applicants submit proposals to host a series of community events presented at a variety of locations over the course of one month or longer. Events use the same NEA Big Read book as a point of departure and encourage participants to engage both with the book and fellow community members. Each NEA Big Read program includes: a kick-off event, often attended by high-profile leaders and other local luminaries; major events inspired by the content and themes from the book (e.g., panel discussions and author readings); artistic events related to the book (e.g., art/writing contests, film screenings, and theatrical performances); and book discussions in diverse locations involving a wide range of audiences.

University and college applicants must partner with a library that is not directly affiliated with their educational institution.

The funding amount ranges from \$5,000 to \$15,000. **Cost share is required and must be matched on a 1 to 1 basis with nonfederal funds.** Complete program details can be found at: <https://www.artsmidwest.org/programs/neabigread/guidelines>. Proposals to the sponsor are due January 24, 2019.

**This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal.** If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description (200 words) by **noon, Tuesday, December 4, 2018** via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line: **NEA Big Read – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

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

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