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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competitions: Albuquerque Community Foundation Grant Program

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The Albuquerque Community Foundation (ACF) has changed its grant process to require submission of a letter of inquiry (LOI) before submission of a full proposal. ACF has two grant cycles but will accept only one LOI from UNM for both cycles and all program areas addressing Arts and Culture, Education, and/or Environmental and Historic Preservation, as well as Health, Human Services, or Economic & Workforce Development.

- **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 the Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan Area through visual and performing arts.
- **Economic and Workforce Development:** Economic & Workforce Development grants will support intentional, inventive efforts to ensure a strong local economy. This new field promotes social, economic and environmental growth by supporting innovative support systems for entrepreneurs and the state's workforce.
- **Education:** Education grants will focus 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:** Environment & Historic Preservation grants will focus on the "environmental economy" and the preservation of historic landmarks, attractions, buildings and venues. The "environmental economy" can be defined as organizations working within the environmental sector to bolster economic growth.
- **Health:** Health grants will focus specifically on meeting the mental health needs of individuals in the Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan Area. Populations served through mental health programs may range from early childhood to seniors and will include the many diverse populations in between.
- **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.

Criteria and Priorities for Applicants:

- Well-established organizations with a proven track record providing services benefiting people in the Albuquerque metropolitan area
- Closely aligned with one or more of the Foundation's Fields-of-Interest
- Have clearly defined organizational goals and measurable program outcomes
- 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.
- **Note: each project will need to demonstrate how the project provides "access to economic opportunities."**

Grants are normally made for a one-year period. Grant requests must be a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$15,000. UNM is eligible to apply for Program Support only. It is not eligible to apply for Operating Support. More details can be found at: <http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/grant-guidelines.aspx>. UNM's letter of intent will be due to the Foundation no later than March 1, 2017. ACF will decide whether to invite a full proposal after review of the LOI.

This is a limited competition; UNM is authorized to submit one letter of intent per year. Please submit your two-page preproposal by NOON on **February 8, 2017** to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: ABQ-CF- your name. 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.

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.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford at 272-6950 for more information.