

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

This letter is to inform you about a funding opportunity through the McCune Foundation. The foundation funds community-based projects in New Mexico in the areas of Capacity Building in the Non-Profit Sector, Economic Development & Family Asset Building, Education Transformation, Leveraging Opportunities in Health Care, Local Food Industry Development, Building Links Between Arts and Community Engagement, Stewardship in Community, Influencing Planning of Built Environments, and Strategies for Rural Development.

The McCune Charitable Foundation is dedicated to enriching the health, education, environment, cultural and spiritual life of New Mexicans. The foundation's target beneficiaries are New Mexico communities beyond the university campus or student population. Only proposals that demonstrate mutually beneficial collaboration between the university and community organizations, clear community input in the articulation of need and/or design of the proposed work, and reciprocal sharing of knowledge and resources between the university and its community partners, will be considered.

The McCune Charitable Foundation values community engaged-scholarship that goes beyond service learning and outreach and leverages the resources of the university for the purpose of addressing critical public issues in New Mexico and contributes to the well-being of New Mexico's most underserved or vulnerable populations.

Sponsor: McCune Charitable Foundation

Opportunity Title: McCune Foundation Grant

Sponsor Due Date(s): open from August 15 until September 15, 2026, 5 p.m. MDT

Award Range: Cultivate grant awards will be \$15,000 for a 12-month scope of work.

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: Seven (7) submissions from UNM Main Campus

Solicitation: All proposed work, regardless of tier, must benefit New Mexicans. <https://nmmccune.org/grant-eligibility/>

Limited Comp. Instructions: Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal narrative, basic \$15K budget that provides enough detail to demonstrate how funds would be allocated, and three-page resumes for key personnel via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

Limited Comp. Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on April 9, 2026**

The pre-proposal must include the following:

- Specify which Foundation Priority the proposed work most closely aligns with. (Please read about the foundation's priority areas at [Grant Eligibility - McCune Charitable Foundation \(nmmccune.org\)](#))
- Specify how the proposed work aligns with the Cultivate grant priorities (Please read about the Cultivate grant at McCune [Grant Making Guide](#))
- Describe the New Mexico communities who will be served (beyond the university campus or student population).
- Clearly demonstrate how this project is a mutually beneficial collaboration between the university and community organizations. This should include clear community input in the articulation of need and/or design of the proposed work.
- Address how the reciprocal sharing of knowledge and resources between the university and its community partners will be achieved.

Note about the draft budget: The McCune Foundation will not pay overhead or indirect costs (F&A) to the university, so please do not include those costs in your budget.

Pre-proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Relevance to the specified Foundation Priority.
2. Relevance to the Cultivate grant type.
3. The preproposal clearly describes the New Mexico communities who will be served (beyond the university campus or student population.)
4. The preproposal clearly demonstrates how this project is a mutually beneficial collaboration between the university and community organizations. This should include clear community input in the articulation of need and/or design of the proposed work.
5. The preproposal clearly addresses how the reciprocal sharing of knowledge and resources between the university and its community partners will be achieved.
6. Amount requested is reasonable, allowable, and justifiable.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.
If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.