

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest for the **New Mexico Arts Program FY2028** limited competition. This program funds arts activities in the following areas: performing arts, visual arts, literary arts, media arts, multidisciplinary arts (involving more than one artistic discipline), and interdisciplinary arts (relating two or more artistic disciplines). This opportunity supports programs that foster arts education, arts economic development, performing and visual arts, and contemporary and traditional folk arts in New Mexico.

Note: NM Arts has moved to a two-year grant cycle and now requires an additional Advance Review application step. Requirements are subject to change when the sponsor guidelines are released.

Sponsor: New Mexico Arts

Opportunity Title: New Mexico Arts Program FY2028

Opportunity Number: N/A

Sponsor Due Date(s): anticipated 10/18/2026 for required advance review; anticipated 12/13/2026 full proposal deadline

Award Amount: \$20,000

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: One (1) as lead institution

Costshare Requirement: 50% match, at least half of which must be in cash

Solicitation: <https://nmarks.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant/>

Additional Program Information: [2026 Application and Funding Guidelines](#)

Limited Comp. SOI (Statement of Interest) Due Date: **NOON on July 1, 2026**

Limited Comp. Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on July 8, 2026**

Limited Comp. Instructions:

STEP ONE: Please submit your 100-word **statement of interest** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be scored; we require them so that we can form a review committee early.

STEP TWO: Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal, abbreviated budget, and CVs for key personnel via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the three major points that will be included in the proposal narrative:

- Description of the program activities, its contributions to the arts, and the creativity in the program's concept, design, and execution;
- The nature of the project's community support, its contribution to the enrichment and education of the community it serves, the geographic location and reach of the applicant, and the capability of key artistic, technical, and administrative positions in place to fulfill the proposed program;
- Description of how the cost share will be generated and your overall plan for meeting the cost share requirement.

The pre-proposals will be assessed using the following [review criteria](#):

- Artistic quality and creativity (artistic samples; fulfillment of the organization's mission, contribution to the arts; creativity in concept, design, and execution; innovative presentation of works of art)

- Community support, representation, and benefit (contribution to community's education and enrichment; NM artists; ease of access; geographic location and reach; community support; reaching populations historically underserved by the arts)
- Administrative ability (financial information; accuracy; key personnel; board or advisory committee)

Applicant selections will be published on the UNM [Limited Competitions website](#). 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.