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Please note the short deadline for preproposals.

ArtPlace is a collaboration of thirteen leading national and regional foundations, eight federal agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts, and six of the nation's largest financial institutions to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S. ArtPlace is investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies that can drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities. ArtPlace America invites Letters of Inquiry for their Innovation Grants program from initiatives involving arts organizations, artists and designers working in partnership with local and national partners on place-based strategies that can transform communities. ArtPlace America sees its role as providing venture funding in the form of grants—seeding entrepreneurial projects that lead through the arts, already enjoy strong local buy-in, integrate with a community's economic development and community revitalization strategies, and have the potential to attract additional private and public support to the community.

ArtPlace America awards grants that range between \$50,000-\$500,000 to organizations, initiatives and communities of all sizes. Grant funding will be 18-months in length, beginning July 1, 2014. If your project is part of a multi-year initiative, you may describe the broader vision but your application should reflect only the activities and/or phases of work that will occur within the grant period. More details can be found at http://www.artplaceamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2014_ArtPlaceAmerica_LOIguidelines.pdf. The deadline for submitting the required Letter of Inquiry to the sponsor is December 13, 2013. Full proposals are by invitation only.

This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to one Letter of Inquiry. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Monday, November 18, 2013 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: ArtPlace - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the Letter of Inquiry (1. Describe the work you want to do for which you are seeking ArtPlace support. 2. How does your project embody the Principles of Creative Placemaking in the guidelines? 3. Describe the larger portfolio of strategies to transform your community in which your project is integrated. Name the major partners in the development and execution of those strategies. Describe how you will build on current momentum.). 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 Susan De Los Santos (sdelossa@unm.edu or 277-0272) or Monica Fishel (mlfishel@unm.edu or 277-8114).

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