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The Foundation seeks initiatives that perform the following: expand awareness and involvement in programs related to education, arts and the environment, encourage public participation in educational, environmental and art projects, and develop or conserve valuable environmental and cultural resources for public use and posterity. The Foundation supports community initiatives that address critical as well as major cultural and heritage enrichment programs.

The Foundation will be accepting applications for community-based projects, primarily in the state of New Mexico, in the areas of arts, education, environment or a combination of the three focus areas.

The Foundation will award two grants for \$20,000 (by board invitation only) and four grants for \$10,000 (applications due November 15th). Matching funds of at least 25% of the granted amount are required. For example, if you are given \$10,000 then you will need to have a \$2,500 contribution or 25% of the granted amount. The match may be provided in cash or by in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. In-kind contributions often include salaries or other verifiable costs and this value must be carefully documented. More details can be found at <http://www.aipfoundation.org/Pages/Guidelines%20Page.html>. The 2014 Grant Application for \$10,000 is now open and applications will be accepted for the 2014 granting cycle up to November 15, 2013. These grants will be announced by January 20, 2014. The 2014 Grant Application for \$5,000 is now open and applications will be accepted for the 2014 granting cycle up to February 15, 2014. These grants will be announced by March 16, 2014. **This is the ONLY competition that will be held for the two grant cycles (both \$10,000 and \$5,000).**

This is a limited competition; The Albert I. Pierce Foundation will only accept one request per organization per grant cycle. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Thursday, October 3, 2013 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: AIP Foundation - your name. Please specify either the November deadline or the February deadline. No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal narrative should address the following: A. What is the issue to be addressed? B. How does the project support your mission? C. Who benefits from the project and how? D. Why is the project being undertaken at this time? E. What are the anticipated outcomes? F. How will you evaluate the success of your project? The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview, an abbreviated PI CV, and a plan for the mandatory cost sharing.** Arrangements for meeting cost sharing requirements must be made in advance of submission of the pre-proposal. Investigators are encouraged to identify external and college/departmental in-kind contributions. Additionally, the external/in-kind cost share contributions will be used as criteria for evaluation during review by the Limited Competitions Committee. The scoring will be weighted as follows: proposal narrative (70%), draft budget overview (15%), and abbreviated PI CV (15%).

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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