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Subject: Limited Competition: Con Alma Health Foundation's COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Project

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UNM Researchers,

The Con Alma Health Foundation of Santa Fe has announced a new COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Project that will award grants to address the health and short-term relief of the families and communities feeling the greatest strain under the COVID-19 health emergency in New Mexico through humanitarian aid. Grant awards will be made only to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving the residents of the state of New Mexico. The UNM Foundation will act as the fiscal agent for UNM grant applications.

Funding made available through this grant opportunity will focus primarily on alleviating immediate basic needs, such as food, housing, and income assistance for some of the nation's most stressed communities including lower-income workers, frontline and other essential workers including those without basic benefits, communities of color, immigrants, indigenous communities, and people with disabilities, while also looking at efforts that emphasize an inclusive and equitable recovery.

The primary focus is to *distribute or assist in the distribution of basic needs resources or services to individuals and families* in New Mexico most impacted by COVID-19. The secondary focus is to *coordinate/collaborate with others working on COVID-19 to leverage resources reduce/ eliminate duplication of efforts/services, and identify and focus on gaps; and support efforts towards an equitable recovery.*

Access to applications is open and will remain open for approximately nine (9) months. Applicants may request one of the following amounts: \$7,500, \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$20,000. **All grant funds must be expended by Friday, April 30, 2021** (no exceptions). Application guidelines can be found at: <http://conalma.org/wp-content/uploads/COVID-19-Emergency-Assistance-Grant-Guidelines.pdf>.

**This is a limited competition. Each individual program within an institution is limited to one proposal. Departmental Chairs and Directors must ensure that they approve/advance only one application from their Department.**

**Approved applicants must submit a maximum 200-word concept paper describing the program, how it aligns with the focus areas above, the community that will be served, and what kind of assistance will be provided. Please also include the requested amount from the four options above (no detailed budget is necessary at this time). Please submit concept papers by NOON on Thursday, June 25, 2020 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: Con Alma COVID-19-your name.**

Please note: an alternative selection process will be used for this limited competition. The Limited Competition Management Team will collect the concept papers and provide them to the Con Alma Foundation who will conduct the review and decide who will be invited to submit full proposals.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Faculty Research Development Office by email: [frdo@unm.edu](mailto:frdo@unm.edu). You may also contact Betsy Till, Sr. Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the UNM Foundation at (505) 313-7678 or [betsy.till@unmfund.org](mailto:betsy.till@unmfund.org), with any questions about this funding opportunity.

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