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Subject: Limited Competitions: Con Alma Health Foundation's: COVID-19 Relief
for Immigrant Communities in New Mexico

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UNM Researchers,

The Con Alma Health Foundation of Santa Fe has announced a new COVID-19 Relief for Immigrant Communities in New Mexico Fund that will award grants to provide basic needs to immigrants who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and unable to access federal and state resources. 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.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to Con Alma Health Foundation to establish and manage the COVID-19 Relief for Immigrant Communities in New Mexico Fund, which will provide direct assistance to New Mexicans who are immigrants and create awareness about the structural barriers to their well-being. Con Alma will prioritize grants to immigrant-led organizations and requests that include collaboration and coordination with others on COVID-19 efforts.

The focus is to provide direct assistance to New Mexicans who are immigrants, affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but unable to access federal and state relief. Increase awareness about the structural barriers to the well-being of immigrants and the immigrant community in New Mexico. Support an increased capacity of stakeholders to mobilize and advocate for the immigrant community, especially children and families in New Mexico. Con Alma will award grants to help provide such basic needs as crisis intervention, food distribution, housing assistance, case management, civil rights and advocacy, and health care supplies and assistance. Priority will be given to Immigrant-led organizations.

Access to applications closes on August 14, 2020. Applicants may request one of the following amounts: \$7,500, \$10,000, or \$15,000. **All grant funds must be expended by Thursday, December 31, 2020** (no exceptions). Application guidelines can be found at: <https://conalma.org/wp-content/uploads/WKKF-COVID-19-Grant-Cycle-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, how grant funding will meet immediate needs and provide services directly related to or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the capacity to quickly distribute or assist in the distribution of basic needs resources or services to immigrants and immigrant families in New Mexico impacted by COVID-19. Please also include the requested amount from the three options above (no detailed budget is necessary at this time). Please submit concept papers by NOON on

Thursday, July 30, 2020 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: Con Alma COVID-19-Relief-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. 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, with any questions about this funding opportunity.

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