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From: Faculty Research Development Office
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition (Department/Center/Institute Level): McCune Charitable Foundation Grant

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The McCune Charitable Foundation's annual grant cycle for 2021 will be open from August 15, 2020 to September 15, 2020. As in previous years, the Foundation will only accept one application per “organization”. In UNM's case, this means one application per Department, Center or Institute. All proposals must be approved by the appropriate pre-award office (OSP or HSC) before submission. There is no need to route these through the UNM Foundation, but all applications must be submitted through the University system.

The McCune Charitable Foundation funds community-based projects in New Mexico in the following nine areas: Capacity Building in the Non-Profit Sector, Economic Development & Family Asset Building, Education Transformation & Early Childhood Development, Leveraging Opportunities with Health Care, Local Food Industry Development, Building Links Between Arts and Community Engagement, Stewardship in Natural Resources, Influencing Urban Planning & Built Environments, and Strategies for Rural Development. Complete information about these priority areas can be found at https://nmmccune.org/foundation_priorities.

The Foundation is dedicated to enriching the health, education, environment, cultural and spiritual life of New Mexicans. The foundation’s target beneficiaries are New Mexico communities beyond the university campus or student population. Only proposals that demonstrate mutually beneficial collaboration between the university and community organizations, clear community input in the articulation of need and/or design of the proposed work, and reciprocal sharing of knowledge and resources between the university and its community partners will be considered.

The Foundation values community engaged scholarship that goes beyond service learning and outreach and leverages the resources of the university for the purpose of addressing critical public issues in New Mexico and contributes to the well-being of New Mexico’s most underserved or vulnerable populations.
The McCune Foundation will not pay overhead or indirect costs to the university, and all grants will be unrestricted, general operating grants. Applicants must choose between one of the two following options: 1) Cultivate grant awards, which range between $10,000 and $25,000 for a 12-month scope of work; and 2) Focus grant awards, which range between $25,000 and $50,000 for a 12-month scope of work. UNM is not eligible for Lead grants. All proposed work, regardless of tier, must benefit New Mexicans. For more information about the criteria for each type of grant, please see the foundation’s Grant Categories webpage at: https://nmmccune.org/media/files/McCuneGrantmakingOverview.2020.pdf

Department Chairs and Directors must ensure that they approve/advance only one application from their department for OSP processing and submission to McCune. Faculty and staff members should coordinate their efforts with their Chair or Director to determine whether their proposal will be the one chosen for submission.

Once a department/center/institute selects their one proposal for submission, the selected PI should follow the usual proposal submission process; i.e., create a Cayuse record and route the proposal for UNM approvals. If interested, please check with your Department Head.

NOTE: The Foundation will be transitioning its current online grants management system to a new system in time for the application cycle for 2021 funding. Those selected to submit a full application are asked to visit the McCune website in late July for complete information, including application worksheets, links and instructions: https://www.nmmccune.org/.

As part of the application process, you will need the Employer ID Number for the organization under which you are applying. For UNM, this number is 85-6000-642.

All budget information for the application should be for the project and department - do not include the university's overall budget. On the application, the "Executive Director" is the Chair or Director.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact Corey Ford (CFord@salud.unm.edu) or Cassandra Misenar (CMisenar@salud.unm.edu) for more information.