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

Subject: Limited Competition (Department Level): McCune Foundation Grant

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Dear UNM Researchers,

This is to inform you about a funding opportunity through the McCune Foundation. This competition is limited to one proposal per department.

The McCune Foundation's annual grant cycle will be open from August 15, 2019 until September 13, 2019. The foundation funds community-based projects in New Mexico in the areas of 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.

The McCune Charitable 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 McCune Charitable 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.

Applicants must specify which Foundation Priority the proposed work most closely aligns with. Please read about the foundation’s priority areas at https://nmmccune.org carefully before applying for funding.

As in previous years, the foundation will accept only one application per organization. In UNM's case, that means only one application per department, not school, college or the university as a whole. (A department need not be a traditionally defined department, but rather a UNM center or
institute would qualify as a department for this particular opportunity.) 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. Applications should be submitted through the university system.

Department chairs and directors must ensure that they approve/advance only one application from their department for OSP processing and submittal 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.

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

The McCune Foundation will not pay overhead or indirect costs to the university, so please do not include those costs in your budget. The Foundation has made updates to its grant structures. Cultivate grant awards will range between $10,000 and $25,000 for a 12-month scope of work. Focus grant awards will 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 website: https://nmmccune.org/

All budget information should be provided for the project and the department (do not include the university's overall budget). On the application, the "Executive Director" is the chair or director.

Applications will be accepted only online. You can find more information at the McCune Foundation website: https://www.nmmccune.org/

Once a department selects their one proposal for submission the selected PI should follow the usual proposal submission process, ie. create a Cayuse record and route the proposal for UNM approvals. If interested, please check with your department head.

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

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