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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)  
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants: Capital Projects (20230517-CHA)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The purpose of the *NEH Challenge Grants: Capital Projects* program is to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by helping organizations secure and sustain their core buildings, sites, collections, and/or humanities activities for the long term. The program supports capital projects through a combination of federal matching funds and related fundraising from nonfederal third parties. Proposed projects must enhance the institution’s long-term impact on the humanities and build on careful strategic planning.

Awards support the purchase of real property or equipment and the design, construction, restoration, or renovation of buildings or sites of historical, architectural, or cultural significance, as well as other facilities that house humanities collections or are used for humanities activities.

Challenge Grant projects are funded in three levels with different match ratios and periods of performance depending on the amount requested. Because UNM is a **Hispanic-Serving Institution**, applicants may request a **1:1 match ratio at all funding levels**.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Period of performance</b>	Up to 2 years	2-5 years	2-5 years
<b>Required match ratio</b>	1:1-all applicants	1:1-applicants w/ special eligibility requirements 3:1- applicants w/ general eligibility requirements	1:1-applicants w/ special eligibility requirements 3:1- applicants w/ general eligibility requirements
<b>Maximum NEH award</b>	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Max required 3<sup>rd</sup> party nonfederal gifts</b>	\$150,000	\$1,500,000	\$4,000,000
<b>Max total project costs</b>	\$300,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000

The agency deadline for submitting proposals is **May 17, 2023**. For complete details, go to: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants>.

This is a limited competition. **Institutions may apply for only one NEH Challenge Grant** per calendar year. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus a **draft budget overview** and **abbreviated PI CV**; 11-point font) by **NOON on Wednesday, March 29, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The preproposal narrative should include the following sections:

- Project overview
- the humanities significance and audience
- the long-term impact and institutional commitment
- activities and planning for the capital project
- financial capacity and fundraising plans
- Deliverables, outcomes, and sustainability

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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