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NEH Challenge Grants are intended to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Awards aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials. Activities supported by the Challenge Grant program include:

1. capital expenditures such as the design, purchase, construction, restoration, or renovation of facilities and historic landscapes; and the purchase of equipment and software for humanities facilities, including but not limited to storage systems, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, and climate control, lighting, security, and fire prevention systems.
2. investments in a restricted, short-term endowment or other investment fund to support the following activities:
 - the preservation and conservation of humanities collections; and
 - the sustaining of existing digital infrastructure for the humanities.

In recognition of and preparation for the 250th anniversary of American independence, NEH is offering a special encouragement to applicants to the Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants program to consider the impact—both immediate and long term—of the momentous events of 1776.

NEH especially welcomes challenge grant applications from Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and potential applicants are urged to discuss with program staff ways in which challenge grant funding can help them meet their institutions' particular needs and capacities in the humanities.

Applicants may request up to \$750,000, with a **required matching ratio of one to one (from nonfederal third-party donors.) To be eligible for matching, gifts may not derive from the grantee institution itself.** Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education may request a period of performance of up to six years for capital improvement projects (May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2026) and up to ten years for activities supported through the earnings of a short-term endowment (May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2030).

Complete program and eligibility guidelines are available at: <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants>. The agency deadline for submitting proposals is May 15, 2019 for projects beginning May 1, 2020.

This is a limited competition. Institutions may apply for only one NEH Challenge Grant per calendar year. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words max) that includes a plan for how you will meet the required match, by **noon, April 1, 2019 via e-mail to limited@unm.edu**. Please include in the subject line 'NEH Challenge Grant – your name'. Based on the number of e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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

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