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From: Faculty Research Development Office
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Subject: Limited Competition: NEA Sound Health Network

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UNM Researchers,

The Sound Health program seeks to expand public understanding of the connections between music and wellness: how music is processed by the brain, how music can impact development and learning, and the therapeutic use of music for specific health conditions. Launched in 2016, Sound Health is a partnership between the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Kennedy Center), in association with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

It has become clear that greater organizational capacity is needed to create and sustain a trans-disciplinary network of researchers and practitioners to promote knowledge about music's role in brain development and health and wellness across the lifespan. In response to this need, the NEA will establish the Sound Health Network to connect relevant subject matter experts (individuals and organizations) and other appropriate entities together in order to leverage and inform each other's work. The Sound Health Network will identify and distribute compelling research, news, and information across to the public; it will regularly convene Sound Health Network participants with audiences and stakeholders who can benefit directly from this knowledge; and it will provide technical and logistical support for collaborations that may occur between participants within the Sound Health Network. Longer-term, the Sound Health Network also will consider the feasibility of exploring how other art forms, in addition to music, may connect with brain and wellness issues.

The purpose of this Program Solicitation is to select an organization to coordinate the Sound Health Network.

The Arts Endowment expects to award one Cooperative Agreement of up to \$300,000, contingent upon the availability of funds for up to 18 months beginning no earlier than July 1, 2020. This Cooperative Agreement does not require a cost share/match; however, any project costs beyond the amount above must be covered from sources other than the Arts Endowment. Complete program details can be found at:

<https://www.arts.gov/program-solicitation-sound-health-network>.

Proposals to the sponsor are due November 19, 2019.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, brief description, and the name of your nonprofit arts partner (200 words) by **noon, September 16, 2019** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu with the **subject line: NEA Sound – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

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

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