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Subject: Limited Competition: NEH American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations

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The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is accepting applications for the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations program. In keeping with Congress's intent in enacting the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the purpose of this emergency relief program is to assist institutions and organizations working in the humanities that have been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Applicants may propose new humanities projects or focus on sustaining core humanities programs and activities. Through this funding opportunity, NEH will award grants to museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, independent research institutions, academic presses, professional organizations, colleges and universities, and other humanities organizations across the country to help them continue to advance their mission during the interruption of their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the [National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965](#), "The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."

While all applications will be given equal consideration in accordance with the review criteria, NEH is especially interested in supporting projects that advance humanities-related work in the following area: A More Perfect Union: Exploring America's Story and Commemorating its 250th Anniversary. NEH's [A More Perfect Union](#) initiative encourages projects that explore, reflect on, and tell the stories of our quest for a more just, inclusive, and sustainable society throughout our history. NEH especially welcomes projects that bring the perspective of the humanities to questions of racial justice, gender equality, the evolution of the American landscape, as well as America's place in the world. Projects that strengthen Americans' knowledge of our principles of constitutional governance and democracy are strongly encouraged, as are projects that address the experiences of Native Americans and other under-represented communities. In addition, NEH welcomes projects that develop innovative approaches to sustaining the nation's humanities infrastructure and preserving its historical record.

Applicants may apply for an amount based on the average size of their total annual operating costs for the three most recently completed fiscal years. UNM would qualify as being a Level III Organization with an annual operating budget of greater than \$10,000,000. Applicants may request up to \$500,000. The period of performance is one year, with a start date no earlier than October 1, 2021, and no later than January 1, 2022. Cost sharing is not required in this program. Proposals to the sponsor are due May 14, 2021.

An applicant may not submit multiple applications under this notice. **NEH will consider parent organizations and their subordinates to be a single entity for purposes of eligibility.** Complete program details can be found at: <https://www.neh.gov/program/american-rescue-plan-humanities-organizations>.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please send a 2-page preproposal narrative including title, personnel, and abbreviated description of the proposed plan following the guidelines below by **noon, April 19, 2021** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: NEH_ARP – your name.** The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV** that will not count toward the narrative page limit.

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

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

Narrative Section Guidelines

1. Humanities mission and record of contribution Briefly describe the mission and core work of your organization, providing examples of how it supports or advances the humanities for the benefit of the cultural and educational sectors and/or the general public.

2. Project justification Describe the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on your institution, in both quantitative and qualitative terms (e.g., suspended operations, reductions in revenue, staff furloughs, reduction in visitors, etc.). Explain how your organization has attempted to offset the pandemic's impact. Describe how you have continued to deliver on your humanities mission during the pandemic despite these challenges.

3. Proposed activities and audience Describe the new or existing activities to be funded by an NEH award. Explain how they will position your organization to address or overcome the challenges described above. Describe how the activities would support the mission of your organization and advance the humanities for the cultural and educational sectors and/or the general public.

4. Jobs and personnel Indicate the number and titles of the positions that would be retained or created in conducting the proposed activities. Explain how these positions have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic, or, if new, how they would help your organization or your part of the humanities sector respond to the pandemic's impact. Identify the people who hold (or will hold) these positions and describe the work they will do. Include salaried personnel employed by your organization and consultants.